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‘Mana Balashiksha’ Book Promotes Indian Culture and Moral Values: N. Ramchander Rao

BJP leaders unveil Pandurangarao’s book in Hyderabad

Book seeks to instil patriotism, values and social responsibility in children

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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao and former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya attended the event as chief guests and formally unveiled the book. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders described Mana

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TG Government Cracks Down on Defaulting Rice Millers

◆ CM orders recovery of pending dues from rice millers

◆ Silo storage facilities planned in five paddy-rich districts

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: The Telangana government has stepped up action against rice millers who have defaulted on Custom Milled Rice (CMR) targets, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directing officials to intensify efforts to recover the full dues from the millers. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with Civil Sup-

plies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, reviewed the performance of the Civil Supplies Department at the MCRHRD Institute on Wednesday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister said the government would adopt a cooperative approach towards millers who operate with genuine business intentions, but warned that strict action would be taken against those deliberately attempting to evade payments. The Chief Minister alleged that irregularities under the previous government had resulted in the accumulation of dues amounting to thousands of

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Centre Responds Positively to Telangana’s Request for 11.56 Lakh PMAY-G Houses

■ Ponguleti seeks houses for 11,56,915 rural families

■ Shivraj Singh Chouhan agrees to visit Telangana

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12, 2026: Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has urged the Centre to sanction 11,56,915 houses to the state in a single phase under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) 2.0 scheme.

Ponguleti, accompanied by Telangana MPs Dr. Mallu Ravi, Ramasahayam Raghurami Reddy, Vem Narendra Reddy,

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Suresh Shetkar and Mandadi Anil Kumar Yadav, met Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi on Wednesday. The delegation submitted a representation highlighting the housing requirements of rural poor families in Telangana. Telangana Housing Corporation MD V.P. Gautham

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Sridhar Babu Hits Back at KTR, Says Congress Will Protect Telangana’s Interests

■ Minister questions KTR over land allocation claims

■ Says Telangana will firmly defend its rightful share of water

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: Telangana Industries and IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has criticised BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of misleading people with what he described as false statements on land allocations and development projects. Speaking to the media after a face-to-face meeting with Ministers at Gandhi Bhavan (Indira Bhavan), Sridhar Babu challenged KTR to explain the price received for paddy cultivated at former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao’s farmhouse.

The Minister alleged that KTR was attempting to mislead the people of Telangana through

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Auto Workers Protest Proposed RTC Electric Autos, Demand Withdrawal of GO 263

TRTU leaders warn government against threatening drivers’ livelihoods

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: Leaders of the TRTU-affiliated auto workers’ union staged a massive protest at Indira Park Dharna Chowk on Wednesday, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the proposal to introduce electric autos under the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC).

The protesters alleged that the move would adversely affect the livelihoods of auto drivers across Telangana. Around 20 auto workers also staged a protest fast, demanding the cancellation of GO 263, which they described as unfair to the auto-driving community. Addressing the gathering, senior TRS leader Roop Singh criticised the Congress government and alleged that its policies were putting the livelihoods of auto drivers under

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Government School Enrollment Must Be Increased Further: Kiranmayi

Teachers urged to focus on learning and student development

Officials directed to strengthen field-level monitoring

AUGUST 12, 2026: Additional Collector Dr. Kiranmayi has directed Education Department officials to work in coordination to improve educational standards and increase student enrollment in government schools across the district.

A district-level review meeting on education-related issues was held on Wednesday at the conference hall of the IDOC building under the chairpersonship of Additional Collector Dr. Kiranmayi, State Task Director Lingaiah and District Educational Officer Venkateswarlu. Mandal Educational Officers (MEOs), complex headmasters, Cluster Resource Persons (CRPs) and district education coordinators from various mandals

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Rayadurgam Land Deal: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Alleges Rs 1,700-Crore Land Scam

Says PM Ekta Mall project lacks transparency in land allocation

Demands tender documents and public debate over project

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan has levelled serious allegations against the Telangana government over land allocation and the proposed PM Ekta Unity Mall project, claiming that valuable government land at Rayadurgam is being handed over without adequate transparency. Sravan alleged that around seven acres of land valued at approximately Rs 1,700 crore was being allocated at Rayadurgam without proper tendering or publicly available agreements. He alleged that the government had favoured Vamsiram and Aparna Builders and questioned the process through which the land and development rights were granted.

Sravan alleged that the PM Ekta Unity Mall project envisages a 27-storey building with approximately 27 lakh square feet of built-up area. He claimed that while the government would retain around nine lakh square

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EDITORIAL

Wake Up, Bharatiyans!

India's strength lies in the unity, vigilance, and responsibility of its citizens. The youth, in particular, must remain alert to any attempts—whether from within or outside the country—that seek to create division, spread misinformation, weaken democratic values, or undermine national unity for narrow interests. Every claim should be examined with critical thinking, verified facts, and respect for the rule of law.

True patriotism is reflected not only in words but in actions that protect the nation's integrity, uphold the Constitution, respect diversity, and contribute to peace, progress, and development. A strong and united India is built by informed citizens who place the nation's welfare above hatred, misinformation, and selfish interests.

Wake up, Bharatiyans! Stay informed. Stay united. Stand for truth. Stand for India.

Centre Responds Positively to Telangana's Request for 11.56 Lakh PMAY-G Houses



and other officials also participated in the meeting. Ponguleti said around 21 lakh applications for houses had been received under the state's Praja Palana programme. A door-to-door survey conducted through the Awas Plus-2024 application, following Central guidelines, identified more than 11.56 lakh rural families as eligible for housing assistance. He said the processes of super-checking and removing ineligible beneficiaries had also been completed. According to the Minister, the list of eligible families was submitted to the Centre two years ago and the state government has repeatedly requested the sanction of houses.

Ponguleti said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had also raised the issue with the Centre on several occasions, including during his interactions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Minister explained that Telangana has witnessed a major demand for rural housing after construction activities remained largely stalled for several years. He therefore requested the Union Minister to sanction PMAY-G houses for all 11,56,915 eligible families simultaneously.

State to Provide Rs 5 Lakh Assistance Ponguleti said the Telangana government is independently providing ₹5 lakh financial assistance to each eligible poor family for house construction, apart from the Central share under PMAY-G. He said funds for the state assistance have already been allocated in the state budget. The Minister said the government has already sanctioned nearly four lakh Indiramma houses and expressed confidence that the allocation of PMAY-G houses by the Centre would accelerate efforts to provide permanent homes to rural families. Union Minister Agrees to Visit Telangana Ponguleti also invited Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to visit Telangana and personally review the state's housing initiatives. He said an announcement regarding PMAY-G 2.0 houses during such a visit would boost the confidence of rural poor families. Responding positively to the request, Shivraj Singh Chouhan agreed to visit Telangana. Ponguleti expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for his favourable response and said the visit could further strengthen cooperation between the Centre and the state on rural housing.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Hits Back at KTR Over Family Politics



HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has strongly criticised BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of making politically motivated statements and alleging that the BRS leadership had prioritised family interests during its tenure in Telangana. Responding to KTR's criticism of the Congress government, Chamala said KTR appeared to believe that political and economic opportunities should benefit only his family. He recalled statements made by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao during the Telangana statehood movement that his family members would not enter politics.

The Bhongir MP alleged that after Telangana was formed, several important political positions went to members of KCR's family. He cited KTR's return from the United States and subsequent entry into ministerial politics, as well as the political rise of Harish Rao. Chamala claimed that no member of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's family has become an MLA, MP or Minister. He said Revanth Reddy could have given political positions to his brothers if he wanted to, but did not follow what he described as the pattern of family appointments during the previous BRS regime. Responding to allegations concerning land allocation to the Chief Minister's brother, Chamala said the land was allotted only after an application was submitted through the normal process, similar to any other citizen. The MP also questioned the BRS's right to criticise the Congress government over the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. He alleged that the previous BRS government neglected the project while focusing on the Kaleshwaram project.

Chamala further alleged that he was aware of land allocations and companies given to individuals considered close to the BRS leadership during KTR's tenure as a minister. He also referred to the formation of a new political party by K. Kavitha, attributing it to differences within the family over the division of assets. The Bhongir MP urged KTR to stop making what he described as baseless and politically motivated statements and instead focus on issues concerning the development and welfare of Telangana.

TG Government Cracks Down on Defaulting Rice Millers

crores from rice millers. He also criticised opposition parties for blaming the present government for taking steps to recover the outstanding amounts. Reviewing the progress of recovery, Revanth Reddy directed officials to ensure that the value of every grain supplied to millers is recovered. He instructed officials to formulate specific guidelines for recovery of the dues and submit them to the Cabinet Sub-Committee. The government would take an appropriate decision after reviewing the committee's recommendations, he said.



The Chief Minister also announced that paddy earlier allocated to millers who have become defaulters could instead be allocated to women's groups, with milling responsibilities entrusted to them. Addressing the recur-

ring problem of paddy storage during procurement seasons, Revanth Reddy directed officials to prepare an immediate action plan for expanding storage capacity. A pilot project for constructing silo-bag facilities will be taken up in high-paddy-producing districts, including Nalgonda, Suryapet, Nizamabad, Peddapalli and Kamareddy. The Chief Minister said 50 to 100 acres of land per constituency would be identified for silo-bag facilities, which would be managed by Self-Help Groups (SHGs). He directed the Ministers of Revenue, Civil Supplies and Women's Welfare to hold discussions on the proposed facilities.

Revanth Reddy also suggested exploring the construction of spacious platforms under the VBG-Ram G scheme and using German tents for paddy storage where suitable space is available. Officials were further instructed to identify private warehouses, function halls, old cinema theatres and other sheds at mandal and village levels in advance and lease them for paddy storage. Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister V. Seshadri, Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra, South India Rice Millers Association President Thudi Devender Reddy and other officials attended the review meeting.

Minister Konda Surekha Offers Special Prayers at Kala Bhairava Temple

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026:

Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, along with her husband Konda Muralidhar Rao, daughter Susmitha Patel and son-in-law Abhilash



Patel, visited the Sri Kala Bhairava Swamy Temple, popularly known as Bhairava Baba Mandir, at Nampally Devibagh in Hyderabad and offered special prayers. The Minister and her family performed special rituals before Sri Kala Bhairava Swamy with devotion and reverence. Temple priests welcomed the family and later presented Teertha-Prasadam and offered their blessings. Speaking on the occasion, Konda Surekha said Kala Bhairava Swamy occupies a unique position in Hindu tradition as the deity associated with time. She said devotees worship Kala Bhairava as a fierce manifestation of Lord Shiva, the guardian of sacred places or Kshetra Palaka, and the protector of righteousness or Dharma.

The Minister noted that devotees believe worshipping Kala Bhairava helps dispel fear and instils courage, self-confidence and spiritual strength. Surekha said she prayed for the well-being, happiness and good health of all people and for the prosperity of Telangana. She also said the state government is working to provide better facilities for devotees while preserving the spiritual heritage of temples and ancient traditions. The visit concluded with the temple priests offering Teertha-Prasadam and blessings to the Minister and her family members.

Government School Enrollment Must Be Increased Further: Additional Collector Kiranmayi

attended the meeting. During the review, Dr. Kiranmayi examined the implementation of education programmes, student enrollment, school performance, attendance, learning outcomes, educational standards and field-level monitoring. She obtained details from MEOs and complex headmasters regarding the situation in individual mandals.



Speaking at the meeting, the Additional Collector highlighted the important role played by teachers in shaping students' futures and contributing to nation-building. She urged teachers to go beyond classroom teaching and focus on discipline, moral values and responsible citizenship among students. She directed officials to prepare a special action plan to increase enrollment in government schools. Officials were asked to create awareness among parents about the quality of education, infrastructure and various facilities being provided by the government.

Dr. Kiranmayi stressed that efforts should focus not only on increasing enrollment but also on ensuring regular attendance and improving students' learning abilities. She said enhancing educational

standards should be treated as a primary responsibility by every teacher. Officials were also instructed to regularly monitor schools at the field level, identify problems at the earliest and take prompt measures to resolve them. State Task Director Lingaiah advised MEOs and complex headmasters to make regular field visits and personally assess conditions in schools.

He asked them to interact with teachers and students and provide necessary guidance based on ground-level requirements. Lingaiah said effective implementation of Education Department programmes would depend on continuous field-level supervision. He called upon MEOs, complex headmasters and CRPs to work together to improve school performance and maintain constant focus on enrollment, attendance and learning outcomes. District Educational Officer Venkateswarlu reviewed various departmental programmes and issues and explained the educational situation across different mandals. He subsequently issued necessary guidelines to Education Department officials, complex headmasters and CRPs. District education coordinators, MEOs from all mandals, complex headmasters, CRPs and other officials participated in the meeting.

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former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya attended the event as chief guests and formally unveiled the book.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders described Mana Balashiksha as an important effort to introduce children to Indian culture, traditions, moral values and the country's rich heritage of knowledge. Pandurangarao has authored books on subjects concerning social awareness and has consistently worked to highlight social issues and encourage constructive change. He has also promoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ‘Nasha Mukh Bharat’ message among youth through awareness programmes involving police officials, journalists, social activists, doctors and lawyers.



The newly released book goes beyond teaching children words, verses and poems, focusing instead on positive thinking, responsible conduct, respect for traditions and a sense of duty towards society and the nation. The speakers stressed the importance of developing strong moral character among children at an early age. They said that while education is essential, future generations must also be equipped with values, discipline, social responsibility and respect for the country's cultural heritage. They observed that India's civilisation, traditions and cultural

values have played an important role in preserving its social fabric over thousands of years. Passing this heritage to younger generations was described as a collective responsibility. The speakers also highlighted the significance of patriotism and national responsibility as India prepares to celebrate its 80th Independence Day. They recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters who contributed to India's independence and urged citizens to recognise their responsibilities towards the nation. Referring to the Ashoka Chakra on the national flag, they said it represents the Dharma Chakra, symbolising righteousness, justice and truth. They emphasised that Dharma should also be understood as responsibility towards the country, respect for culture, pride in one's identity and commitment to society.

The speakers appreciated Pandurangarao's efforts to communicate these values to children through Mana Balashiksha and expressed hope that the book would encourage families and educational institutions to focus on moral development alongside academic learning.

Pandurangarao's journey was also recalled, including his initial involvement in public life with an emphasis on electoral reforms and strengthening democratic institutions. He later joined the BJP after being inspired by the governance and development initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The gathering called for greater efforts to nurture patriotism, cultural awareness, morality and social responsibility among children to build a stronger society and nation.

Rs 29 Crore Sanctioned for New Civil Court Building in Tungathurthi



♦ **MLA Mandula Samuel inspects proposed court site**

♦ **Foundation stone ceremony to be held soon**

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: A new Civil Court building is set to come up at the Tungathurthi Mandal headquarters in Suryapet district, with Rs 29 crore sanctioned for the project following efforts by Tungathurthi MLA Mandula Samuel. The MLA inspected the proposed site for the new Civil Court building on Wednesday. The site is located beside the NH-365 National Highway at Tungathurthi and is expected to provide convenient access to people from across the constituency.

Mandula Samuel said the sanction of Rs 29 crore marks a significant step towards strengthening judicial infrastructure in the constituency. The new court building is expected to provide improved facilities for advocates, court staff and members of the public visiting the court for legal proceedings. During the site inspection, the MLA reviewed the location and discussed the proposed development. He announced that the foundation stone laying ceremony for the new Civil Court building would be conducted very soon.

The project is being viewed as an important development for Tungathurthi, with the new infrastructure expected to improve access to judicial services and provide better facilities for the people of the constituency.

Congress Seeks Re-Verification of Voters Flagged Under Telangana SIR

TPCC panel urges CEO to prevent wrongful deletions

Details of flagged voters sought for field verification



HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: The TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee has urged Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy, IAS, to undertake a thorough re-verification of voters flagged during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process before their names are removed from the electoral rolls. TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar, along with SIR State Coordinator Gampa Venugopal, raised the issue with the Chief Electoral Officer and expressed concern over the large number of voters identified under various categories during the enumeration process. The committee, around 73 lakh voters are expected to be affected by the current exercise, with the Draft Electoral Roll scheduled to be published on August 17. The figures cited by the committee include 45,18,961 voters classified as permanently shifted, 6,70,203 already enrolled, and 1,02,294 placed under other categories. The committee also pointed to around 63 lakh voters reportedly flagged under anomaly-related categories, arguing that such cases should not result in deletion without detailed scrutiny and re-verification.

Pulipati Rajesh Kumar requested the Chief Electoral Officer to provide Congress party Booth Level Agents (BLAs) with details of voters whose information could not be collected as well as those flagged for anomalies. He said Congress BLAs would visit the residences of such voters, undertake field-level verification and educate genuine voters about the procedure for reapplying through Form 6 if their names are found missing from the electoral roll.

The TPCC committee stressed that genuine voters should not lose their voting rights because of discrepancies identified during the enumeration process and called for adequate verification before any deletion is finalised. The request comes ahead of the publication of the Draft Voter List on August 17, when voters and political parties are expected to examine the revised electoral rolls and raise objections or claims as permitted under the election process.

Telangana to Sanction New Cheyutha Pensions for Vulnerable Sections

- GHMC holds meeting on pension applications and verification
- Eligible beneficiaries can apply through Cheyutha portal till August 31

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, IAS, and SERP CEO & MEPMA Managing Director



Divyarajan, IAS, held a meeting at the GHMC Head Office with Deputy Commissioners, Project Officers and Tahsildars of Hyderabad district to review the implementation of the Cheyutha Social Security Pension Scheme. The Telangana government has decided to sanction new pensions under the Cheyutha Social Security Pension Scheme on a priority basis to eligible persons belonging to vulnerable sections of society.



The first phase will focus on single women, widows, persons with disabilities, toddy tappers, weavers, filaria patients and persons affected by blood disorders including Thalassemia, Sick Cell Disease and Haemophilia. Officials said applications received earlier through Praja Palana, the 99-Day Pragathi Pranalika Gram Sabhas and Prajavani will be processed through the Cheyutha portal. Applicants who have already submitted applications along with the required documents will not have to apply again.

Fresh applications and applications requiring additional documents can be submitted through Panchayat Secretaries, Ward Officers, MPDOs, Municipal Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners in Municipal Corporation areas. Applicants can also submit applications through MeeSeva centres. District Collectors will facilitate the issuance of necessary certificates and ensure proper verification of applications. Self-Help Group (SHG) federations will assist eligible widows and single women in obtaining required certificates and submitting their applications.

The applications will undergo online data entry, field-level verification and departmental confirmation wherever necessary. Following scrutiny, the

applications will be placed before the District Collector for approval.

After approval, online sanction proceedings will be generated and distributed to beneficiaries as per the prescribed protocol. During the meeting, the Commissioner instructed Deputy Commissioners

and Project Officers to utilise the services of Resource Persons (RPs), SLFs and TLFs to create public awareness about pension eligibility and the application process.

The last date for receiving applications is August 31, 2026. District authorities have been instructed to ensure timely receipt of applications, accurate data entry, proper field verification and preparation of final eligible beneficiary lists for sanction of pensions. The government has emphasised that the initiative is aimed at extending social security support to vulnerable sections and ensuring that eligible beneficiaries receive pensions through a transparent and systematic process.

Eleti Maheshwar Reddy Alleges Large-Scale Land Scams in Telangana



BJP leader demands probe into alleged land irregularities
Challenges government to order CBI or ED inquiry

ERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: BJP Legislative Party leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy has levelled serious allegations of large-scale land irregularities and corruption in Telangana, calling for investigations into alleged land transactions and the handling of government and private properties under the Congress government. Speaking at a press conference at the BJP state office, Maheshwar Reddy alleged that the administration was being controlled by a small group of ministers and contractors. He also claimed that land-related irregularities allegedly associated with the earlier Bhu Bharati system were continuing under the name Bhu Harathi.

Maheshwar Reddy questioned Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy over the forensic audit he had previously promised in connection with alleged irregularities in the former BRS government's Dharani land records system. He demanded that the findings of any such audit be placed in the public domain. The BJP leader alleged that Section 22A of the Registration Act, which relates to prohibited properties, was being used to cause difficulties for farmers and private landowners. He claimed that the extent of land under the prohibited list had increased substantially and alleged that some landowners were being subjected to undue pressure.

Maheshwar Reddy also referred to earlier statements regarding government, assigned, Waqf and endowment lands and questioned why alleged encroachments or alienations had not been fully recovered. He demanded transparency on the status of such lands and sought details of action taken by the government. He further levelled allegations against Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy concerning an alleged conflict of interest and contracts connected with lift irrigation projects. Maheshwar Reddy claimed that project estimates had been revised substantially and demanded a detailed explanation regarding the alleged involvement of companies linked to the Minister's family.

The BJP leader also raised questions over alleged land transactions involving properties in Nadargul, Vattinagulapally, Hitech City and Kondapur. He called for clarity on the ownership and transfer of the properties and alleged that individuals who had acted as proxies for political leaders in the past were continuing similar activities under the present government.

Maheshwar Reddy challenged the Telangana government to order a probe by central investigating agencies, including the CBI or Enforcement Directorate, into alleged irregularities connected with Future City and properties placed under Section 22A. Responding to Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu's reported demand for evidence, Maheshwar Reddy said he was prepared for an open debate and claimed that he could present supporting documents. He challenged the Minister to participate in a public discussion either at Nizam College grounds or on a television platform. The allegations made by Maheshwar Reddy are political claims and would require verification through official records and independent investigation.

Sridhar Babu Hits Back at KTR, Says Congress Will Protect Telangana's Interests

inaccurate claims. Responding to allegations concerning land allocations, Sridhar Babu said the Congress government had allotted land at Rs 1.50 crore per acre, whereas the previous BRS government had allotted land at ?90 lakh per acre. He maintained that the land allocations made by the present government were carried out strictly in accordance with prescribed rules and regulations.

Sridhar Babu said five acres were allotted for Rs 7.5 crore and questioned KTR's reference to a figure of Rs 200 crore. The Minister also defended the government's HILT policy, stating that it would benefit the people of Hyderabad and contribute to the city's development. He accused KTR of attempting to create fear among industrialists and said such an approach would be detrimental to Telangana's economic growth.



Sridhar Babu urged KTR not to obstruct development or allow political differences to affect the interests of the people. He said the people of Telangana had rejected what he described as BRS's "Goebbels-style propaganda" in successive elections, including the Lok Sabha and local body polls. On development policies, the Minister said the Congress government was continuing several initiatives pursued by previous governments while focusing on Telangana's broader interests.

Sridhar Babu also raised the issue of water allocations and alleged that the previous BRS government had caused serious damage to Telangana's interests in the matter. He asserted that the Congress government would not compromise on the state's rightful share of water. He said Telangana representatives would participate in the upcoming Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting and strongly present the state's claims and interests concerning water allocations. The Minister reiterated that protecting Telangana's water rights and promoting development would remain priorities of the state government.



Telangana Government Plans Optimum Utilisation of Godavari Water

- *CM orders strict compliance with NDSA guidelines*
- *Compensation and rehabilitation payments to be expedited*

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: The Telangana government has decided to maximise the utilisation of available Godavari river water, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directing officials to undertake lift operations from the Yellampalli, Devadula and Sitarama projects. The Chief Minister held a review meeting with officials of the Irrigation Department at the MCRHRD Institute on Wednesday and assessed the availability and utilisation of Godavari water. He directed officials to make optimum use of the available water while ensuring compliance with safety and technical guidelines.

Reviewing the status of the Sundilla, Annaram and Medigadda barrages, Revanth Reddy noted that water is currently not being stored in the barrages in accordance with the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). He instructed officials to strictly follow the NDSA recommendations and consult the authority immediately on issues concerning the barrages. Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy informed the Chief Minister that defects had been identified in the Medigadda and Sundilla barrages. The Chief Minister directed officials to seek tech-

nical guidance from the NDSA and take appropriate measures based on its recommendations. Officials also briefed the Chief Minister on lift irrigation operations at the Devadula project. Uttam Kumar Reddy said water lifting through nine pumps was being undertaken. Revanth



Reddy instructed officials to resolve even minor technical issues affecting the lift operations at the Devadula and Sitarama projects so that available water could be utilised effectively.

The meeting also reviewed pending compensation and rehabilitation payments to farmers whose lands were acquired for various irri-

gation projects. The Chief Minister directed officials to prepare an action plan and ensure the immediate disbursement of pending compensation. Irrigation and Revenue officials were instructed to conduct field visits and prepare factual reports on villages vulnerable to submergence, along with details of pending compensation and rehabilitation issues. Revanth Reddy emphasised that compensation should be released immediately to villages facing an imminent impact.

The Chief Minister said completing compensation and rehabilitation measures would help facilitate the filling of the Baswapur and Gouravelli projects with water. Revanth Reddy also ordered officials to undertake a comprehensive study on increasing the capacity of the Gattu and Gudemdoddi lift irrigation schemes. He further directed the department to appoint a consultancy for the Gudemdoddi pumped-storage project. CM Principal Secretary V. Seshadri, CM Secretary Manicka Raj, State Irrigation Secretary E. Sridhar and R&R Commissioner Shiva Kumar Naidu were present at the review meeting.

Minister Konda Surekha orders strict probe into incident

Ex-gratia and job assistance announced for family

Forest Beat Officer Dies in Electric Wildlife Trap in Telangana

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has expressed deep grief over the death of Naveen, a Forest Beat Officer from Cheruvusingaram in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, who died after being caught in an electric trap allegedly set for hunting wildlife. Naveen had reportedly gone along with three other Beat Officers to apprehend suspects in Nakirepet village of Burgampadu mandal when he came into contact with the electric trap. Though he was immediately shifted to a hospital, he had already succumbed to the incident, according to the district Forest Department.



Minister Konda Surekha spoke to Bhadradri

Kothagudem District Forest Officer Siddhartha Vikram Singh and obtained details of the incident. She expressed concern over the loss of a forest official who died while performing his duty. The Minister said the contribution of forest personnel towards protecting forests and wildlife is invaluable. She warned that the use of electric wires and

traps for hunting wildlife is extremely dangerous and poses a serious threat not only to animals but also to forest staff and local residents.

Konda Surekha directed Forest Department and police officials to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and take stringent legal action against those responsible. She emphasised the need to prevent such dangerous hunting practices and ensure the safety of forest personnel working in vulnerable areas. The Minister conveyed her condolences to the bereaved family of Forest Beat Officer Naveen and directed forest officials to take all necessary measures to strengthen the safety of personnel while they are performing their duties. She also instructed PCCF Vinay Kumar to ensure that the deceased officer's family receives ex-gratia assistance as per Forest Department rules and to take immediate steps to provide employment to one eligible family member.

Prakash Raj Must Decide Where He Wants to Vote, Says BJP Spokesperson

◆ *Jana Wade Sangappa questions actor's voter registration*

◆ *BJP leader seeks probe into Hyderabad constable's death*

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026 : BJP State Spokesperson Jana Wade Sangappa has criticised actor Prakash Raj over his claims regarding the deletion of his name from the electoral rolls and questioned the actor's voter registration details. A press conference, Sangappa said Prakash Raj should first clarify in which state and constituency he intends to exercise his voting rights. He claimed that the actor had voter registrations associated with multiple states and questioned the continuation of registrations at different addresses.

Sangappa said the Booth Level Officer (BLO) concerned had reportedly confirmed that Prakash Raj had not been residing at the Shantinagar address in Bengaluru for several years. He claimed that during verification, Prakash Raj had himself informed officials that he was no longer living at that address. “According to Sangappa, the removal of the name from that particular electoral roll was connected to the voter transfer process. He said Prakash Raj could submit Form 6 with the address where he intends to vote and complete the process of enrolling at the appropriate location.

The BJP spokesperson accused the actor of attempting to portray the

electoral roll exercise as an action by the Central Government and criticised what he described as a political controversy surrounding the issue. Sangappa also raised concerns over the death of Hyderabad police constable Saikumar at the LB Nagar police station and demanded a comprehensive and impartial inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the incident. He alleged that police personnel are working under severe pressure because of staff shortages and criticised the Telangana government over what he described as inadequate attention to the grievances and welfare of police employees.

Sangappa questioned the government's position on vacancies, allowances, leave encashment, additional leave and promotions for police personnel. He alleged that pending DA arrears and other employee benefits were causing financial and professional difficulties for constables. He also referred to remarks allegedly made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and criticised them as irresponsible, arguing that



questioned why similar issues remained unresolved after the Congress government came to power.

The BJP leader demanded an impartial government inquiry into Constable Saikumar's death, particularly in view of concerns reportedly expressed by the deceased officer's family. He said a transparent investigation was necessary to establish the facts and address any unanswered questions. Namani Mahesh Kumar and Manmeet Singh also participated in the press conference.

Auto Workers Protest Proposed RTC Electric Autos, Demand Withdrawal of GO 263



severe pressure. He claimed that the free bus scheme had already affected the income of auto drivers and said the proposed introduction of electric autos under the RTC would create further difficulties. Roop Singh warned that the government would face strong political opposition if it proceeded with the proposal. He said auto workers would continue their agitation until their concerns were addressed and the decision was withdrawn.

Senior TRS leader and former minister Boda Janardhan also opposed the proposal, stating that around five lakh auto drivers across Telangana depend on the profession for their livelihoods. He warned that any decision affecting their economic interests would not be tolerated.

Janardhan demanded that the government immediately reconsider measures that could adversely affect auto drivers and withdraw the proposed RTC electric-auto initiative. TRS senior leaders R.V.R. Prasad and Naresh Prajapati also demanded the cancellation of GO 263. They called upon auto drivers across the state to remain united and intensify their movement if their demands were not addressed.

The protesters said the government should consult auto unions before taking decisions that directly affect the livelihood of drivers. They urged authorities to withdraw the proposal and address the concerns of the auto-driving community. TRS State Women's Wing President Padala Manoja Goud, Veeranna, auto union leaders M.A. Salim, Naziruddin, Mahender Naik, Sridhar, Shiva Prasad, Abdul Ghani, TRTU leaders and a large number of auto drivers participated in the demonstration.

Erra Satyam Was an Inspiration in Public Service: Minister Vakiti Srihari

- *‘Satyam-anna’ continues to live in the hearts of the poor*
- *Minister urges people to carry forward his ideals*

JADCHERLA, AUGUST 12, 2026: Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari paid rich tributes to former Jadcherla MLA Erra Satyam on his death anniversary, describing him as an inspirational people's leader who dedicated his life to the welfare of the poor and weaker sections. Minister Srihari participated in the death anniversary meeting and paid floral tributes by garlanding the statue of Erra Satyam. He recalled the late leader's long-standing service to the people and said his name, popularly remembered as ‘Satyam-anna’, continues to resonate among the poor.



Srihari said Erra Satyam worked tirelessly for the welfare of downtrodden and economically weaker sections and treated the problems of ordinary people as his own. He described his contributions to the poor as memorable and said his service remains an example for future generations. The Minister said Erra Satyam was inspired by the ideals of Pandaga Sayanna and worked for social justice. He described Satyam as a noble personality who stood with the underprivileged and dedicated himself to the principles he believed in.

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Srihari said the services of Satyam-anna should not be remembered only on his birth or death anniversaries. Instead, society should remember and follow the values he upheld throughout his life. He stated that the life and public service of Erra Satyam, who consistently stood by people in difficult times, should serve as an inspiration to the younger generation. He called upon people to work towards carrying forward his ideals and commitment to the welfare of the poor. Mahabubnagar MLA Ennam Srinivas Reddy, former MLA Erra Sekhar, former SATS Chairman Shivasena Reddy, DCC President Sanjeev Mudiraj, family members, admirers of Erra Satyam and others participated in the programme.

Indiramma Towers Project to Be Launched in Hyderabad

CM Revanth Reddy to lay foundation stone in Kukatpally

Government targets one lakh homes in Q-R region

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: The Telangana government is set to launch the prestigious Indiramma Towers housing project in the Q-R region of Hyderabad, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy scheduled to lay the foundation stone in Kukatpally on Thursday, August 13. Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the project is aimed at providing permanent homes to poor and middle-class families who have long aspired to own houses within Hyderabad.



The Minister reviewed the housing construction plans with officials on Wednesday and said the government is targeting the construction of one lakh houses in the Q-R region within a year. The first phase will involve approximately 8,000 houses across 16 Assembly constituencies. At the five-acre site in Kukatpally where the Chief Minister will lay the foundation stone, four towers will be constructed, with each tower comprising 120 flats. A total of 480 flats will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 43.20 crore, with 12 flats planned on each floor. Ponguleti said around 90 acres of government land have so far been identified within the CURE jurisdiction for the construction of Indiramma Towers. He said the project would enable economically weaker families to own homes in key parts of Hyderabad instead of being pushed to the outskirts because of high land prices. The Minister described the project as more than a housing initiative, saying it would provide security, dignity and long-term stability to beneficiary families. He said Indiramma Towers would mark a new chapter in Hyderabad's housing sector through multi-

storeyed residential projects on government land. Applications for the scheme began on July 20, with around 50,000 applications received so far. Following requests from the public, the deadline for submitting applications has been extended to August 15. Each proposed housing unit will have an area of approximately 525 square feet, comprising a bedroom, hall and kitchen. Depending on the location and requirements, towers of up to 10 floors will be constructed.

The government will also provide beneficiaries with an undivided share of approximately 20 to 25 square yards of land associated with the housing unit. According to the Minister, the value of this land share could range from Rs 60 lakh to Rs 1 crore in some prime locations. Ponguleti said applications would undergo detailed eligibility verification before allotments are made. Eligible beneficiaries will be selected through a transparent draw-of-lots system, without political interference, recommendations or irregularities.

Applicants who are not selected will have their Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) refunded immediately, the Minister said. The government aims to complete the Indiramma Towers in a planned and time-bound manner so that selected beneficiaries can conduct their housewarming ceremonies by the Bonalu festival next year. Officials have been instructed to continuously monitor construction from the foundation stage through completion and ensure that quality standards are maintained. Ponguleti said the Congress-led people's government was moving beyond promises by implementing housing programmes aimed at bringing affordable home ownership opportunities closer to the underprivileged in Hyderabad.

‘Mana Balashiksha’ Book Promotes Indian Culture and Moral Values: N. Ramchander Rao

Balashiksha as an important effort to introduce children to Indian culture, traditions, moral values and the country's rich heritage of knowledge.

Pandurangarao has authored books on subjects concerning social awareness and has consistently worked to highlight social issues and encourage constructive change. He has also promoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ‘Nasha Mukh Bharat’ message among youth through awareness programmes involving police officials, journalists, social activists, doctors and lawyers. The newly released book goes beyond teaching children words, verses and poems, focusing instead on positive thinking, responsible conduct, respect for traditions and a sense of duty towards society and the nation. The speakers stressed the importance of developing strong moral character among children at an early age.

They said that while education is essential, future generations must also be equipped with values, discipline, social responsibility and respect for the country's cultural heritage. They observed that India's civilisation, traditions and cultural values have played an important role in preserving its social fabric over thousands of years. Passing this heritage to younger generations was described as a collective responsibility. The speakers also highlighted the significance of patriotism and national responsibility as India prepares to celebrate its 80th Independence Day. They recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters who contributed to India's independence and urged citizens to recognise their responsibilities towards the nation. Referring to the Ashoka Chakra on the national flag, they said it represents the Dharma Chakra, symbolising righteousness, justice and truth. They emphasised that Dharma should also be understood as responsibility towards the country, respect for culture, pride in one's identity and commitment to society.

The speakers appreciated Pandurangarao's efforts to communicate these values to children through Mana Balashiksha and expressed hope that the book would encourage families and educational institutions to focus on moral development alongside academic learning. Pandurangarao's journey was also recalled, including his initial involvement in public life with an emphasis on electoral reforms and strengthening democratic institutions. He later joined the BJP after being inspired by the governance and development initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The gathering called for greater efforts to nurture patriotism, cultural awareness, morality and social responsibility among children to build a stronger society and nation.

Telangana MPs Seek Early Sanction of Key Railway Projects

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12, 2026:

Telangana MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, along with fellow Telangana MPs, met Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Parliament House on Wednesday and submitted a detailed representation seeking early sanction and faster implementation of several major railway infrastructure projects for the state.

The MPs urged the Union government to approve and expedite a number of strategically important railway projects aimed at improving connectivity between Telangana and neighbouring states and strengthening the state's economic infrastructure. Among the key projects highlighted in the representation were the Vikarabad–Krishna New Railway Line, Hyderabad–Amaravati–Bandar Port Freight Corridor, and three proposed High-Speed Rail Corridors connecting Hyderabad with Pune–Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai.

The MPs also sought progress on the Hyderabad Regional Ring Rail, Dornakal–Gadwal via Kalwakurthy Railway Line,



• Mallu Ravi leads delegation to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

• MPs seek faster DPRs and implementation for major rail links

and Kalwakurthy–Macherla Railway Line. They further requested the Railway Ministry to expedite the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and sanction other proposed railway lines, including Kacheguda–Jaggayyapeta, Patancheru–Adilabad and Bodhan–Latur.

Dr. Mallu Ravi emphasised that the proposed railway projects have strategic importance for Telangana and could significantly improve passenger and freight connectivity. He said better rail infrastructure would help promote industrial development, strengthen economic activity and create employment opportunities.

The MPs stressed that faster approval and implementation of the projects would contribute to the overall development of Telangana and enhance connectivity with major economic centres and neighbouring regions. The delegation urged the Union Railway Ministry to take necessary steps for early consideration, sanction and implementation of the projects.

Telangana to Distribute 1.19 Lakh Automatic Sewing Machines to BC Women

- *Scheme offers 100% subsidy to eligible women*
- *Minister Ponnam Prabhakar to launch programme on August 13*

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: The Telangana government is set to launch a major scheme aimed at promoting financial self-reliance and self-employment among Backward Class (BC) women by distributing automatic sewing machines under a 100% government subsidy programme.

Minister for BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar will formally launch the scheme at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad on Thursday, August 13, at 12 noon. The programme will be held at Hall G-29. Under the scheme, a total of 1,19,000 automatic sewing machines will be distributed to poor and unemployed BC



women across the state. The government has planned to allocate 1,000 machines to each Assembly constituency. The machines will be provided entirely through government subsidy, ensuring that selected beneficiaries do not have to bear any financial burden. The initiative is aimed at women who have an interest in tailoring and possess the necessary skills to operate sewing machines.

The government said the scheme is intended to create opportunities for women to earn an income from home and strengthen the financial

position of their families. By providing modern automatic sewing machines, the programme seeks to help beneficiaries move towards sustainable self-employment and eventually become women entrepreneurs.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar is expected to announce the detailed guidelines of the scheme during the launch programme. The guidelines will include information on the budget allocation, eligibility conditions, beneficiary selection criteria and application procedure.

BC Ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs and BC Corporation Chairpersons are expected to participate in the launch event. The government described the automatic sewing machine distribution programme as an important initiative for the economic empowerment of BC women, with the broader objective of creating self-employment opportunities and promoting financial independence across the state.

Farmers Urged to Opt for Low-Water Crops Amid Rainfall Concerns: Minister Srihari

- ◆ Officials told to keep public updated on irrigation water
- ◆ Advisory issued to avoid water-intensive paddy cultivation

WANAPARTHY, AUGUST 12, 2026: Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari has directed officials to encourage farmers to cultivate crops requiring less irrigation in view of concerns over below-normal rainfall and possible drought conditions linked to the global impact of El Niño.

Ministers Vakiti Srihari and Jupally Krishna Rao participated in the Irrigation Advisory Board meeting held at the Wanaparthy District Collectorate on Wednesday. They reviewed the availability of irrigation and drinking water with MLAs, District Collectors and senior officials from the Irrigation and Agriculture departments. The meeting assessed water avail-

ability and future storage prospects in major irrigation projects, including Jurala, Nettempadu, Koilsagar, RDS, KLI and Bheema. Officials also discussed the possibility of releasing irrigation water to farmers during the coming days.

Irrigation officials explained that recent rainfall in upstream areas had resulted in inflows that helped fill local projects. However, they said continued supply to farmers would depend on inflows from upstream projects such as Almatti and Narayanpur. At present, water re-

leases from these projects have been halted, making further irrigation releases uncertain.

Minister Srihari directed officials to regularly inform the public about the inflows and outflows of water at irrigation projects. He stressed that officials must communicate accurate information to farmers and the public with responsibility and transparency. The Minister said the prevail-



ing rainfall deficit and drought-like conditions required realistic planning regarding irrigation supply. He instructed officials to clearly explain to farmers what level of water support could be provided based on available inflows.

Srihari urged farmers to choose Aru-tadi crops, which require comparatively less water, and advised them to avoid water-intensive paddy cultivation under the present circumstances. He called for extensive awareness campaigns encouraging farmers to shift towards crops better suited to limited water availability. He further directed officials to ensure that irrigation water is supplied effectively whenever upstream inflows increase. If inflows decline, he said water distribution would have to be managed through an on-and-off system to conserve available resources.

Regarding the Jurala project, which has a storage capacity of 9 TMC, the Minister ordered officials to review past and present data concerning the availability of regenerated water and submit a comprehensive report at the earliest. Officials were also instructed to conduct awareness campaigns among farmers regarding crops such as black gram, groundnut and oil palm, which can help reduce pressure on irrigation resources.

The meeting was attended by legislators Megha Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy, Rajesh Reddy, Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Vamsi Krishna and Vijayudu; former State Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy; District Collectors Khushbu Gupta of Mahabubnagar, Ch. Priyanka of Narayanpet, Shaik Rizwan Basha of Gadwal and Himanth Keshav Patil of Nagarkurnool; senior Agriculture and Irrigation Department officials, Wanaparthy Municipal Chairperson Madhavi and other public representatives.

Patriotism Surges Across Telangana with 'Har Ghar Tiranga': Ramchander Rao

- BJP state chief urges families to hoist the Tricolour
- Calls for mass participation in August 14 Tiranga Yatra

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 12, 2026: BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao said the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' celebrations are being observed across the state with patriotic fervour following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call, as the country marks 79 years of Independence. Ramchander Rao expressed happiness over the participation of large numbers of youth and citizens in the Tiranga Yatra organised from the Bhagyalakshmi Ammavari Temple in Hyderabad's Old City. He said the enthusiastic participation reflected the patriotic spirit of the people.



The BJP state president appealed to citizens to proudly hoist the national Tricolour on their homes along with their families and participate enthusiastically in the Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations. He said the initiative reflects Prime Minister Modi's vision of strengthening national pride and unity. Ramchander Rao said the India of today stands on the foundation of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and soldiers who laid down their lives while protecting the nation. He said their contributions should always be remembered and honoured by every generation. He further stated that India is moving forward with renewed confidence under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He called upon citizens, particularly the youth, to contribute towards achieving the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' or developed India.

The BJP leader also urged citizens to participate in the Tiranga Yatra scheduled for August 14, which will begin at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue and proceed to the Swami Vivekananda statue at Tank Bund. Describing the proposed Tiranga Yatra as a patriotic and sacred occasion, Ramchander Rao appealed to people to participate by keeping political affiliations aside and demonstrate their commitment to the nation.

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla Attends Librarians' Day Celebrations at Delhi University

Governor pays tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12, 2026: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla attended the Librarians' Day celebrations as the Chief Guest at the University of Delhi on Wednesday, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, widely regarded as the Father of Library Science in India. The programme was organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi, in association with the Delhi Library Association. The event also marked the inaugural ceremony of the National Conference on "LIS Education in Alignment with NEP 2020" and the inauguration of the renovated Lecture and Seminar Hall.

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla paid rich tributes to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and recalled his significant contribution to the development of library science and the promotion of knowledge in India. Addressing the gathering, the Governor highlighted the important role libraries con-

tinue to play in promoting education, research, knowledge and intellectual development. He emphasised that libraries remain vital institutions for students, researchers and society at large.

Shukla stressed the need for libraries to embrace modern digital technologies and adapt to changing educational requirements while preserving their fundamental values, traditions and role as centres of learning.

The Governor said technological advancement should complement the traditional strengths of libraries and help expand access to knowledge for wider sections of society. The celebrations brought together academics, librarians, researchers, students and professionals associated with library and information science.



Rayadurgam Land Deal: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Alleges Rs 1,700-Crore Land Scam

feet, private developers would receive approximately 18 lakh square feet. He questioned the transparency of the project and alleged that tender documents and agreements relating to the land and construction were not available in the public domain. He demanded that the government make all relevant documents public.

The BRS leader also alleged that the Centre had sanctioned a Rs 200-crore loan for the PM Ekta Mall project and questioned how the funds and project-related benefits were being utilised. He called for a detailed examination of the financial arrangements and land allocation. Sravan further levelled allegations concerning land and business interests associated with members of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's family. He alleged that valuable land had been provided to companies linked to the Chief Minister's relatives and questioned the basis for such allocations. He also raised allegations concerning Revanth Reddy's brother Kondal Reddy and



claimed that valuable land had been provided to a company associated with him. These allegations were made by Sravan as part of his broader criticism of the state government's land policies.

The BRS MLC alleged that officials supporting the government were also responsible if irregularities were found in the project. He questioned the BJP leadership at the Centre and in Telangana over what he described as a lack of action despite the alleged irregularities in a project supported through central assistance.

Sravan demanded that Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu cancel the alleged irregular arrangements and make all tender documents available for public scrutiny.He challenged the government to produce the tender and agreement documents and offered to participate in an open debate on the issue. Sravan said the BRS would continue to raise questions over land allocations and alleged irregularities in major government projects.

Harish Rao Accuses Congress Government of Neglecting Tribal Welfare

Says ST Corporation funds and tribal welfare schemes are being sidelined

SIDDIPET, AUGUST 12, 2026: Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao has accused the Congress government in Telangana of neglecting tribal welfare and failing to adequately implement schemes intended to support Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Harish Rao was the chief guest at an awareness seminar for tribal entrepreneurs and the inauguration of the Siddipet chapter of the Tribal Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TICCI). He praised TICCI for its efforts to encourage tribal youth to move from being job seekers to becoming entrepreneurs and employment generators. He said TICCI representatives were helping tribal youth understand government schemes, subsidies and opportunities available through Central and State programmes. He urged young people to develop self-confidence, perseverance and discipline to succeed in business.

Citing examples of successful tribal entrepreneurs, Harish Rao referred to Ramesh Naik, who studied in a government school in Nizamabad district and later established 16 hotels in London. He also mentioned Suresh Naik, who received support under the T-PRIDE scheme during the previous BRS government and went on to establish a manufacturing business in Hyderabad.

Harish Rao claimed that the previous BRS government had provided substantial subsidies to support tribal entrepreneurship and had taken several measures aimed at improving education and employment opportunities for ST communities. He said the previous government established residential degree colleges exclusively for tribal women and expanded residential schools. He also claimed

that reservation for tribals in education and employment was increased from 6% to 10% after the formation of Telangana. According to Harish Rao, around 3,300 tribal hamlets, or tandas, were upgraded into Gram Panchayats, enabling tribal communities to gain greater political representation. He also referred to implementation of the ST Sub-Plan Act and the distribution of land titles for approximately six lakh acres of Podu land.

Turning his criticism towards the present Congress government, Harish Rao alleged that several promises made to tribal communities had not been fulfilled. He questioned government claims regarding allocations to the ST Corporation, alleging that although Rs 2,730 crore was stated to have been allocated, only about Rs 70 crore had actually been spent. He further alleged that ST Special Development Fund allocations were not being fully utilised and claimed that tribal youth had not received the employment opportunities promised by the government.

Harish Rao also raised concerns over land issues involving tribal communities, particularly in Lagacharla, and alleged that tribal youth protesting over land-related matters had faced arrests and mistreatment. These allegations are part of the political criticism being levelled by the BRS against the Congress government. He further alleged that tribal lands were being taken away and transferred to individuals linked to the Chief Minister's family, and demanded that the government address the concerns of affected tribal communities.

Harish Rao called upon TICCI to go beyond providing entrepreneurial guidance and also act as a platform to press the government to release pending subsidies and implement welfare programmes. He said the BRS, as the principal opposition party in the Assembly, would continue to raise tribal issues. He urged ST youth in Siddipet district to make full use of T-iCreate (TiKee) services, become members, develop their skills and pursue entrepreneurship. He said tribal youth should aim to become job creators rather than remain dependent solely on employment opportunities.

Chiranjeevi's 158th Film Reportedly Titled 'Kadiri'; Teaser Set for Birthday

HYDERABAD, August 12: Megastar Chiranjeevi has sparked considerable excitement among fans after appearing to reveal the title of his upcoming 158th film during the success meet of Korean Kanakaraju. According to reports, the actor let slip the title 'Kadiri' during a conversation at the event, though the makers are yet to make a formal title announcement.

The project, currently known as Mega158, marks another collaboration between Chiranjeevi and director Bobby Kolli following their successful association on Waltair Veerayya. The film is being produced by KVN Productions, and expectations are high for another large-scale commercial entertainer. Adding to the excitement, Chiranjeevi reportedly indicated that a title glimpse or teaser is planned for release around his birthday on August 22. The revelation has quickly generated discussion among fans, who are eagerly awaiting an official announcement from the production team.

While details about the film's complete cast, storyline and other production aspects remain under wraps, the reported title has already become a major talking point in Tollywood. The makers are expected to officially confirm the title and promotional plans soon.

