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Rs 1,000 Crore Allocated for Godavari Pushkaralu–2027 Preparations

Minister Directs Officials to Complete Tendering by August-End and Ensure Quality Works

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): State IT and Industries Minister and Chairman of the Godavari Pushkaralu–2027 Cabinet Sub-Committee, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, directed officials to commence works for the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in the first week of September.

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◆ CM unveils Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule statues, stresses education and skill development for BC youth

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday announced that the Telangana government will deposit Rs 2,400 crore towards fee reimbursement directly into students’ bank



accounts in advance from the current academic year, with the aim of ensuring transparency and preventing students from facing difficulties due to delays in reimbursement payments. He said Rs 250 crore had already been made available for payments and assured that eligible students who apply online would receive the reimbursement amount in their bank accounts within one month.

The Chief Minister made the announcement after unveiling the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and

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■ *100 integrated residential schools being constructed with focus on education and welfare*

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the Telangana government is committed to implementing the ideals of social reformers Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule, particularly in the areas of education, social justice and the empowerment of backward and weaker sections. Speaking at the unveiling ceremony



of the statues of the Phule couple at Necklace Road in Hyderabad, Bhatti Vikramarka said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had ceremonially unveiled the statues, describing the occasion as a significant reminder of the couple’s lifelong struggle against social inequalities.

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Thousands of Citizens and Gen-Z Youth Join National Flag Rally

Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay, BJP Leaders and Film Personalities Participate

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): A grand Tiranga Yatra was held along Tank Bund in Hyderabad on the occasion of Independence Day under the leadership of N. Ramchander Rao, witnessing enthusiastic participation from thousands of citizens and Gen-Z youth in a vibrant display of patriotism and pride in the national flag. Union Home Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Telangana BJP MPs, MLAs, MLCs, party leaders and workers participated in the rally in large numbers. Participated in the rally in large numbers.

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HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy unveiled the new Tata Sierra EV at a programme in Hyderabad on Friday and reiterated the State Government’s commitment to promoting electric vehicles and environmentally sustainable mobility. Congratulating Tata Motors and Jasper Tata on the launch, Uttam Kumar Reddy described Tata as one of India’s most trusted automobile brands, with a long-standing reputation for reliability, innovation, safety and quality. Recalling his personal association with the brand, he said he had used a

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HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): LB nagar MLA Devi Reddy Sudheer Reddy on Friday inspected drainage and flood-water-related problems in Madhuranagar under Nagole Division, along with Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato, and directed officials to take measures to prevent waterlogging in the colony. During the visit, the MLA reviewed the difficulties faced by residents due to rain-water and drainage water flowing into Madhuranagar from surrounding colonies, including Indira Nagar and Dhanalakshmi Nagar. He said the existing drainage arrange-

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AITUC Demands Fair Resolution of 31 Singareni Workers’ Issues



Vasireddy Seetharamaiah, Korimi Rajkumar Urge Management to Respond Positively

Unions Warn of Joint Agitation If Pending Demands Remain Unresolved After August 21

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): AITUC State President Vasireddy Seetharamaiah and Chief Secretary Korimi Rajkumar demanded that the Singareni management take a positive and fair approach towards resolving the 31 demands raised by workers. They said the issues were discussed with the management during talks held at the Regional Labour Commissioner’s (RLC) office in Hyderabad on Thursday.

The AITUC leaders said the workers’ problems had been brought to the attention of the management and urged officials to resolve the issues through negotiations rather than allowing them to escalate into an in-

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BRS Moves Telangana Lokayukta Over Alleged Tessara Act Land Allocation to CM Revanth Reddy Family-Linked Company



BRS alleges nearly five acres of public land worth up to Rs 200 crore was allotted at a substantially lower value

Party seeks cancellation of allocation, Lokayukta probe and ACB investigation into alleged nepotism and abuse of power

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) public representatives have approached the Telangana Lokayukta seeking an inquiry into the alleged allocation of approximately five acres of government land in Rangareddy district to M/s Tessara Act Advanced Systems Private Limited, a company the party alleges is linked to members of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s family.

The complaint was submitted in person by BRS MLCs Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar and Mankena Kotireddy, MLAs Kaleru Venkatesh, Mutha Gopal and Dr. Sanjay Kalvakuntla, and BRS Social Media Convenor Dr. Manne Krishank. The delegation submitted a series of documents and annexures which, according to the party, raise questions over the land allocation, the company’s ownership and management structure, its financial strength and

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EDITORIAL

Telangana’s Changing Circumstances Renew Debate Over the Unfulfilled Dream of ‘Social Telangana’

Statehood Achieved, but Questions Remain Over Social Justice and Recognition for Telangana Movement Activists

Growing Voices from Across Political Spectrum Highlight Concerns Over the State’s Present Course

More than a decade after the formation of Telangana, a renewed debate is emerging over whether the aspirations that inspired the statehood movement have been fully realised, particularly the vision of a “Social Telangana” that would ensure dignity, opportunities and justice for weaker sections. The Telangana movement was driven not only by the demand for a separate geographical state but also by aspirations for self-respect, social justice and a better future for ordinary people. Artists, poets, students and activists played a significant role in spreading awareness through songs, poetry and cultural programmes, while many activists made enormous sacrifices during the movement. However, concerns continue to be expressed over the recognition and welfare of movement activists and the families of those who lost their lives during the struggle.

Questions about whether the sacrifices of Telangana martyrs and their families have received adequate recognition and support remain part of the broader public discourse. The debate has also increasingly focused on the distribution of the state's resources and opportunities. Critics argue that despite the formation of Telangana, sections of the population living on the outskirts and in economically weaker communities continue to face difficulties in achieving meaningful social and economic empowerment. The distinction between geographical Telangana and Social Telangana has therefore gained renewed relevance. While the creation of the state fulfilled a historic political demand, advocates of social Telangana argue that the next phase should focus on education, employment, economic opportunities, social justice and equal participation for all communities.

The issue has also acquired political significance with voices emerging from different sides of the political spectrum. MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, who is part of the ruling Congress establishment, has also spoken publicly on issues concerning Telangana and its political and developmental trajectory. His comments have contributed to the wider discussion about the direction of the state. At the same time, Kalvakuntla Kavitha has repeatedly raised concerns over issues affecting Telangana and its people. The fact that similar concerns are now being voiced by leaders from different political backgrounds has generated discussion over the state's political and social circumstances.

For many Telangana activists and intellectuals, the central question is no longer simply whether Telangana was achieved, but whether the benefits of statehood have reached every section of society. The aspiration is increasingly being framed around creating a Telangana where the poor, weaker sections, movement activists and families of martyrs receive dignity, opportunities and justice. Poetry, songs and cultural expression once played a powerful role in mobilising people during the Telangana movement. As the state enters another phase of political and social debate, these forms of expression are again being viewed as important platforms for articulating public aspirations. The continuing discussion over “Social Telangana” reflects a broader expectation that the state's development should go beyond geographical boundaries and translate into tangible improvements in the lives of ordinary people. For many, the unfinished task is to ensure that the ideals of self-respect, equality and social justice that accompanied the Telangana movement become a lived reality.

Phule Couple’s Ideals Inspire Congress Government’s Governance: Bhatti Vikramarka



and Savitribai Phule devoted their lives to ensuring dignity and opportunities for marginalized communities. He said the installation of their statues was not merely a symbolic gesture but reflected the government's commitment to translating their principles into policies and programmes for the welfare of weaker sections.

Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted Telangana’s scientific caste census, described by the government as a socio-economic-political survey, saying it had established that backward and weaker sections constitute 56 per cent of the State’s population. He said Telangana had set an example for the country by collecting scientific data that could serve as the basis for implementing welfare and reservation policies. He stated that courts had repeatedly emphasized the importance of reliable data while dealing with reservations for backward classes, but previous governments had not undertaken such an exercise.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the Telangana government would use the survey data while implementing BC reservations in local bodies. He also highlighted measures taken in the education and welfare sectors. According to Bhatti Vikramarka, the Congress government increased the number of Jyotirao Phule Overseas Scholarships from 300 to 700, providing more opportunities for students from disadvantaged communities to pursue higher education abroad. Responding to concerns regarding inadequate infrastructure in welfare hostels, he said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had given special attention to improving educational facilities for disadvantaged students. He stated that 100 integrated residential schools were being constructed within a year, with an allocation of Rs 200 crore for each school building.

The Deputy Chief Minister further said the government had increased diet charges by 40 per cent and cosmetic charges by 200 per cent in residential schools soon after assuming office, with the objective of improving the quality of facilities available to students. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government was seeking to implement Phule’s vision by giving education and welfare a central role in its governance. He emphasized that education was one of the most powerful instruments for eliminating social inequalities and creating opportunities for weaker sections. He said statues of great personalities should inspire society to study their lives and implement their principles rather than remain limited to ceremonial occasions. The Deputy Chief Minister expressed happiness at being part of the unveiling ceremony and said the ideals of the Phule couple were reflected in the government's approach towards education, social justice and the upliftment of weaker sections.

Singareni Launches 1.23 MW Rooftop Solar Power Plant at Kothagudem

- CMD Dr. Buddha Prakash Jyoti Inaugurates Rooftop Solar Facility
- Company Expands Renewable Energy Initiatives Across Corporate Buildings



Hyderabad/KOTHAGUDEM, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has launched a 1.23 MW rooftop solar power plant installed on buildings within the company's corporate area in Kothagudem. SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddha Prakash Jyoti inaugurated the facility at the Singareni Head Office on Friday and formally connected the plant to the power grid. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Buddha Prakash Jyoti said Singareni had long been associated with coal and thermal power generation, but the company was now expanding its presence in renewable energy, including solar and floating solar power generation. He said the expansion of renewable energy was part of Singareni's efforts to contribute to environmental protection while meeting the growing energy requirements of Telangana and the country. The company has already established solar power plants with a combined capacity of 245.5 MW at various vacant locations, he said.

The CMD stated that Singareni would continue establishing additional solar power projects in accordance with the policies of the Government of India and the Telangana Government and in line with the country's and State's energy requirements. He said the installation of rooftop solar plants on buildings owned by Singareni was another important step in expanding clean-energy generation. The newly commissioned 1.23 MW rooftop facility would help utilise available rooftop space for renewable power generation and strengthen the company's environmental initiatives.

Dr. Buddha Prakash Jyoti expressed satisfaction over the commissioning of the rooftop solar project and said Singareni would continue exploring opportunities to increase renewable energy generation across its operations. The inauguration programme was attended by Director (Operations) L.V. Suryanarayana, Director (Projects & Planning) K. Venkateswarlu, Director (E&M) M. Thirumala Rao, GM (Coordination) Tadboin Srinivas, GM (C&P) A. Manohar, GM (E&M Workshop & Energy Management) K. Srinivasulu, representatives of labour unions and officers and employees of Singareni. AITUC Branch Secretary S.V. Ramana Murthy, INTUC Senior Vice President C. Tyagarajan, Corporate CMOAI Vice President Keshav Rao and other representatives also participated in the programme.

CM Revanth Reddy Announces Rs 2,400 Cr Fee Reimbursement to Be Deposited in Advance

Savitribai Phule in Hyderabad. Addressing a public meeting, he said the new payment mechanism was designed to prevent colleges from withholding certificates from students on the grounds that fee reimbursement amounts had not been released. Revanth Reddy also announced plans to introduce skill-development courses alongside regular academics for students from Nursery to Class 12. He said certificates alone were no longer sufficient in a highly competitive employment market and stressed the importance of technical and vocational skills. The government, he said, was already providing comprehensive facilities, including breakfast from the nursery level, while efforts were being made to expand opportunities for students to acquire employment-oriented skills.

The Chief Minister highlighted the role of Advanced Technical Centres (ATCs) established in 119 constituencies in collaboration with the Tata Group in 2024. Students enrolled in these centres are being provided a monthly stipend of Rs 2,000, with the objective of enabling them to acquire technical skills along with formal education. Referring to opportunities for Backward Classes, Revanth Reddy said 60 per cent of candidates selected in Group-I recruitment belonged to BC communities. He also highlighted the establishment of the Young In-

dia Sports University and said the government was providing employment opportunities and financial rewards to sportspersons who excel at national and international levels. The Chief Minister strongly emphasized the importance of education in changing the social and economic circumstances of BC communities. He criticized the previous administration, alleging that BC communities had been confined to traditional occupations such as sheep, goat and cattle rearing instead of being encouraged to pursue higher education and enter professional and public life. Shouldn't this community get educated? Shouldn't they become IAS officers? Shouldn't there be IPS officers, ministers and MLAs among you?" the Chief Minister asked, stressing that education was essential for transforming the lives of disadvantaged communities and the future of Telangana.

Revanth Reddy also highlighted the BC caste census conducted by the Telangana government, describing it as a historic initiative. He said the exercise helped establish the numerical strength of BC communities and would assist the government in designing policies and opportunities for weaker sections. He alleged that some leaders of the previous government had opposed the caste census.

The Chief Minister recalled the contributions of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule to social reform and education. He said Jyotiba Phule recognized the transformative power of education and ensured that Savitribai Phule herself received education, paving the

way for her pioneering contribution to women's education. Revanth Reddy said his government was seeking to carry forward Phule's ideals by expanding educational opportunities and strengthening residential schools and other educational institutions. He maintained that education provides self-respect, social recognition and the confidence to challenge discrimination.

The Chief Minister also referred to the implementation of SC categorisation in Telangana, describing it as another significant step toward social justice. He urged young people to draw inspiration from social reformers and pursue careers as doctors, engineers, civil servants and public representatives. Emphasizing the importance of sports and employment opportunities, Revanth Reddy cited cricketer Mohammed Siraj, world boxing champion Nikhat Zareen and athlete Deepthi as examples of sportspersons who received government employment after excelling in their respective fields. He said the government would continue to support athletes who win medals and bring recognition to Telangana.

The Chief Minister said the government was committed to providing quality education and nutritious food to students and declared that he was prepared to work 18 hours a day for the brighter future of Telangana. He called upon the youth to make use of the opportunities being created by the government. He said the unveiling of the Jyotiba Phule statue was a significant occasion and noted that the city already had statues commemorating national leaders including Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Indira Gandhi and former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao. Revanth Reddy further said that eliminating caste discrimination and developing social consciousness required people to live together with unity and mutual respect. He said the government was taking steps to overhaul the education system and establish integrated residential schools as part of its broader social reform agenda.



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dustrial dispute.They warned that if the discussions fail to produce a satisfactory outcome by August 21, the unions would seek a failure report and prepare for a joint movement in coordination with all labour unions.

The leaders particularly demanded immediate action on issues relating to Medical Board procedures, compassionate appointments and medical invalidation cases. They said Medical Board meetings are held during the third week of every month and urged the management to ensure that pending cases are addressed without unnecessary delay. They also demanded changes to medical attendance rules in a manner favourable to workers and sought a solution to the 2016–17 batch JMET promotion issue. They said B-grade promotions should be provided according to available vacancies and urged the management to honour its assurance on the matter.

Vasireddy Seetharamaiah and Korimi Rajkumar also called for a permanent solution to the Murupere issue through the seven-member committee constituted following an assurance by the Chief Minister. They said the committee should complete its work

and ensure justice for the affected workers. The leaders raised several other demands, including implementation of the own-house scheme, increase of HRA to 8 per cent, resolution of cut-increment cases and pending vigilance cases, and action on other long-pending service-related issues. They also demanded that Singareni's departments should not be outsourced and urged the management to withdraw the ‘N-minus’ system. They sought an increase in compensation for families of workers who die of natural causes and demanded clarity on the treatment of IT-related charges and the burden imposed on employee perks.

The AITUC leaders further urged the Singareni management to take independent decisions in the interests of workers and ensure that important issues are resolved through dialogue. They warned that continued delay without concrete solutions would intensify the workers' movement. “If a solution is not found even after August 21, all labour unions will unite and launch a joint struggle,” they said. AITUC representatives including Secretary Vanga Venkata, Branch Secretary Ramana Murthy, Jakkula Gattaiah, Deputy President Christopher and Assistant Secretary Ramu, among others, participated in the programme.



Sudheer Reddy Inspects Kummarikunta Cheruvu Road, Seeks Immediate Relief for Commuters

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): LB Nagar MLA Devi Reddy Sudheer Reddy on Friday inspected the road near Kummarikunta Cheruvu after receiving complaints about the severe difficulties being faced by commuters and local residents.

The MLA, accompanied by LB Nagar Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato, visited the affected stretch and personally reviewed the condition of the road. Residents explained that the poor condition of the road was causing considerable inconvenience to people travelling through the area, particularly when vehicles pass along the narrow and damaged stretch. Sudheer Reddy directed the officials to examine the issue and take immediate steps to provide a permanent solution. He said commuters should not be forced to face hardships because of inadequate road infrastructure.



The MLA requested that new road construction works be sanctioned and that the existing road be widened wherever necessary to improve traffic movement and provide safer access to residents. Responding to the demand, Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato assured the MLA and local residents that necessary funds would be sanctioned for the road development works. He also assured that steps would be taken to widen the road and undertake new construction at the required locations.

Sudheer Reddy emphasized that civic authorities should give priority to roads that are heavily used by the public and ensure that development works are carried out with proper quality and within the required timeframe. Local residents welcomed the MLA's intervention and expressed hope that the proposed road development works would provide lasting relief to commuters in the area.

Godavari Pushkaralu Works to Begin in First Week of September: Sridhar Babu

week of September and complete the tendering process by the end of August. Chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Friday, Sridhar Babu reviewed the preparedness and department-wise progress of arrangements for the major religious event. He directed officials to adhere strictly to the prescribed timelines so that all infrastructure and facilities are completed well ahead of the Pushkaralu.

The Minister said the State government had allocated Rs 1,000 crore for conducting the Godavari Pushkaralu–2027 and directed officials to appoint special officers at Tier-I locations expected to attract large numbers of pilgrims. He also instructed authorities to establish dedicated command and control centres at important locations for effective coordination and monitoring. Sridhar Babu stressed that there should be no compromise on the quality of works. Senior officials of the concerned departments were directed to undertake regular field inspections and closely monitor construction and development works to ensure that they progress according to schedule. He also directed the Endowments Department to introduce a dedicated dashboard for daily monitoring of the works. The dashboard would enable the government to track progress against



timelines and identify delays at an early stage. Emphasising the importance of inter-departmental coordination, the Minister said all departments should work together to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during the Pushkaralu. Officials were asked to proactively identify and resolve coordination-related issues.

The Minister also directed officials to ensure seamless road connectivity to all major Pushkaralu locations. Any gaps in connectivity should be identified immediately, with necessary works taken up using available local funds, he said. Sridhar Babu stressed the need to involve local public representatives, District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, senior district officials and priests in the preparations. He also directed officials to identify voluntary and private organisations willing to provide services to devotees well in advance. The Cabinet Sub-Committee reviewed preparations across various departments and considered suggestions made by its members. Sridhar Babu directed officials to incorporate the committee's recommendations while implementing the arrangements and warned that negligence or lapses in preparations would invite action.

Ministers Konda Surekha, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Ponnam Prabhakar, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Vivek Venkataswamy and Adluri Laxman Kumar, along with State Government Adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy, participated in the meeting.

Insulting Kharge Shows BJP’s Arrogance, Says Minister Seethakka



Huge Congress Protest Rally Held in Mulug

Seethakka Demands BJP Apologise for Alleged Insult to Mallikarjun Kharge

MULUGU, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Minister for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women & Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Friday accused the BJP of arrogance and strongly condemned what she described as an insult to Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge. She said such conduct was not merely an insult to an individual but an affront to the values of democracy and the people belonging to weaker and marginalised sections.

A massive protest rally was organised by the Congress party at the Mulugu district headquarters under the leadership of Minister Seethakka. Congress leaders, public representatives, youth, women-wing leaders and party workers participated in large numbers and raised slogans against the BJP. Addressing the gathering, Seethakka said political differences should not be allowed to turn into personal attacks or create divisions among people on the basis of caste and religion. She criticised what she described as attempts to exploit social and religious differences for political gains and called for politics based on equality, justice and democratic values.

The Minister said those invoking the name of Lord Sri Ram should also follow the ideals associated with him, particularly the principle of treating people equally without discrimination. She alleged that using religion for political purposes while insulting ordinary people and weaker sections was unacceptable. Seethakka also questioned the BJP and RSS over their historical position on the national flag and criticised what she called selective claims of patriotism and nationalism. She demanded an end to political campaigns that, according to her, mislead people in the name of patriotism and create social divisions.

The Minister demanded that the BJP leadership immediately apologise to Mallikarjun Kharge over the alleged incident. She also called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to respond to the controversy and issue an apology. Seethakka warned the BJP against what she termed divisive politics and said the people would give an appropriate democratic response. “Khabardar BJP,” she warned, asserting that the Congress would continue its struggle for justice, equality and social harmony.

Telangana Cabinet Approves Smart Ration Cards, Skills University and Major Development Initiatives

- *Smart ration cards to cover 3.42 crore beneficiaries; Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 scheduled for December*
- *Cabinet clears Rs 200-crore EV conversion scheme for auto-rickshaws and Rs 2,100-crore Phase-II irrigation works*

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): The Telangana State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, took several key decisions aimed at strengthening welfare delivery, education, agriculture, industrial development, urban mobility and irrigation. The Cabinet reviewed arrangements for the distribution of smart ration cards to beneficiaries across the State and approved several measures intended to accelerate Telangana's development agenda.



The Cabinet noted that the number of ration-card beneficiaries in Telangana had increased from 2.81 crore to 3.42 crore following the issuance of new ration cards. The government has made arrangements to provide smart ration cards to all eligible beneficiaries, with the distribution programme scheduled to be launched on Independence Day. The Cabinet also gave in-principle approval for conducting the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 on December 7, 8 and 9. The summit will be organised under the theme “Invest Telangana”, with special committees and sub-committees to oversee arrangements. The proposed Bharat Future City plan is expected to be unveiled during the summit, with a focus on showcasing investment opportunities in defence, aerospace, pharmaceuticals and other key sectors.

The Cabinet discussed measures concerning the monsoon agricultural season and decided to encourage farmers to cultivate seven identi-

fied varieties of grains. The government also reviewed procurement of Yasangi paddy, noting that Telangana had emerged as the country's leading State in paddy procurement. Officials reported that 81.16 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had been procured from farmers at Minimum Support Price. Of this, 63.62 lakh metric tonnes is to be distributed through the Central Government, while the remaining 17.54 lakh metric tonnes will be sold through e-auction. In view of increased revenue from maize auctions, the Cabinet fixed a basic price of Rs 2,389 per quintal for maize and approved its sale through e-auction.

The Cabinet also approved a major restructuring of the State's skill-development ecosystem. ITIs, Advanced Technical Centres and Polytechnic colleges are to be brought under the proposed Young India Skills University framework to strengthen technical education and employment-oriented training. Approval was also given for the construction of Young India Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRS) at several locations, including Kothagudem, Adilabad, Nirmal, Mudhole, Boath, Sirpur, Gajwel and Dubbak. The government said 113 YIIRS complexes were planned in the first phase, with permissions already granted for 86 school complexes. As part of efforts to control pollution and promote cleaner mobility in Hyderabad, the Cabinet approved a ?200-crore Telangana Auto Rickshaw Electric Conversion Scheme. Hyderabad currently has around 18,766 petrol and diesel autorickshaws, and the scheme aims to facilitate their transition to electric vehicles. Eligible auto-rickshaw drivers will receive a subsidy of up to Rs 1.5 lakh per vehicle. The scheme will provide beneficiaries with the option of installing an electric conversion kit in their existing vehicle or purchasing a new electric auto after scrapping the old vehicle. The Cabinet also extended the application deadline under the HILT policy, which aims to shift polluting industries located within Hyderabad city limits to designated areas on the outskirts. The deadline has been extended by three months, allowing eligible applicants to submit applications until October 31.

The Cabinet approved an estimated Rs 2,100 crore for Phase-II works of the concerned irrigation project. The government said the project would provide agricultural, drinking and industrial water to large numbers of farmers and residents in the region. Another important decision was to increase the capacity of the proposed pumped-storage project from 1.19 TMC to 15 TMC. The Cabinet also approved the appointment of a consultant to study the feasibility of solar power generation alongside the pumped-storage project. The decisions form part of the State government's broader strategy to expand welfare coverage, strengthen education and skill development, attract investments, promote clean transportation, improve irrigation infrastructure and accelerate Telangana's economic growth.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Backs Green Mobility, Unveils Tata Sierra EV in Hyderabad

Tata Safari for several years and was familiar with the performance and reliability of Tata vehicles. The Minister described the new Sierra as a combination of an iconic Indian automobile legacy with modern technology and environmental consciousness. He expressed confidence in the vehicle's success in the Indian market and congratulated Tata Motors and its employees on the new product.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the automobile industry was undergoing a major transformation, with electric, connected and sustainable mobility increasingly shaping its future. He appreciated Tata Motors for its role in strengthening India's electric vehicle ecosystem and making electric mobility accessible to a wider section of consumers. He said the shift towards electric vehicles could help reduce air pollution, lower dependence on fossil fuels and strengthen energy security while contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable future. According to the Minister, the transition to EVs represents both an environmental necessity and a significant economic opportunity for India.

The Minister stated that the Telangana Government was actively encouraging EV adoption through various incentives, including exemption from life tax and registration-related charges for eligible electric vehicles. He said such measures were aimed at reduc-

ing the initial cost of EV ownership and encouraging citizens, commercial operators and institutions to adopt cleaner transportation. He added that the government was working to expand public charging infrastructure across Hyderabad and other urban centres in partnership with TGREDCO, power distribution companies and private operators. Charging facilities are being encouraged at public parking areas, commercial establishments, transport hubs and other strategic locations to provide motorists with convenient access.

The State Government is also encouraging the introduction of electric buses in public transport, electrification of government and commercial fleets, battery-swapping facilities and the development of charging networks along important roads and highways, he said. Uttam Kumar Reddy further stated that Telangana aims to emerge as a major hub for the manufacture of electric vehicles, batteries, automotive components and charging equipment. He said the government would continue to support investment, research, innovation, skill development and employment generation in the green-mobility sector.

The Minister emphasised that Telangana's development should combine technological advancement with environmental responsibility. He expressed the government's willingness to work closely with automobile manufacturers and other stakeholders to build a greener, cleaner and more sustainable State. Senior representatives of Tata Motors and other dignitaries attended the programme. The organisers felicitated Uttam Kumar Reddy and thanked him for participating in the launch.

CM Revanth Reddy Unveils Statues of Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule in Hyderabad



Statues installed opposite Necklace Road at HMD&A Grounds

CM pays floral tributes to pioneering social reformers and educationists

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the statues of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule, renowned social reformers and pioneers of education, at the HMD&A Grounds opposite Necklace Road in Hyderabad. The Chief Minister paid floral tributes to the statues and recalled the contributions of Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule towards social reform, equality and the spread of education. Their efforts, particularly in promoting education among socially disadvantaged communities and women, continue to inspire generations.

Ministers, government advisors, public representatives and other dignitaries participated in the programme in large numbers. The event highlighted the State government's emphasis on carrying forward the ideals of the Phule couple through education, social justice and empowerment. The unveiling ceremony was held as part of the government's broader initiatives to promote social awareness and honour personalities who played a historic role in challenging social inequalities and expanding access to education.

MLA Jare Adinarayana Launches ‘Vidya Yatra – Mana MLA.. Mana Badi’ to Improve Student Performance

- *MLA Inspects Rural Residential School and Reviews Students’ Academic Progress*
- *Calls on Students to Set High Goals and Become Responsible Citizens*



CHANDRUGONDA , August 14 (The Journalist Post): Ashwaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana participated in the ‘Vidya Yatra – Mana MLA.. Mana Badi’ programme at the Kamalapur Rural Welfare Residential School in Mulakalapalli Mandal on Friday, with the objective of improving educational standards and achieving better academic results for students. As part of the programme, the MLA released the ‘Uddipanam-3’ magazine, designed to support students in developing their learning skills and improving their educational performance.

Jare Adinarayana subsequently visited the classrooms and reviewed the academic standards and performance of the students. He interacted with the students and encouraged them to study with determination and set ambitious goals for their future. “Addressing the students, the MLA urged them to focus on education and work towards becoming responsible citizens of the country. He said quality education and self-confidence are essential for students to build successful careers and contribute to the development of society. He emphasised the importance of strengthening educational standards in government schools, particularly in rural areas, and said special attention should be given to improving students' confidence and overall development.

The MLA also appreciated teachers, parents and villagers for their cooperation in supporting educational initiatives. He said several inspirational programmes were being conducted with his continued support to help students prepare for a better future. He expressed appreciation to the school staff for their efforts and urged them to continue working with dedication towards improving student outcomes. ATDO officials, school staff and other representatives participated in the programme.



Congress Government Has No Concern for the Poor, Alleges Talasani Srinivas Yadav

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Former Minister and BRS senior leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav accused the Congress government in Telangana of neglecting the interests of poor families and demanded that the government ensure housing and welfare measures that enable the poor to live with dignity and self-respect. Speaking at a media conference at Telangana Bhavan on Friday, Talasani Srinivas Yadav highlighted the housing initiatives undertaken during the previous BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He said the KCR government had introduced the double-bedroom housing programme with the objective of providing poor families with fully equipped homes without financial burden on beneficiaries.



Talasani claimed that the GHMC had taken up construction of one lakh double-bedroom houses across 109 locations, of which around 69,000 units had been completed. He said eligible beneficiaries were identified through a transparent process and that housing projects were constructed even in locations where land values were high. Referring to the housing project at Kollur, he said around 16,000

double-bedroom units had been constructed in a single location, describing it as one of Asia's largest housing communities. He said the housing complexes were provided with facilities including electricity, drainage, roads and lifts. The BRS leader challenged the Congress government to inspect and compare the housing projects constructed during the previous administration. He questioned the government's claims regarding its own housing programme and demanded clarity on the number of houses being constructed, their locations and the criteria being followed to identify beneficiaries.

Talasani also questioned allegations regarding the collection of money from poor applicants in connection with housing applications and demanded transparency in the process. He sought clarification on why applicants were allegedly being asked to pay additional amounts along with applications and called for details of all payments collected from beneficiaries. He further raised allegations concerning land belonging to poor families and questioned the government's policies relating to land and property. Talasani alleged that attempts were being

■ *Demands transparency over applications, land allocations and welfare measures*

made to take over or redistribute lands belonging to economically weaker sections and demanded that the government explain the legal basis for such actions. The BRS leader also questioned what he described as alleged commissions and irregularities in government processes, stating that details would be brought before the public. He said the BRS would continue to raise issues concerning the interests of poor and weaker sections. Commenting on the recent rainfall and religious observances in Telangana, Talasani said people traditionally pray for the welfare and prosperity of society during difficult weather conditions. He also remarked that there should be no political controversy over religious observances performed by public representatives.

Talasani Srinivas Yadav also congratulated the Telangana Bhavan leadership and party workers on the occasion marking two decades since the construction of the BRS headquarters. He said Telangana Bhavan had played an important role as a platform during the movement for statehood and would continue to serve as a centre for public struggles. He asserted that the BRS would continue to stand with people from all sections of society and oppose policies that, according to the party, adversely affect the poor and weaker sections.

Telangana's Rs 16,007-Crore Rural Roads Mission to Begin from Mulugu on August 16

MULUGU, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Telangana is set to launch a major rural road development programme aimed at transforming connectivity across the State, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy scheduled to inaugurate the initiative at Mulugu on August 16.

The Rs 16,007-crore programme is designed to strengthen road links between villages, mandal headquarters and major roads, with the Chief Minister set to unveil a commemorative pylon at the Mulugu district headquarters. In the first phase, the programme envisages development of 2,145 road routes covering approximately 7,448 kilometres. The government aims to establish continuous connectivity from village panchayats to mandal centres and onward to major road networks, particularly improving access for people living in remote and rural areas.

The mega road initiative has been planned with the broader objective of transforming Telangana's rural transport infrastructure and strengthening links between rural and urban centres. The proposed connectivity model envisages



two-lane roads connecting villages with mandal centres, wider roads linking mandal or zonal centres with district headquarters, and higher-capacity corridors

connecting district centres with major State centres.

The programme assumes particular significance for districts such as Mulugu, where forest, tribal and agency areas often face transportation challenges. Improved road connectivity is expected to facilitate the movement of agricultural produce to markets, help students reach educational institutions, provide faster access to healthcare and create new opportunities for employment and economic activity.

CM Revanth Reddy to Unveil Pylon for Mega Connectivity Programme

2,145 Routes Covering 7,448 Km to Strengthen Village-to-Mandal Connectivity

The State government has proposed implementing the rural road works under a Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), involving government and construction agencies in the financing and execution of projects. The arrangement is also intended to ensure long-term maintenance and quality of the roads after construction.

Mulugu has been selected as the launch venue for the State-level programme, highlighting the government's focus on improving connectivity in remote and tribal regions. Minister for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply, Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya Seethakka is associated with the programme, which is being positioned as a major step towards comprehensive rural development.

The proposed road expansion comes amid wider efforts to strengthen Telangana's rural connectivity. According to the Union government's latest PMGSY data, Telangana had 13,146 km of rural roads completed under PMGSY and related verticals as of July 16, 2026, with 704 habitations connected. Officials and the government are expected to focus on timely execution, road quality and long-term maintenance so that the programme delivers sustained benefits to rural communities. The launch from Mulugu is being projected as the beginning of a new phase in Telangana's rural transport infrastructure.

there could be no compromise on the quality of development works being undertaken with public funds. He emphasised that the bridge should remain safe



and useful to the public for several decades after completion. He directed officials to conduct a comprehensive inspection into the allegations and verify whether the construction was being carried out in accordance with prescribed technical standards. He

Sudheer Reddy Inspects Madhuranagar Flood-Drainage Issues, Seeks Bigger Outlet

ments were inadequate to handle the inflow during heavy rains, resulting in water accumulating at several low-lying locations.

Sudheer Reddy said an outlet had earlier been provided near an apartment in Madhuranagar to facilitate the discharge



of floodwater. However, the existing outlet was no longer sufficient to handle the volume of water entering the colony. He said a larger outlet would be constructed at the location to improve the flow of stormwater and prevent flooding in the coming days.

The MLA stressed that the drainage infrastructure should be designed according to the requirements of the growing residential areas. Responding to the MLA's observations, Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato assured that the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation authorities would take steps to construct a larger outlet and address the drainage problem. Local residents welcomed the proposed measures and expressed hope that the improvement works would provide permanent relief from waterlogging during the rainy season. Senior leader Anantula Rajireddy, Division Congress Party President Toorpati Chiranjeevi, and residents of the colony participated in the inspection.

Sudheer Reddy Inspects Anu Furniture Side Road, Reviews Development Works in Mansoorabad



Local residents welcomed the MLA's visit and expressed their appreciation for the attention being given to infrastructure development in the colony.

Former Corporator Koppu Vithal Reddy, Colony Honorary President Balraj Goud, President Yadaiah, Secretary Praveen, and other residents and community representatives, including Arun, Saikiran, Anjaneyulu, Srivenu, Chari, Govardhan and Sriramulu, participated in the programme.

Bridge Construction Quality Cannot Be Compromised, Says MLC Nellikanti Satya

MLC Conducts On-the-Spot Inspection of Kothularam Bridge Works

NALGONDA, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Legislative Council Member Nellikanti Satya inspected the ongoing construction of a bridge over the Kothularam river in Kothularam village of Munugode Mandal on Friday after local residents raised complaints about the alleged use of substandard sand, soil and other construction materials. Local residents and village elders had reportedly complained to the authorities that construction standards were not being properly followed and

that excessive quantities of sand and soil were being used in the bridge works. The Sarpanch and villagers also brought the issue to the attention of the MLC. Responding to the complaints, Nellikanti Satya visited the site and personally inspected the ongoing construction works. He examined the sand, soil and other materials being used and sought details about the quality and progress of the works from local representatives, including the former Sarpanch.

The MLC stated that

warned that the use of materials contrary to regulations could compromise public safety and would not be tolerated.

Nellikanti Satya subsequently spoke to the concerned officer over the phone and directed that the bridge construction should be carried out strictly according to approved quality standards. He instructed officials to take immediate corrective measures if any substandard materials were found to be in use. The MLC also called for continuous monitoring of the construction work to ensure that no quality deficiencies arise at any stage. He said complaints received from the public should not be ignored and that elected representatives and officials have a responsibility to conduct field-level inspections and resolve genuine grievances. He further directed the authorities to give special attention to the Kothularam bridge works and complete the project while maintaining quality, safety and public confidence.

Nellikanti Satya made it clear that corruption, negligence and deficiencies in development works would be closely monitored and that action would be sought wherever irregularities were established. Local residents expressed satisfaction over the MLC's field inspection and his assurance that their complaints would be examined.



Senior Congress Leaders Attend Inauguration of Vashishtha Multi-Specialty Hospital

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Senior Congress leader Boggarapu Varun attended the inauguration of the newly established Vashishtha Multi-Specialty Hospital in the ECIL area of Dammaiguda as the chief guest. The hospital was inaugurated following an invitation from the organisers, and Varun congratulated the hospital management and medical team on the occasion. Speaking at the programme, Boggarapu Varun said the establishment of a multi-specialty hospital in Dammaiguda would help address the growing healthcare needs of residents in the area and surrounding localities. He said the availability of medical services closer to residential communities would be particularly beneficial during emergencies.



Boggarapu Varun Hails New Healthcare Facility in Dammaiguda

Hospital Aims to Provide Modern Medical Services to Local Residents

view of the increasing healthcare requirements of the population. He expressed hope that Vashishtha Multi-Specialty Hospital would continue to expand its services and emerge as a reputed healthcare institution providing quality medical care to people. He congratulated the hospital administrators and urged them to maintain a service-oriented approach while providing medical treatment. He said healthcare institutions have an important responsibility towards society and should ensure that quality medical services remain accessible to the public. During the inauguration programme, the hospital management and medical staff welcomed the guests and explained the facilities and various departments available at the hospital. Bolgan Sai, Prasanna Kumar, Devendra Samudral, Nag Vardhan and others participated in the programme.

Grand Tiranga Yatra Held at Tank Bund with Patriotic Fervour Under N. Ramchander Rao



pants carried the Tricolour and raised patriotic slogans, creating an atmosphere of national pride along Tank Bund. Several personalities from the Telugu film industry also joined the Tiranga Yatra.

Actor Sai Kumar and Faria Abdullah, known for her role in Jathi Ratnalu, participated in the programme and joined citizens in expressing their respect for the national flag. Speaking on the occasion, participants recalled the sacrifices of the great personalities and freedom fighters who dedicated their lives to safeguarding the honour and sovereignty of the nation. They said that remembering their sacrifices should inspire every citizen to contribute towards nation-building with dedication and a strong sense of responsibility.

The organisers said the Tiranga Yatra was aimed at strengthening patriotic spirit among citizens, particularly the younger generation, and encouraging Gen-Z youth to understand their responsibility towards the country's future. The participation of thousands of young people added special significance to the programme, with Gen-Z participants joining political leaders, public representatives, film personalities and citizens in celebrating the spirit of Independence Day. The event highlighted the message that the Tricolour symbolises India's unity, sovereignty and collective aspirations. Participants called upon citizens to uphold the dignity of the national flag and work together towards building a stronger, prosperous and united India.



Rangareddy Farmers Urged to Diversify Crops Amid Rainfall Concerns :

C. Narayana Reddy

RANGAREDDY, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Rangareddy District Collector C. Narayana Reddy, IAS, has advised farmers to plan their cultivation carefully based on prevailing climatic conditions, rainfall forecasts and available water resources, particularly in view of the possibility of below-normal rainfall in September.

The Collector urged farmers not to depend entirely on water-intensive crops and instead give greater preference to alternative crops that require comparatively less water. He said farmers, especially those dependent on rainfall, should assess likely water availability before selecting crops for the current cultivation season. He advised farmers to cultivate water-intensive crops only after carefully assessing the availability of irrigation sources such as reservoirs, lakes, ponds and borewells. The Collector stressed that advance planning would help farmers minimise the risk of crop losses caused by uncertain rainfall and changing weather conditions. Preference for Alternative Crops As alternatives to water-intensive crops, farmers were advised to consider crops such as red gram (kandi), green gram (pesara), black gram (minumu), jowar (jonna), sorghum/millet (sajja), maize and other suitable low-water crops, depending on local soil conditions, climate and water availability.

The Collector also encouraged farmers to cultivate vegetables and other suitable crops, including oil palm in areas recommended by the Agriculture Department. He cautioned that excessive dependence on a single crop could increase the financial risks faced by farmers during abnormal climatic conditions. Promoting crop diversification, he said, would help farmers make better use of available water resources while reducing the impact of adverse



• Collector C. Narayana Reddy Advises Farmers to Choose Crops Based on Water Availability

• Officials Directed to Create Village-Level Awareness on Alternative Crops and Weather Forecasts

weather conditions.

Village-Level Awareness Among Farmers

Collector C. Narayana Reddy directed Agriculture Department officials to create awareness among farmers at the village level about prevailing climatic conditions, rainfall forecasts, water availability and alternative crop options. Agriculture extension officers were instructed to maintain regular contact with farmers, conduct field visits and provide scientific guidance on seed selection, sowing time, cultivation practices, water management and fertiliser application. Officials were also asked to recommend crops suitable for individual areas based on local soil and climatic conditions and address farmers' concerns through timely technical advice.

Farmers Advised to Remain Cautious in September

The Collector urged farmers to closely monitor weather warnings, particularly in view of the possibility of inadequate rainfall in September. He advised them to take cultivation decisions based on official forecasts and instructions issued by the Agriculture and meteorological authorities. He said selecting crops that require less water in advance could help farmers avoid water shortages during critical stages of cultivation.

Advance Planning Can Reduce Crop Losses

The Collector emphasised that advance agricultural planning could significantly reduce crop losses under uncertain rainfall conditions. Efficient use of available water, crop diversification and selection of drought-tolerant or low-water crops would help farmers manage climatic risks more effectively. He advised farmers to consult Agriculture Department officials or their local Agricultural Extension Officers before taking major cultivation decisions and encouraged them to adopt scientific farming practices suited to prevailing weather conditions. The Collector also directed Agriculture Department officials in the district to continuously monitor climatic conditions and provide farmers with timely technical guidance and necessary advisories to help protect crops and ensure more stable agricultural incomes.

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Blood Donation Camp Held at Bhadradri Government Hospital

◆ *ODistrict Legal Services Authority Organises Camp as Part of Organ Donation Awareness*

Lawyers, Para-Legal Volunteers and Public Representatives Participate

CHANDRUGONDA, August 14 (The Journalist Post): A blood donation camp was successfully organised at the Bhadradri Kothagudem District Government Hospital on Friday under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority, as part of efforts to promote awareness about blood and organ donation.

District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Senior Civil Judge M. Rajendar, District Medical and Health Officer Tukaram, Hospital Superintendent Mohan, and Civil Surgeon Rajendra inaugurated the blood donation camp. A number of lawyers, Para-Legal Volunteers, public representatives and social workers participated in the programme and donated blood. Koteesh, Kapil Raj, Imam, Nagamani, BJP state leader Ravinder, GR Basti Shiva, Khalid, Naveen and Sai, among others, took part in the camp.

The organisers highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation and urged members of the public to come forward and donate blood regularly so that adequate supplies are available during medical emergencies. They also stressed the need to cre-

ate greater awareness about organ donation, noting that organ donation can save and transform the lives of patients suffering from serious illnesses. The organisers expressed their appreciation to all blood donors, lawyers, Para-Legal



Volunteers, District Legal Services Authority representatives and others who extended their cooperation in making the camp successful.



Fanatic Forces Threaten Social Harmony, People Will Reject Them: MLA Jare Adinarayana

Congress Holds Protest Rally and Satyagraha in Kothagudem

CHANDRUGONDA, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Congress leaders and workers organised a protest rally and Satyagraha in Kothagudem on Thursday in protest against what they described as the alleged insult of Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge and the marginalisation of Dalits, Bahujans and weaker sections. The protest rally began at the Old Bus Depot and proceeded towards the Railway Station area, where Congress leaders later organised a Satyagraha near the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. District DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna and Ashwaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana participated in the programme. Addressing the gathering, MLA Jare Adinarayana said that insulting senior leaders and weaker sections of society was unacceptable. He alleged that the recent political controversy had reflected a broader attempt to promote caste-based divisions and fanaticism. He said Dalits, Bahujans, poor people and other marginalised communities deserved dignity and equal treatment. He expressed confidence that people would reject forces attempting to create divisions in society in the name of caste, religion and regional differences.



The MLA reaffirmed the Congress Party's commitment to supporting Dalits and other disadvantaged communities and said the party would continue to raise its voice against discrimination and attacks on constitutional values. DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna condemned what she described as anti-people policies and the promotion of fanaticism. She alleged that the Constitution and democratic values were being undermined and said the Satyagraha at the Gandhi statue was organised to protest against discrimination and the alleged targeting of leaders belonging to Dalit and weaker sections. She called upon Congress workers to remain united in defending social justice, equality and constitutional principles. District and Mandal-level Congress leaders, corporators, Sarpanches, former public representatives, booth-level leaders, leaders of affiliated organisations and senior party workers participated in the protest in large numbers.

Coordinated Efforts Essential for Integrated Village Development: MLA Rajagopal Reddy

• **Officials and Public Representatives Must Work Together to Resolve Rural Issues**

• **MLA Reviews Development, Education, Health, Roads and Welfare in Munugode**

NALGONDA, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy stressed the need for close coordination between government officials and public representatives to achieve integrated development of villages. He said development can be accelerated only when officials from all departments work together and respond effectively to local issues. The MLA participated in a development review meeting held at the Munugode Mandal Parishad office on Friday, the first such meeting after the election of the new gram panchayat representatives. Legislative Council member Nellikanti Satya also participated in the meeting. Officials from various government departments presented reports on development activities and ongoing works in the mandal.



The MLA reviewed issues relating to electricity, housing, revenue, village administration, Anganwadi centres, schools, primary healthcare and other essential services. Rajagopal Reddy directed officials to identify gaps in basic infrastructure and take steps to address them at the earliest. He said develop-

ment works should be implemented according to the needs of local communities and that public representatives must remain actively involved in resolving village-level problems. He stressed the importance of road development and other basic infrastructure and said necessary buildings should be constructed at village centres to ensure that public services are easily accessible. He also underlined the responsibilities of newly elected Sarpanches in strengthening village administration and contributing actively to local development.

The MLA called for strict measures against the sale of liquor in villages and urged public representatives and officials to work towards preventing illegal or unauthorised liquor sales. He said officials should perform their duties responsibly and maintain punctuality and accountability in public service. MLC Nellikanti Satya warned that officials who neglect their responsibilities would face action and said there should be no compromise on accountability in implementing government programmes.

Speaking to officials and public representatives, DCCB Chairman Kumbha Srinivas Reddy urged them to work collectively to identify and resolve problems faced by villagers. He emphasised that coordinated efforts among departments would help improve the delivery of essential services. DPO Tarun Chakraborty, Market Committee Chairman Doti Narayana, Tahsildar Naresh, MPDO Venkateshwar Reddy, officials from various departments, Sarpanches, local representatives and other prominent persons attended the meeting.

Nalgonda Kummara Sangham Ready for Grand Shravana Bonalu Jatara

301 Bonas to Be Offered at Dharveshipur Yallamma Amnavari Temple

Over 3,000 Devotees Expected for August 16 Celebrations

NALGONDA, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Leaders of the Nalgonda District Kummara Sangham said all arrangements have been completed for the grand Shravana Bonalu Jatara to be organised at Dharveshipur Sri Sri Sri Yallamma



Ammavari Devasthanam in Kangal Mandal on August 16. The festival is being organised for the second consecutive year with the aim of preserving and promoting the traditional customs and cultural heritage of the Kummara community.

the festival committee, the celebrations will begin at 10 a.m. at the Yallamma Amnavari temple premises near Sadashiv Function Hall. As part of the festivities, devotees will offer 301 Bonas to the goddess. Organisers said the special prayers would be conducted seeking the blessings of Amnavari for the happiness, good health, prosperity and well-being of Kummara families. More than 3,000 devotees and members of the Kummara community from different parts of Nalgonda district are expected to participate in the Jatara. Organisers said extensive arrangements are being made to ensure that devotees can participate in the celebrations without inconvenience. Nalgonda District Collector Chandrashekhar Badugu, IAS, and District Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar, IPS, have been invited as chief guests for the programme. The festival committee expressed hope that their participation would add significance to the celebrations.



Telangana State Pottery Association State Working President and Nalgonda District President Rajput Bikshapati, District Chief Secretary Gangadhri Venkateshwarlu, Bonalu Festival Committee Chairperson Agirishetti Anita Srisailam, Vice Chairpersons Amanchi Anita Vijay Kumar and Khammupathi Madhavi Anjaneyulu, along with district and community leaders, are overseeing the arrangements. District committee members Chittimalla Dasarath, Nidanampalli Venkataswamy, Chittimalla Anjaneyulu, Nalgonda Block President Nimmangoti Shyam Prasad, Munugode Block President Siriveru Satya, District Publicity Secretary Kancharla Ramu, Radharp Vijalakshmi, former MPTC member Khammupathi Kotes, and others are coordinating preparations for the Jatara.

The organisers said special arrangements are being made for devotees, includ-

ing facilities for worship, crowd management and other requirements associated with the festival. They appealed to Kummara community members, devotees and families to participate in large numbers and seek the blessings of Yallamma Amnavari. The festival committee said the Shravana Bonalu Jatara represents devotion, tradition and community unity and expressed confidence that the first Bonalu Jatara of the Shravana month at Dharveshipur would be celebrated successfully with the participation of thousands of devotees.

BRS Moves Telangana Lokayukta Over Alleged Tessara Act Land Allocation to CM Revanth Reddy Family-Linked Company

the due-diligence process followed by the authorities. According to the complaint, around five acres, or approximately 20,234 square metres, of land at Raviryal Non-SEZ E-City in Maheswaram mandal of Rangareddy district was allotted to the company at approximately Rs 3,707 per square metre, amounting to around Rs 7 crore to Rs 7.5 crore. BRS has claimed that the land's market value could range between Rs 135 crore and Rs 200 crore and alleged that the allocation was made without an open tender or competitive process.

The BRS representatives alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's younger brother, Anumula Kondal Reddy, has publicly described himself as Chairman of Tessara Act on professional and international platforms. They further alleged that the Chief Minister's nephew, Anumula Nayan Reddy, has identified himself as the company's full-time CEO since January 2025. The party has questioned the company's operational and financial credentials, alleging that its statutory registered office is located in a residential apartment and that company records for the financial year ending March 31, 2025 showed no employees. BRS also alleged that the company's paid-up capital stood at only ?1 lakh, and questioned whether an entity with such financial and operational characteristics was adequately assessed before the allocation of valuable government land.

The complaint also raises allegations concerning material displayed on the company's website. BRS representatives claimed that photographs originating from the European Court of Auditors' website were used to create an impression of advanced infrastructure. They further alleged that a placeholder telephone number displayed on the website was subsequently changed after the issue was raised publicly. Another issue highlighted in the complaint concerns foreign-exchange income. BRS alleged that the company's foreign-exchange income increased to Rs 1.06 crore in 2024-25, despite what the party described as a lack of corresponding foreign-currency expenditure, subsidiaries or joint ventures. The party has sought an examination of the company's financial transactions and records.

The BRS delegation also alleged that there were discrepancies between the identities associated with Tessara Act in public announcements and those appearing in Ministry of Corporate Affairs records. The party has raised allegations of possible benami control and sought an independent investigation into the company's ownership and management structure. The complaint invokes constitutional principles concerning equality and transparency in the allocation of public resources and refers to several Supreme Court judgments relating to government land, public resources, discretionary power and public trust. BRS has alleged that the circumstances surrounding the allocation warrant examination under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act. The party has demanded that the alleged five-acre allocation be immediately stopped and cancelled pending inquiry and that the land be restored to the government. It has also sought a detailed investigation into the roles of Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and officials of the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC).

BRS further demanded that the Lokayukta summon and examine relevant government files, including proceedings, technical evaluation reports and documents relating to the land allocation, and determine whether any relationship involving the Chief Minister's family was disclosed during the process. The party has also sought an inquiry into the alleged role of Nayan Reddy as CEO and the ownership structure of the company, besides requesting action under applicable benami-property laws if violations are established.

The BRS representatives urged the Lokayukta to submit its findings to the Governor of Telangana in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Lokayukta Act and recommended that the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau investigate any offences found during the inquiry. BRS leaders said the party would intensify its legal and political campaign over what they described as the alleged transfer of valuable public assets to businesses linked to the Chief Minister's family. The allegations are contained in the BRS complaint and remain subject to examination by the competent authorities; the concerned individuals and company would have an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

Phule Couple’s Statues Unveiled in Hyderabad, Symbolising Equality and Social Justice: Konda Surekha

HYDERABAD, August 14 (The Journalist Post): Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha said the unveiling of the statues of social reformers Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad was a historic occasion that would inspire future generations. Speaking at the statue unveiling programme held at the HMD&A Grounds opposite Necklace Road, Minister Konda Surekha paid tribute to the Phule couple and highlighted their lifelong struggle against caste discrimination, social inequalities and injustice. She described Jyotirao Phule as a great social reformer and social thinker who worked throughout his life to ensure equal rights and opportunities for marginalised sections. She said his efforts went beyond social reform, as he recognised education as a powerful instrument for transforming society.

The Minister recalled Jyotirao Phule's pioneering contribution to women's education. At a time when women were largely denied access to education, he encouraged his wife Savitribai Phule to become a teacher and supported her efforts to



educate girls. Together, the Phule couple established schools and laid the foundation for the advancement of women's education and dignity. Konda Surekha said their struggle for equality, education, women's rights and social justice remained highly relevant to the present generation. She said the statues would serve not merely as memorials but as symbols of the principles for which the couple fought. The Minister stated that the Congress government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was giving priority to the welfare and development of weaker sections. She said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the State Government were working towards ensuring greater social, political and economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities. She reiterated the government's commitment to providing 42 per cent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) and said Telangana had become the first State to send proposals to the Centre on the issue. She emphasised that adequate opportunities should be provided to BC students and communities in education, employment and political representation.

Konda Surekha said the government was implementing several programmes aimed at improving edu-

Minister Hails Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule’s Contribution to Education and Women’s Empowerment

'Batwara 1947' Opens to Mixed Reviews; Sunny Deol's Performance Draws Praise



MUMBAI, August 14: Sunny Deol and Preity Zinta-starrer Batwara 1947 arrived in theatres on August 14, entering the competitive Independence Day weekend alongside Emraan Hashmi's Awarapan 2. Directed by Rajkumar Santoshi, the period drama is set against the backdrop of the 1947 Partition and explores displacement, communal tensions and the importance of humanity during a turbulent period in Indian history.

The film has received mixed reactions from critics and audiences. Sunny Deol's performance has emerged as one of the major highlights, while Shabana Azmi and Preity Zinta have also received appreciation for their performances and emotional portrayal of the characters.

The film opened to a moderate response at the box office. Early reports put its first-day India collection at around Rs 5.75 crore, with the film trailing Awarapan 2 on its opening day. The holiday weekend and positive word-of-mouth could prove important for its theatrical performance in the coming days. Rajkumar Santoshi's storytelling focuses on the human consequences of Partition rather than simply presenting a historical spectacle. The emotional conflict between displaced families and the film's message of humanity form the central elements of the narrative.

The Journalist Post Verdict: Batwara 1947 is a well-intentioned period drama supported by strong performances, particularly from Sunny Deol and Shabana Azmi. However, its lengthy second half and uneven pacing may prevent it from becoming a consistently powerful theatrical experience.

cational opportunities for poor and middle-class students. She noted that students were being provided uniforms and books from the beginning of the academic year, along with breakfast and quality mid-day meals to improve attendance and support their nutritional needs. The government was also working to improve educational infrastructure and provide students with better learning environments, nutrition and other essential facilities, she said.

The Minister particularly emphasised the importance of women's education and said the government was committed to ensuring that girls receive higher education and achieve greater opportunities in life. Educating a girl, she said, benefits not only her family but society as a whole. She further said welfare programmes, including Indiramma Houses and free electricity, were being implemented to support poor families. The government's objective, she said, was to ensure that weaker and disadvantaged sections become active participants in Telangana's development.

Konda Surekha expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for unveiling the statues and providing an opportunity for the people of Telangana to remember and draw inspiration from the contributions of the Phule couple. She said the statues represent equality, education, women's empowerment and social justice, and asserted that the Congress people's government would continue working towards building a more inclusive and equitable Telangana by following the path shown by Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule.