

Retiring Telangana CS appointed as CM's advisor

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has made another significant decision. Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, who is set to retire on June 30, has been appointed as an Advisor and Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister. This decision was formalised by the state government through a Government Order (G.O.) issued on Friday. The appointment, effective on his retirement day, aims to leverage his extensive administrative experience.

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Bhatti Vikramarka, Ponnam Prabhakar Call for Stronger Fight Against Drugs

K. Shanti Kumar, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Eagle Force & Disabled, Senior Citizens, and Transgender Persons Empowerment Department organized a day program against drug abuse and trafficking. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Ponnam Prabhakar were present. DGP CV Anand, Sandeep Kumar Sandilya, Cyberabad CP, Anita Ramachandran, film actor Ram Pothineni, film actress Meenakshi Chaudhary and other officers participated in this program. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud said, He said that Telangana government has formed Eagle Force against drugs. He said that it will be given full powers to curb drugs and control drugs.

He said that the youth should come forward for the future construction of Telangana. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud said that if you know information about drugs, call 1908. Evil spreads quickly. He said that no drugs is



possible only through government programs and people's participation is required. Drug abuse is one of the most affecting youth in today's society. It affects not only the life of an individual, but also the future of the family and the peace and security of the society. That's why Minister Ponnam said on this occasion that everyone should consider this problem as a social responsibility. He said that the Department of Empowerment of Disabled,

Elderly and Transgender has been appointed as the nodal department for effective implementation of this program in Telangana. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the government is taking strict measures to achieve a drug-free Telangana. He said that Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau, Police Department, Education Department and other government departments are working in coordination and working to

eliminate drugs. To create awareness among the youth about drug addiction, He said that the aim of this program is to take the victims towards rehabilitation. Drug problem cannot be curbed by laws alone. Parents, teachers, educational institutions and society should work together to guide the youth in the right direction. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud said that every student should protect his future from becoming a victim of intoxication.

Bhatti Calls for United Fight Against Drugs at EAGLE Force Event

K. Shanti Kumar, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, an awareness programme was organized at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad under the joint aegis of EAGLE Force and the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, and Transgender Persons. The event was conducted with the aim of achieving a drug-free Telangana, with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka attending as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka called upon every section of society to join hands with the government in eradicating narcotics. He urged the youth to stay away from drugs and focus on education, employment, and skill development. He warned



that drug addiction severely impacts individuals, families, and society as a whole. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, DGP C. V. Anand, Sandeep Kumar Sandilya, and Cyberabad Police Commissioner Anitha Ramachandran also participated in the programme and explained the measures being taken by the government to curb drug abuse and trafficking. They reiterated that strict action would continue against il-

legal drug trade and consumption. Film actor Ram Pothineni and actress Meenakshi Chaudhary also attended the event and delivered messages to the youth, encouraging them to adopt healthy lifestyles and contribute responsibly to the development of society. Special awareness sessions and exhibitions on the harmful effects of drugs were organized during the programme. Students, youth, officials from vari-

ous departments, and representatives of voluntary organizations participated in large numbers and expressed their support for drug eradication. Officials stated that the government is working in coordination with all departments to achieve a drug-free Telangana and appealed to the public to inform the police immediately if they come across any information related to drug consumption or trafficking.

Everyone Must Join Hands for a Drug-Free Telangana: CM

K. SHANTHI KUMAR, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy asked everyone to stay away from drugs and help build a healthy society. In a message on the occasion of the "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking", everyone should work towards building a drug-free society by inculcating positive thoughts and values among the youth. He said

that narcotics destroy not only individual lives but also families, thereby having a negative impact on the society and leading to law and order problems. He said that awareness, vigilance and social responsibility are very necessary to curb drug trafficking. Chief Minister Enumula Revanth appealed to everyone to participate and cooperate in achieving the goal of drug free Telangana.



Sanjay Jaju Takes Charge as Telangana Chief Secretary from July 1

K. Shanti Kumar, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: The Telangana government has appointed senior IAS officer Sanjay Jaju as the new Chief Secretary of the state. Official orders to this effect were issued on Friday. Currently serving in the Central Government, Sanjay Jaju has been chosen for the top administrative post in the state. A 1992-batch IAS officer, he has been serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region under the Central Government. Following a request from

the Telangana government, the Department of Personnel and Training recently transferred him back to his parent cadre. He was relieved from central services just three days ago. The tenure of the present Chief Secretary, K. Ramakrishna Rao, will conclude on June 30. In view of this, the government decided to appoint Sanjay Jaju as his successor. Sanjay Jaju is widely recognized as an officer with vast administrative experience. As per the government orders, he will officially take charge as Chief Secretary from July 1. In this crucial role, he will be re-

sponsible for implementing government policies, coordinating among various departments, and overseeing development programs across the state. He has served in several key positions in both the Central and State Governments. With extensive experience in administration, policy formulation, and execution of development initiatives, officials believe his services will greatly benefit the state administration. The appointment of the new Chief Secretary marks an important transition in the state's administrative setup. While



Sanjay Jaju will assume office from July 1, the government and officials have appreciated the services of outgoing Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and extended their best wishes on his retirement.

Bhadrachalam Athlete D.V. Shankara Rao Nominated for Vayoshreshtha Samman

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Defying old age and ill health, and creating remarkable records in national-level powerlifting, renowned athlete and retired State Bank of India (SBI) officer Desaraju Venkata Shankara Rao (74) from the remote tribal region of Bhadrachalam, belonging to City Style Gym, is set to be nominated for the prestigious Government of India national award Vayoshreshtha Samman through the SBI Pensioners Association. This important announcement was made during the 39th Annual General Body Meeting of the SBI Pensioners Asso-

ciation Hyderabad Circle, held yesterday (25.06.2026) at the premises of the Institution of Engineers (India), Hyderabad. On this occasion, the Association's General Secretary Krishna Kumar and President Radhakrishnan felicitated him on behalf of the association in recognition of his outstanding achievements in powerlifting.

Recognition for Coach Ramireddy - Recommendation for Award

Speaking on the occasion, General Secretary Krishna Kumar praised Shankara Rao's extraordinary determination, stating that despite undergoing bypass surgery, he never



lost courage and continued rigorous training at City Style Gym in Bhadrachalam, emerging as an inspiration to the nation. He also acknowledged the tireless efforts and dedication of Shankara Rao's mentor and coach, G.V. Ramireddy, whose guidance has played a crucial role behind the athlete's record-breaking performances at the age of 74. Highlighting Shankara Rao's role as a role model for senior citizens and pensioners, Krishna Kumar announced that the association is officially considering nominating him for the Vayoshreshtha Samman, the highest honour con-

ferred by the Central Government for the empowerment and recognition of senior citizens. Association President Radhakrishnan stated that honouring and recommending Shankara Rao for this national award is a matter of pride for the association, as he has proven that old age is not a limitation and that one can achieve new milestones with physical fitness and determination. Hundreds of retired SBI officers and representatives from across Telangana participated in the felicitation ceremony and congratulated Shankara Rao for his inspiring journey.

Industry-Friendly Telangana Essential for Inclusive Growth: Deputy CM

K. Shanti Kumar, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka inaugurated the Industrial Innovation and Technology Expo-2026 held in Hyderabad. On the occasion, he inspected the industrial exhibition and interacted with representatives of various companies. He stated that the government is committed to transforming Telangana into one of the best industrial destinations in the country. Speaking at the event, Bhatti Vikramarka said that industrial development is not merely about investment figures, but a powerful tool to generate employment for people. He emphasized that the expansion of



industries would create job opportunities for youth and bring economic growth to rural areas. He said the government is extending special support to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), women entrepreneurs, and rural industrialists. He revealed that the government holds meetings with industrial sector representatives every Friday to understand their problems and take corrective measures. The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the state is providing uninterrupted and quality power supply to industries. He added that the government is creating an investor-friendly ecosystem by ensuring all necessary infrastructure for industrial growth.

Bhatti Vikramarka said that prestigious projects such as the Future City, the Musi River rejuvenation project, and the Regional Ring Road would further accelerate Telangana's industrial progress. He expressed confidence that these projects would significantly boost investments and employment opportunities. Industrialists, representatives from various sectors, and government officials participated in the event. The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated that the government is continuously working to ensure Telangana remains at the forefront in technological innovation, new industries, and investment attraction.

EDITORIAL

Will Tungabhadra water reach Telangana?

It is known that for the last few years, the interlinking of the Ganga, Cauvery, and Godavari Cauvery rivers across the country will provide drinking water and irrigation benefits to the southern Indian states. The interlinking of rivers has already begun in northern India through the Kenkhetwa project. Now, a key milestone has been reached towards the development of the Tungabhadra project in the state of Karnataka. The inauguration of the 33 crest gates of the newly constructed spillway jointly built by the Andhra and Karnataka governments at a cost of about Rs. 51 crore is a historic event. The Tungabhadra project, which has been a boon to the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, was built 73 years ago with the foresight of the Maharaja of Mysore and the Nawab of Nizam. This project is a lifeline for thousands of acres of ayacut in Telangana. It is quenching the thirst of hundreds of villages. In Andhra Pradesh alone, 7 lakh 20 thousand acres of land in the joint Kurnool, Anantapur and Kadapa districts are being irrigated through the right canal of this project. Telangana has a watershed of 87,000 acres. However, in August 2024, the 19th gate of the project's spillway was washed away by floods, and a stoplock gate was installed at that time under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to prevent water wastage. However, after the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) submitted a report that all the spillway gates should be replaced, 33 old gates were removed and new gates were installed. The states of AP and Karnataka took the safety of this project seriously and were able to install the gates quickly. These spillway gates were inaugurated on Thursday. With this, there is hope that Telangana will get the 17.9 TMC of water from this project. Of the 17.9 TMC of water allocated to Telangana under the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS), only 5 to 6 TMC is currently being used. Under this RDS, water is to be provided to 83,987 acres of ayacut in 75 villages of Jogulamba Gadwal district. Since the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are involved in the management of the Tungabhadra Board, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is hoping that the water shares should be utilized efficiently under the auspices of the Central Water Commission. He suggests that the board should be strengthened to this extent. He suggested that the RDS dam has become dangerous and that the work that needs to be undertaken for safety reasons should be identified as urgent. The Telangana government has already deposited Rs. 59 crore with the Karnataka government for the modernization of the RDS canal. However, the Telangana government is unhappy that the work has not been completed. Irrigation officials say that the work of Package 1 and 2 has not been undertaken yet, and only the work of Package 3 and 4 has been completed. All these issues were discussed in the review meeting held on Wednesday. Due to silt accumulation in the RDS dam towards Telangana territory, water diversion is not possible as expected. Although an expert committee in 2004 recommended that the silt be removed immediately, the recommendations of that committee have not been implemented so far, it is clear what kind of attention the central government is giving to the southern states. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is determined to bring all these problems to the attention of the center. He is trying to examine the alternative of utilizing water as much as possible through the Tungabhadra lift irrigation scheme. As part of this, the Chief Minister instructed the officials to undertake work to increase the capacity of the Mallammakunta balancing reservoir, which is crucial in the movement of water through the Tummilla lift irrigation. Union Water Resources Minister CR Patil also participated in the inauguration of 33 new gates of the Tungabhadra Spillway. All these issues came to his attention. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be. There are many inter-state water disputes in the country. There are 25 major river basins in the country. Most of these are spread across multiple states. Therefore, the water issue has become a major issue and a political issue. The upstream states naturally have control over the river flows. Often, the construction of dams and barrages reduces the availability of water to the downstream states. After independence, the reorganization of states and the division of a single river across river basin boundaries have complicated water management. Since 1960, population growth, green revolution agriculture, expansion of towns and cities, and industrialization have increased the demand for irrigation and drinking water, as well as industrial water needs. In the Cauvery, Krishna, and Mahanadi basins, the problems of states undertaking the construction of dams, reservoirs, or constructing diversion canals without the approval of the downstream regions are becoming increasingly serious. Although water is usually a subject of the state list, interstate river waters fall under the purview of the central government. In this context, it is the responsibility of the center to resolve interstate river water disputes while balancing the autonomy of the states and national interests.

Rising Burden on Farmers

- Increasing investments, but shrinking profits
- Struggles with fertilizer and labor costs - Farmers waiting for remunerative prices



The agricultural sector in the country is currently facing serious challenges due to rising production costs. The prices of essential inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, diesel, and labor have increased significantly, putting a heavy financial burden on farmers. While earlier farming could be managed with lower invest-

ment, farmers now have to spend thousands of rupees more per acre.

Even when crop yields are good, farmers are unable to earn expected income because they are not getting proper prices in the market. The shortage of agricultural labor has also become another major problem. As rural youth are shifting to-

wards other sectors, finding workers for farm activities has become increasingly difficult. This has led to a sharp rise in labor charges.

Farmers are now forced to spend heavily on transplantation, weeding, and harvesting. Small and marginal farmers are finding it especially difficult to bear these costs. Although agricultural mechanization is providing some relief, it is not accessible in all regions.

Weather conditions are also creating uncertainty for farmers. Untimely rains, heatwaves, lightning, and cyclones are severely affecting crops. When crops are damaged after making heavy investments, farmers are often pushed into debt. Though crop insurance schemes exist, many feel that the benefits do not reach everyone on time. If nature does not cooperate, the farmer's situ-

ation becomes even more critical. The lack of remunerative prices in the market has become a major concern. Despite increasing cultivation costs, farmers are not receiving fair prices for their produce. The dominance of middlemen, lack of storage facilities, and fluctuations in prices are affecting farmers' incomes. During harvest season, prices often fall, forcing farmers to sell their produce at a loss. Experts say this situation is also reducing the interest of young people in agriculture. Farmers are the backbone of the country's food security. Only when farmers are financially strong can the agricultural sector remain stable. Governments need to take special measures to reduce rising production costs and ensure fair prices for farmers. Access to modern technology, mechanization, quality seeds, timely



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loans, and better market facilities can improve farmers' conditions.

The welfare of farmers remains the strong foundation for the country's development, and it is important to give greater priority to the agricultural sector.

Youth Power is the Future

- Focus on self-employment instead of waiting for jobs
- Creating new opportunities with innovative ideas
- Young people who create employment are the strongest force for national development



The power to shape the future of the nation lies in the hands of its youth. Every young person who completes education should move beyond the mindset of waiting for jobs and take steps toward self-employment, as this can give a new boost to economic devel-

opment. At a time when the number of job seekers is increasing, the need for young entrepreneurs who can create opportunities has become even greater. Today, there are immense opportunities for youth in sectors such as information technology, food processing,

agro-based industries, the service sector, digital business, and tourism. With minimal investment, it is possible to start new ventures and expand them from local markets to national levels. When creativity is combined with technology, the chances of success become even stronger. Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) not only provide employment to youth but also empower them to become job creators themselves. Both the central and state governments are encouraging young people through loans, subsidies, training programs, and industrial incentive schemes. If these opportunities are utilized effectively, small businesses can grow into large enterprises. Educational institutions, too, need to focus not only on job-

oriented training but also on fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among students. If young people are trained in skill development, financial management, marketing, and the use of technology, their interest in self-employment will grow significantly.

When a young person gets a job, one family progresses. But when a young person establishes an enterprise and provides jobs to ten others, society as a whole progresses. A permanent solution to unemployment can only be found when youth develop the mindset of creating opportunities.

All developed nations have strengthened their economies by encouraging young entrepreneurs. In the same way, Indian youth, with innovative



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ideas, determination, and technological knowledge, can achieve success on a global scale. Transforming from job seekers into opportunity creators is the true path to the nation's development.

Pune Fort Murder, And The One Word That Could've Stopped It All

Another arranged marriage. Another dead spouse. Another nation pretending to be shocked. The names change. The genders change. The headlines don't. Last month, it was Twisha Sharma who succumbed to her marriage. This month, it's Ketan Agarwal. Before that, another husband. Another wife. Another fiancée. Another family insisting that "everything seemed normal".

None Of This Is Normal

No. Nothing is normal about a country where educated adults find it easier to lie, disappear - or even kill - than utter one simple sentence: "I don't want this marriage". All Siya Goyal had to do was say 'no' to the wedding. That sentence should have been enough. Instead, she resorted to cold-blooded murder.

But why?

'No' is a rather unwelcome word in India. For us, the institution of marriage is more than just sacred. We take pride in it as our tradition, our culture, even our strength. Families spend months comparing biodatas, matching horoscopes, discussing salaries, buying jewellery, booking banquet halls and, nowadays, posting those gawky sanitised reels. Every logistical detail is meticulously planned. Everything except the one question that actually determines whether a marriage should happen: Do these two people genu-

inely want to marry each other? Not "Are they willing?" Not "Have they agreed?" But, do they truly want this life together? Those are very different questions. Now none of this is to say that arranged marriages are inherently bad, or that cold-blooded killers must be absolved of their crime simply because they couldn't handle family pressure.

But the incidents raise questions about consent and why it's treated as secondary in Indian marriages. Consent is not the absence of protest. Consent is not silence. Consent is not saying 'yes' simply because disappointing your parents feels impossible. But this is precisely the kind of grey area countless marriages in India operate in. Parents call it guidance. Children experience it as an obligation. The emotional pressure is rarely explicit. It is accumulated over years: "We've already told the relatives". "The invitations are printed". "Think about your father's reputation". "Your mother has sacrificed everything for you". "People will laugh at us".

By the time the wedding date nears, saying "no" is no longer a choice. Instead, it feels like detonating a bomb. No wonder we've gone from a nation priding itself on "chhat mangni, pat biah" to "chhat mangni, pat FIR". It's a shame. So, people don't say no. They postpone



difficult conversations. They continue secret relationships. They convince themselves they'll "adjust". They hope love will appear after marriage. They try to satisfy everyone except themselves. Sometimes, they resort to cold-blooded murder, too.

Violence Is The Headline, Not The Story

The institution of marriage then loses its sanctity, dignity and joy. It's no wonder then that a lot of these stories end in unhappy marriages. Abusive marriages. Adulterous marriages. Loveless marriages. Some end in divorce. A tiny, horrifying minority end in violence - like Ketan's. The violence is the headline. The absence of consent is the story. That is why every shocking murder inside a

marriage should force us to ask an uncomfortable question - not merely about one individual, but about the culture surrounding marriage itself in India. Because coercion doesn't always look like force. Sometimes it looks like emotional blackmail. Sometimes it looks like guilt. Sometimes it looks like love wrapped inside obligation. Somewhere between kundalis and caterers, we've forgotten that marriage is not a family project. It is the most intimate legal, emotional and financial partnership two adults will ever enter. Yet, in many Indian households, parents function like CEOs overseeing a corporate merger. They shortlist candidates, negotiate expectations, fix timelines and manage reputations. Remember, Giribala

Singh? Ya, I know - we rather not, right?

The Real Decision-Makers

In the arranged marriage system, the bride and groom become stakeholders, not decision-makers. The same families who claim credit when marriages succeed simply cannot accept scrutiny or censure when the culture they create makes rejecting a proposal, or declaring a partner of choice, feel impossible. Every parent planning a wedding should ask their child one question in complete privacy - with no relatives, no pressure and no emotional consequences attached: If you say no today, will you still feel loved tomorrow? If the answer is uncertain, that isn't consent. That is compliance.

A passport is not a basis for citizenship identification Owaisi should stop misleading people on laws

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Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's comments on the issue of passport and citizenship are legally wrong, misleading and irresponsible. As an educated person from a reputed foreign institution, trained as a barrister. Union Minister Kishan Reddy said that it is regrettable that basic principles of Indian laws are not properly understood. As a representative of the people, a person knowledgeable in legal matters, people would expect Owaisi to know the clear legal distinction between passport and citizenship. But, his comments may not have full understanding of the law. Otherwise, it is understood that these comments were made with the intention of creating confusion among the people for political purposes. According to the explanation given by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), it does not mean that an Indian passport is worthless. The Ministry of External Affairs has said that passport alone is not the only proof of Indian citizenship. According to the Constitution of India, Citizenship in India is determined by the Citizenship Act-1955. He said that citizenship is not decided on the basis of some administrative document. Passport is issued as per Passports Act - 1967. It is clearly stated in the law that it should be used only as a travel document by those going abroad. According to Section 20 of the Passports Act, the Central Government is authorized to issue a passport even to a person who is not a citizen of India, keeping in view the public interest. Therefore, if we look carefully at the provisions of the Act, the Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has clearly stated that the passport cannot be considered as a basis for determining citizenship. This is not a new rule brought by Modi government. Passports Act - 1967, enacted during Congress rule. so, Criticizing the Modi government in this regard means that people understand that you are ignorant of the law or that you are deliberately trying to hide the facts. According to the Citizenship Act - 1955 in India, citizenship is established through legal means such as birth, descent, naturalization (granting Indian citizenship



to foreigners). Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that in many cases, especially when citizenship has to be determined on the basis of date of birth, place of birth and citizenship status of parents, other documents are required. These documents include birth certificates, parental records, school records, voter registration details, residential certificates, government records, passports and other contemporary documents, he said. Indian courts have also reiterated on several occasions that passport alone is not the final basis of citizenship. Union Minister Kishan Reddy said that in 2013, the Bombay High Court also made it clear that having a passport alone does not fulfill the provisions of the Citizenship Act. • So, what people should understand along with Owaisi is..Modi Govt or not. Ministry of External Affairs. A new provision was not brought. It should be known that citizenship is acquired under the Constitution and under the Citizenship Act. Union Minister Kishan Reddy said that citizenship cannot be determined on the basis of just one document. In public life, when leaders in constitutional positions come up with such things. He said that we should speak with responsibility. Deliberate misrepresentation of legal principles is unacceptable. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that Owaisi should stop misleading people and read the Citizenship Act - 1955 and Passports Act - 1967 first before making baseless comments.

Young farmers in rural areas have to earn extra money. Increase production

K. Shanti Kumar,

Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: The central government should earn money as farmers in rural areas. 20 lakhs, 40 lakhs, 60 lakhs, 80 lakhs and 1 crore rupees has been announced under the National Life Stock Mission to increase production.

20 lakhs in this scheme, 100 cows, five rams, 40 lakh scheme 200 head 10 rams, 60 lakhs scheme, 300 head of 15 year old rams, 80 lakhs scheme, 400 cows for 20 years, This scheme has been launched with 500 heads and 25 rams in a Rs.

A shed should be built in it and the farmers should also convert the land. Similarly, the farmers will also be guaranteed the 50% subsidy given by the Government of India. He said that if the farmer does not put up the unit with the subsidy taken, the guarantee is also given that the subsidy taken will be repaid even if it is fraudulent.

The loan given by the bank should also be guaranteed. The Telangana state government has the responsibility to educate the farmers in a positive and proactive manner and be on the side of the farmers to ensure that the subsidy is received on time. But no matter how many times we have requested, the government does not respond in time. Etala Rajender said that I have talked to the center and given this second subsidy, if the first subsidy is pending for some, then I have been able to give it. This scheme is not being implemented properly due to lack of cooperation and lack of supervision by the state governments.



He said that if somewhere two or three out of a hundred people sell in that unit, it will be reported to the center and the whole scheme will be misused and it will be temporarily stopped. As a result, around 195 applications have been submitted at the center and 39 applicants have been granted loans and sheds have been constructed in the state. Today, the farmers who have spent 20.25 lakh rupees each are suffering for three years. I with the State Govt.MP Etala Rajender said that we will try to talk to the minister. Here we say that this state government should also provide all the aspects in which they should provide cooperation. Similarly at the center these are being done by a few people somewhere in the states instead of lifting this whole scheme. On this occasion, MP Etala Rajender clearly said that we would like to take steps to ensure that full loan is granted to those who have made infrastructure.

MP Vadiraju's hometown is in Inugurthi, Bhumi Puja for new building of schools



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Hyderabad/Mahabubabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : BRS Parliamentary Party Deputy Leader, Rajya Sabha members Vaviraju Ravichandra's home village of Mahabubabad district, unable to bear seeing the dilapidation of the schools he attended in Inugurthi mandal center, have asked for Rs. 7 crores have been sanctioned. Bhoomi Puja was held on Friday to construct a new advanced building for Zilla Praja Parishad High and Primary Schools. Sarpanch, leaders, former public representatives, village development committee members and villagers attended the puja program held under the direction of MP

Ravichandra Peddanna Vaviraju Kishan in the school premises. MP Ravichandra has consulted several times with the high officials of oil companies like BPCL, HPCL, IOCL, ONGC and sanctioned Rs.6 crores for constructing a new building for these schools. Also, he has released Rs.1 crore from his MP funds, a new advanced building for high and primary schools will be constructed with a total cost of Rs.7 crore. Along with the classrooms, a barrier wall, toilets will be constructed and drinking water facilities will also be provided. MP Ravichandra could not bear to see the schools where he taught in his native land falling into ruins, and all the village development committee members, elders and villagers praised him for his initiative and efforts to construct a new building. Sarpanch Kumara Swamy, Sub-Sarpanch Saththuri Yadagiri, Former Sarpanch Darla Ramurthy, Former Chairman of Single Window Deekonda Venkanna, MP Vaviraju's elder brother Venkateshwarlu, officials, village headmen Chandraya, Ganji Srinivasa Reddy, Rajendra Reddy, Gujunuri Baburao, Venkanna, Bairi Ashok, ward members, Village Development Committee members and villagers participated.

Pulse Polio Programme on June 28



K. Shanthi Kumar

Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: State Medical and Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha on Friday reviewed the arrangements for the Pulse Polio programme to be conducted across the state from June 28. He directed officials to ensure that every child in the age group of 0 to 5 years receives polio drops without fail.

During the review meeting held at the Rajiv Aarogyasri office in Jubilee Hills, officials informed the minister that polio drops would be administered through booths on June 28, while door-to-door visits would be conducted on June 29 and 30 to cover children who were missed. Considering the high urban population in Hyderabad, Rangareddy District, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, and

Sangareddy District, the minister suggested holding an additional special drive on July 1. Officials stated that 22,979 polio booths, 903 mobile teams, and 903 transit points have been set up across the state. Around 5.204 million bOPV vaccine doses have been supplied to districts to immunize approximately 4.097 million children. ANMs, ASHA workers, Anganwadi staff, nursing students, teachers, and representatives of voluntary organizations will take part in the programme. The minister instructed officials to take special measures to cover children of migrant workers and those living in brick kilns, construction sites, urban slums, new colonies, and tribal areas. He also directed departments such as Women and Child Welfare, Municipal Administration, Panchayat Raj, Education, and RTC to work in coordination to make the programme successful. Officials recalled that the last polio case in Telangana was reported in 2007. The minister stressed that administering polio drops to every child is crucial to maintaining the state's polio-free status. He explained that even if a child has received polio drops earlier, giving the vaccine again provides complete protection. Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha appealed to all parents to bring their children aged 0 to 5 years to the nearest polio booth on June 28 and ensure they receive the mandatory two drops of polio vaccine. He urged everyone to cooperate so that not a single child is left out and Telangana, along with the country, continues to remain polio-free.

Foundation Laid for Restoration of Kamuni Cheruvu

K. Shanthi Kumar

Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Restoration works of Kamuni Cheruvu, spread across 48 acres in Moosapet of Kukatpally mandal, were formally launched on Friday by HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath with a groundbreaking ceremony. The project aims at flood control and enhancement of groundwater resources. The Commissioner instructed officials to take up the works with priority, focusing on both lake conservation and environmental protection. He emphasized the complete removal of silt accumulated in the lake to increase its water storage capacity. He also directed the modernization of inlets and outlets to ensure smooth flow of rainwater. Speaking on the occasion, A.V. Ranganath said the lake should not only serve as a water resource but also be developed into an attractive recreational space for the public. As part of this, officials were asked to create facilities such as walking pathways, an open gym, children's play area, and greenery development around the lake. The Commissioner made it clear that there should be no compromise on the quality of the works and instructed officials to complete the project within the stipulated time and make it available for public use. Officials stated that the restoration of Kamuni Cheruvu would significantly reduce



flood risks and improve groundwater levels, benefiting surrounding areas. They also noted that protecting the lake would contribute to maintaining ecological balance. HYDRA officials, engineering staff, local public representatives, and other officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony. It is expected that the restoration of the lake will bring long-term benefits to the people of the Moosapet area.

A SIR Committee has been appointed to monitor the Special Intensive Revision (S.I.R.) in Telangana State

K.SHANTHIKUMAR,

Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26. :To monitor the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (S.I.R.) in the state of Telangana, TPCC President, MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud said that a SIR Committee has been appointed. Pulipati Rajesh Kumar, Chairman TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee and Gampa Venugopal were appointed to liaise with the Election Commission.

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- 8) Secunderabad : M. Raghavendra Reddy
- 9) Hyderabad : Achyuta Yadav
- 10) Chevella : S. Jagdeeswar Rao

11) Mahbubnagar : T.

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12) Nagar Kurnool : Obedullah Kotwal

13) Nalgonda : Kasba Srinivasa Rao

14) Bonagiri : Dr. Bikini Lingam Yadav

15) Warangal : Pir Irshad Ahmed Nasir

16) Mahbubabad : Nuthi Srikanth Goud

17) Khammam : Gopishetty Raghavender.

The members of this committee told the assembly and parliament leaders from the booth level BLAs during the SIR process that if there are any problems, they will be brought to the attention of the Election Commission and the problem will be resolved. TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar said.



Change your ways... or face strict legal action

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, June 26.- DSP Arun Kumar on Friday conducted a counseling session for rowdy-sheeters under the jurisdiction of Bhadrachalam Town Police Station. The session was organized under the supervision of local CI Nagaraju at the town police station. During the meeting, the DSP inquired about the behavior and current lifestyle of the rowdy-sheeters. He thoroughly reviewed the cases pending against each individual and personally asked them about their present way of life. Speaking on the occasion, he warned that any disturbance to law and order in the town would not be tolerated and that strict legal action would be taken against those involved in unlawful activities. He advised them to give up their old criminal mindset and offenses and live as responsible citizens in society. He further stated that the police would continue to keep a close watch on them and urged everyone to change their behavior. He assured that those who reform themselves and refrain from creating disturbances or disrupting peace in the town would be considered for removal from the rowdy-sheeters' list. Otherwise, stringent legal action would be inevitable. SI officers and police personnel of Bhadrachalam town also participated in the program.



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K Ravinder as Convener of WJ District Ad Hac Committee



K.SHANTHIKUMAR,

Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26 Senior journalist K Ravinder has been appointed as the convener of Ad Hac Committee of Working Journalist of India Mahabubnagar district. To this extent, the state president of Working Journalist of India handed over the appoint-

ment letter to Rana Pratap Raju Bhai. The leaders of Telangana Working Journalist Federation from Mahabubnagar district joined WJI after resigning from that union en masse. K. Ravinder as convener, Krishna Manohargoud, Anil Kumar Aragidda, Ravikumar, Jangam Dilip Kumar as co-conveners, Ramu, Mittamide Balaraju, Kommu Damodar, Mekala Gopal as joint conveners, Kadam Raghavender as event convener, Mohammad Rafi as chief advisors, Krishna, K. Venkatesh, Kishan as district executive members. The state leadership appreciated the new district committee. On this occasion, state president Rana Pratap Raju Bhai called to strengthen the Working Journalists of India Association in Mahabubnagar district to fight against the problems of journalists.- State Secretary of Working Journalist of India Nara Subramanyeswar Rao (NS Rao) Hyderabad City Branch President Balakishan and others participated in this program.

Bhavaraha Yagam Draws Thousands to Bhadrachalam, Farmers Receive Divine Blessings

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : On the second day of the grand Bhavaraha Yagam, being conducted with great devotion and spiritual grandeur under the guidance of Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Swamy, thousands of farmers from both Telugu states gathered at the divine abode of Kalpavruksha Narasimha Swamy in the sacred land of Bhadrachalam. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Swamy said that with the blessings of Bhavaraha Swamy, who uplifted Mother Earth to protect creation, the land should remain fertile and green, timely rains should bless the fields, every drop of sweat shed by farmers should transform into golden grain, and prosperity should fill every farmer's home. He stated that for the past ten years, this sacred Mrittika Prasadam (holy soil blessing) has been distributed to farmers with the noble intention of ensuring their welfare and prosperity. He emphasized that if the farmer prospers, the world prospers; the smile of a farmer is the well-being of society. He said that for the nation to remain prosperous, farmers must remain prosperous, and that is why this Bhavaraha Yagam is organized every year for the welfare of food growers. He added that many farmers who had received this sacred soil in previous years and sprinkled it in their fields had witnessed good harvests. He expressed his wish that farmers' eyes should always shine with happiness and that no farmer's family should ever face hunger while feeding the world, no matter what hardships they endure. During the Yagam, Koram Kanakaiah and Tellam Venkata Rao offered special prayers for the prosperity of farmers in their respective constituencies. They prayed that the blessings



of Bhavaraha Swamy should reach the doorstep of every farmer across the country. They also expressed gratitude to Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Swamy for organizing such a great spiritual ritual dedicated to farmers' welfare in the sacred land of Bhadrachalam. Devotees and farmers from across the state participated in large numbers. Several farmers shared their joy, saying that after participating in previous Bhavaraha Yagams and using the Mrittika Prasadam in their fields, they achieved better crop yields and financial stability. MLA Tellam Venkata Rao remarked that organizing such a noble ritual for the welfare of farmers is truly a blessing for the people of Bhadrachalam. Among those who participated were Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Swamy, MLAs Koram Kanakaiah and Tellam Venkata Rao, Naga Seetharamulu, Vedic scholars, farmers, and several devotees.

New Primary Health Centre Inaugurated at Beerpur



Bureau Jagtial, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : A newly constructed Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Beerpur mandal headquarters in Jagtial district was inaugurated on Friday by Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar, and District Collector B. Sathyaprasad. The health centre, equipped with modern facilities, is expected to provide improved medical services to the people of the mandal. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Laxman Kumar said that providing quality healthcare to people in rural areas is one of the government's pri-

mary objectives. He urged the public to make the best use of the medical services available in government hospitals. He also stated that the government is continuously taking measures to strengthen healthcare services. MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar said that the government's goal is to bring modern healthcare services closer to villages. He added that all essential facilities are being made available locally so that people do not have to travel to distant places for minor health issues. District Collector B. Sathyaprasad instructed officials to ensure that doctors, staff, medicines, and medical equipment are always available at the Primary Health Centre. He emphasized that there should be no negligence in providing quality healthcare services to patients. Officials said that the new health centre will provide maternity services, primary treatment, vaccinations, general medical care, and health check-ups. They noted that timely access to medical services in rural areas can help reduce health-related problems. District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Sujatha, medical staff, officials from various departments, public representatives, and local residents participated in the programme. The people of the mandal expressed happiness over the inauguration of the new health centre.

Balka Suman Released from Jail

K. Shanthi Kumar. Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : Former MLA Balka Suman, who was released on bail, paid a courtesy visit to BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao on Friday. The meeting, which took place soon after his release from jail, has become a topic of political discussion in the state. According to party sources, the two leaders discussed the current political situation and various public issues. Balka Suman, who had been arrested in a recently registered case and spent 27 days in jail, was granted bail by the court and subsequently released. Following his release, he has been meeting key party leaders, and as part of that, he met KTR to discuss recent developments. BRS leaders alleged that cases were filed against Balka Suman only because he questioned issues related to Singareni and raised public concerns. They criticized the move as part of political vendetta and claimed that his imprisonment was politically motivated. However, Balka Suman reportedly stated that all these cases would be settled in court and reaffirmed that his fight for public issues would continue. He emphasized that he would not step back from working for the welfare of the people. KTR also met and consoled Balka Suman, encouraging party workers and leaders to continue their struggle through lawful means. Several BRS leaders were present during the meeting. The meeting, held soon after Balka Suman's release, has gained



political significance in the state, with both ruling and opposition parties continuing to exchange criticism. As the case remains under judicial review, political circles are closely watching the developments.

BRS's Goal is to Fight for Public Issues-Ravulapalli Ramprasad

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : A constituency-level press meet of the BRS party was held on Friday at the Telangana Haritha Hotel in Bhadrachalam. The meeting was attended by BRS constituency in-charge Ravulapalli Ramprasad and party leader Mane Ramakrishna, who spoke on several political and public issues. Speaking on the occasion, Ravulapalli Ramprasad said that in view of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list, the party has appointed one worker for each booth. He stated that village committees would be formed to review the voter list and identify local public issues, while working towards their resolution.

He alleged that after the panchayat elections, funds required for workers' wages and vehicle fuel expenses in the gram panchayats of the agency areas had not been released. He also criticized the irregularities in the management of sand ramps in the Bhadrachalam region and accused the government of failing to curb the exploitation by sand contractors. He said that except for free bus travel, the other six guarantees announced by the state government had not been implemented. Ramprasad alleged that ministers from Bhadrachalam district were ne-



glecting local issues and stated that resolving public problems remains the primary goal of the BRS. He further said that the party is working to reintroduce the welfare schemes announced during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and that the membership drive would be carried out extensively from the village level to the division level. Party leaders and workers including Ravulapalli Prithvi, Prabodh Kumar, Akoju Sunil Kumar, Poornachandra Rao, Pradeep, Shiva, and Bobby were also present at the meeting.

We Will Stand by the Poor on Assigned Lands - KTR

Parigi, Jay Janasena News, June 26:- At the BRS constituency meeting in Parigi, party Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) strongly criticized the Congress government. He alleged that the government, which had promised to grant pattas (ownership rights) for assigned lands during the elections, is now attempting to take back the same lands. KTR accused the government of acquiring lands belonging to Dalits, tribals, and poor farmers in the name of industrial zones. He said that even in the Parigi constituency, efforts are being made to forcibly acquire lands of poor people under the pretext of industrial development. He stated that acquiring land without the consent of the people is unjust and demanded that if the government is genuinely sincere, it should first issue pattas and provide legal compensation before proceeding with land acquisition. Referring to the Lagacharla incident, KTR alleged that farmers were harassed and cases were filed against them for refusing to give up their lands. He said it was unfortunate that tribals were booked under false cases and sent to jail, adding that the BRS strongly opposes such actions. He reiterated that the party would stand by the poor regarding assigned lands and, if necessary, would take up a legal battle. KTR also criticized the Congress party for failing to fulfill the promises made during the elections. He alleged that assurances such as the Rythu Bandhu scheme for farmers, crop bonuses, financial assistance for tenant farmers and agricultural laborers, and ₹2,500 per month for women had not been implemented, thereby deceiving the people. He further said that prom-



ises made to SC and ST communities were also left unfulfilled. On water projects in the Parigi region, KTR accused the government of misleading the public. He claimed that earlier plans had been sidelined and public funds were being wasted under the guise of new schemes. He demanded immediate implementation of the promises made to women, warning that otherwise the government would have to answer to the people. He urged BRS workers to go among the people and explain the failures of the government. He also asked them to make the party membership drive a success. KTR assured that the party would support its workers if false cases were filed against them and would fight legally. He further promised to ensure proper respect and opportunities for party workers in the future.

Members of the Bar Association Meet Minister Tummala

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, June 26: Today, the President of the Bhadrachalam Bar Association, Kodali Srinivas, Vice President Sunnam Ramesh, and members Kunchala Ravi, Ramesh, and Korasa Naresh met the Honorable State Agriculture Minister, Tummala Nageswara Rao, at his residence in Gandugulapalli and submitted a representation. On this occasion, they requested the Minister to revoke G.O. Ms. No. 70 and immediately restore the Mobile Court system in the agency areas of the Bhadrachalam Division. They explained that the government had earlier introduced the Mobile Court system through G.O. Ms. No. 406 with the objective of ensuring speedy and accessible justice to the people of agency mandals. They stated that this system had enabled faster disposal of civil cases in agency areas and made justice more accessible to people living in remote tribal regions. They further pointed out that before the establishment of the Mobile Court, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs) had been handling judicial responsibilities along with their administrative duties for nearly 30 years, which made it difficult to effectively manage agency courts. Consider-



ing these circumstances, the government had issued G.O. Ms. No. 406 and implemented the Mobile Court system. They expressed concern that due to G.O. No. 70, the Mobile Court system has been discontinued, causing severe inconvenience to the people of agency areas in accessing legal services. In the interest of public welfare, the Bhadrachalam Bar Association appealed to the Minister to cancel the said G.O. and restore the Mobile Court system at the earliest.

Invitation to KTR for Hamali Formation Meeting

K. Shanthi Kumar. Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, June 26 : K. T. Rama Rao was courteously met by Bandari Laxma Reddy on Friday. During the meeting, he invited KTR to attend as the chief guest for the Hamali Formation Meeting scheduled to be held on July 6 at VNR Garden in Mallapur and requested him to make the event a success. On this occasion, Bandari Laxma Reddy briefed KTR about matters related to the welfare of Hamali workers, the problems they are facing, and the activities being undertaken by the Hamali union. It is also learnt that he emphasized the need for the government to give greater priority to the welfare of workers. Party sources said that discussions were also held on the protection of Hamali workers' rights and the expansion of welfare programs. It was revealed that a large number of Hamali workers and union representatives from across the state are expected to attend the Formation Meeting on July 6. Former MLA Devender Reddy, Hamali Union State President Hamali Srinivas, and other leaders also participated in the meeting. Discussions were also held regarding the arrangements for the event. Later, KTR



extended birthday wishes to Dr. B.V. Chary, former BRS President of Habsiguda Division, and wished him good health, prosperity, and success. Organizers stated that extensive arrangements are being made for the July 6 Hamali Formation Meeting, which is expected to serve as a platform to bring workers' issues to the government's attention.

Barla Joshi Elected Unanimously as TUWJ (IJU) General Secretary

Manuguru, Jay Janasena News, June 26: A constituency-level meeting of journalists was held grandly under the leadership of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) in Pinapaka. During the meeting, senior journalist Barla Joshi from the Pinapaka constituency was unanimously elected as the General Secretary. Members of the journalists' fraternity expressed happiness over his election. On the occasion, the journalists felicitated Barla Joshi with a shawl and extended their congratulations. Speaking after his election, Barla Joshi said that he would work towards resolving the issues faced by journalists and strive for their welfare. The members expressed confidence that Barla Joshi's leadership would play a key role in taking forward

the objectives and ideals of TUWJ (IJU). At the constituency level in Bhadrachalam Kothagudem District Pinapaka, Pampana Ramesh (10TV) was also unanimously elected as the President of the Electronic Media Division by all journalists. The program was attended by TUWJ (IJU) state leader Ramanareddy, district president Venkata Ratnam, district secretary Ramesh, and print and electronic media reporters of the Pinapaka constituency. The unanimous election process was conducted in a pleasant and celebratory atmosphere.



Jaggareddy and Nirmala participated in the Moharram Peer procession in Sangareddy



K.SHANTHIKUMAR, Hyderabad/Sangareddy, Jay Janasena News, June 26: TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy, State Women's Congress President Errabelli Swarna, Dis-

trict Women's Congress President Kata Sudharani, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, Koonaa Santosh, Shafi Hafeez distributed sharbat to people on the occasion

of Moharram. Moharram was celebrated in Sangareddy. On the occasion of Moharram, Jaggareddy visited the Dargah near the old bus stand and offered special

prayers. After that they participated in the procession of Peers. Hundreds of people attended to see the procession of Peers. Nirmala Jaggareddy distributed sherbet to the people on this occasion. On this occasion, Jaggareddy said that Moharram festival is a symbol of religious harmony and a large number of people irrespective of caste and religion participated in Moharram celebrations. He said that like every year, the Moharram celebrations were held grandly this time. TPCC General Secretary Topaji Anant Kishan, leaders in this program. Koonaa Santhosh, Sangareddy Municipal Vice Chairman Shafi Hafeez, minority leaders Taher, Kutubuddin, Nadeem, Kausar, Imran, Amer John, Hakeem, Qamar and others participated.

Blood 'Tilak', Pink Turban: 13-Year-Old Girl Makes History In Rajput Legacy



Jaipur: A centuries-old royal custom became a symbol of change in a small village in Rajasthan's Pali district when 13-year-old Tejaswi Kumari Jodha became the inheritor of the legacy of Kherwagarh. She was formally invested with the turban of the former royal family of Kherwagarh after her father's death, and her forehead was anointed with a 'tilak' in blood as the Rajpurohit of the village nicked his finger on the blade of a sword to carry out the centuries-old custom. The custom of the "Paag Ka Dastoor" dates back hundreds of years, but for the first time at its centre was a young girl, Tejaswi Kumari Jodha, who was recognised as the successor to her father in a tradition that had until now been reserved exclusively for male heirs. As hundreds of villagers gathered at the historic Kherwa Fort, believed to date back to the 17th century, the 13-year-old sat upright while the ceremony was performed. Tejaswi remained composed throughout the

elaborate rituals as Vedic chants echoed through the fort. She was made to wear a pink turban, signifying the end of mourning. The turban had been sent on behalf of the former King of Jodhpur-Marwar, Gaj Singh, through his representative. In the villages of Pali that were once ruled by the Kingdom of Jodhpur, when the head of a family dies, the heir traditionally wears a turban signifying succession. Even today, the ceremonial turban is sent by the former royal family of Jodhpur as part of the ritual known as the "Paag Ka Dastoor". The ceremony has long marked the transfer of responsibility from one generation to the next.

For Rajput families, however, the ritual has historically been reserved for sons. That made Tejaswi's investiture exceptional. The Kherwagarh family had not held the ceremony for 65 years because there had been no male heir. Instead of allowing the tradition to lapse, community elders chose to recognise Harish Chandra Jodha's only child

as his successor. In traditional Rajput households, these customs have been observed for centuries. But for the first time, the ceremony was performed for a girl, who has been recognised as the custodian of her father's royal legacy. In the case of the Kherwagarh family, the occasion was particularly significant because the ceremony was held after a gap of 65 years, as the family had never had a male heir to inherit the legacy. Local folklore adds another layer to the story.

According to Rajasthani folklore, the family of Kherwagarh was cursed by Jorji Champawat. Legend has it that Jorji Champawat was betrayed by the Thakur of Kherwagarh, who was also his maternal cousin. He was attacked and killed in Kherwagarh, and local people believe that before dying, he cursed the family, saying they would never have a male heir. Oral traditions in the region still preserve songs describing the incident, believed to have taken place sometime be-

tween 1873 and 1895. According to these folk narratives, Jorji Champawat was killed through trickery, but before his death, he fought back, killed several of his attackers, and cursed the rulers of Kherwagarh, declaring that their kingdom would never again have a male successor.

Whether legend or coincidence, the rulers of Kherwagarh have not had a male successor since 1895. Tejaswi Kumari Jodha was the only daughter of her father, Harish Chandra Jodha, who himself had been adopted into the Kherwagarh family because they did not have a male successor.

The decision to hold the turban ceremony with 13-year-old Tejaswi as the heir attracted widespread attention across the region, with hundreds of people turning up to witness the Raj Tilak of a girl in what many described as a revolutionary break from tradition. Pushpendra Singh from the neighbouring village of Auwa said: "The late Thakur saab died at the age of 78. He had no male heir, so all the elders of the community got together and decided that his daughter should become the next heir. In Rajasthan, a turban ceremony is held, and the ceremonial turban comes from the royal family of Jodhpur. Atilak is then performed by cutting a finger and applying blood to the forehead, and that was done for Tejaswi. Today, in modern India, there is no difference between men and women, so everyone decided it was time to take a step forward, break from tradition, and perform this traditional ceremony for his daughter."

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Anganwadi Worker Seen Brutally Kicking Minor Girl In Chest



Mumbai: A disturbing video from Maharashtra's Panvel has sparked outrage on social media after a woman was seen allegedly brutally kicking a minor girl in the chest. The incident reportedly took place in Nandgaon village in Panvel taluka. In a video shared by NextMinute News on Thurs-

day, a woman working at an Anganwadi is seen allegedly kicking a girl in the chest. The girl is said to be studying at the local Anganwadi. Panvel, Maharashtra - A horrifying video showing a woman brutally kicking and assaulting a small girl has gone viral on social media, sparking

widespread outrage. The incident took place in Nandgaon village under Panvel taluka.

Separate preschool incident

In a separate case, a 23-month-old boy was allegedly repeatedly beaten after being left unattended inside a classroom.

The incident took place at a preschool in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

"Horrifying Preschool Assault in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: 23-Month-Old Toddler Beaten & Bitten for 30 Minutes as Staff Absent". According to a Saam TV report, the incident occurred on June 22, 2026,

at FirstCry Intellitots Preschool located in the CIDCO N-1 area of Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

The child's father, a 29-year-old lawyer, had dropped his son off at the preschool around 10:30 am.

Following the incident, in which the child sustained multiple injuries, police registered a case and launched an investigation.

CCTV captures incident According to the complaint, at around 11 am, a female classroom aide took one student outside the classroom. However, she allegedly locked the classroom door from the outside while leaving.

Arthashastra Defined Equality Centuries Before Magna Carta, Says Chief Justice Surya Kant

New Delhi: Magna Carta is believed to have birthed the foundations of modern democracy. Sealed by King John in 1215, it established the revolutionary principle that everyone - including the sovereign monarch - is subject to the law. Its core principle of 'equality' has been revered for centuries, but in an interesting twist, Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant said that Kautilya's 'Arthashastra' conceptualised equality centuries before Magna Carta and gave it the foundational value for civilisation. The CJ made the remarks at an event in New Delhi. Speaking at the XIV St Petersburg International Legal Forum, Justice Surya Kant explained that equal access to law must fructify in the conferment of actual rights rather than

hollow statutory declarations. "Such access cannot merely be a procedural nicety and must fructify in the conferment of actual rights rather than hollow statutory declarations," the CJ said. He said the birthplace of equality was not necessarily the Magna Carta in 1215.

"My own personal belief is that its roots are traceable to Kautilya's Arthashastra, which belongs to the Indian sub-continent and propounded the theory of equality in the fourth century," the CJ said. Arthashastra is a treatise on statecraft written in the fourth century in Sanskrit. It is credited to Kautilya, the chief advisor to Mauryan Emperor Chandragupta Maurya. Justice Surya Kant also said that the Indian Con-



stitution, upon its inception, promised a new dawn and conferred upon the people a series of Fundamental Rights, including equality before the law, life with dignity and equal justice. "The true challenge was never to solely recite these guarantees but to deliver them across geographical distances, irrespective

of any economic and social disadvantages, language barriers and cultural diversity," he said. Speaking about the international legal framework, the CJ said numerous nations in the global east and south are still constructing their institutions, addressing the repercussions of colonialism and tackling poverty.

Breaking Barriers: 29-Year-Old Pallavi Patil Becomes Mumbai Fire Brigade's First Woman Fire Engine Driver

Mumbai: As a young girl, Pallavi Patil (29 years) would often accompany her firefighter brother during practice sessions, never imagining that one day she would wear the same uniform and dedicate her life to saving others. Today, she has scripted history as the Mumbai Fire Brigade's (MFB) first woman fire engine driver, breaking barriers in a profession long dominated by men. Every time the alarm sounds, she races against time, carrying not just a fire engine but the hope of reaching those in distress within the golden minutes that can mean the difference between life and death.

The idea of inducting women into the MFB emerged in the aftermath of the 26/11 terror attacks. Today, the brigade has 116 women firefighters. Pallavi, who joined as a firewoman in 2017, is among these trailblazers. "My brother, who is also a firefighter at MIDC would ask me to accompany him on early morning runs in our village because he found it difficult to train alone. I never imagined I would one day become a firefighter myself. It was my father who encouraged both of us to join the fire brigade. When recruitment for women firefighters began, he brought me to Mumbai. I cleared the selection process,



underwent rigorous training, and joined the force," she recalled. After eight years on the frontline as a firefighter, Pallavi has become the MFB's first active woman fire engine driver. She underwent specialised training at the Dindoshi depot in Goregaon before clearing the department's driving test.

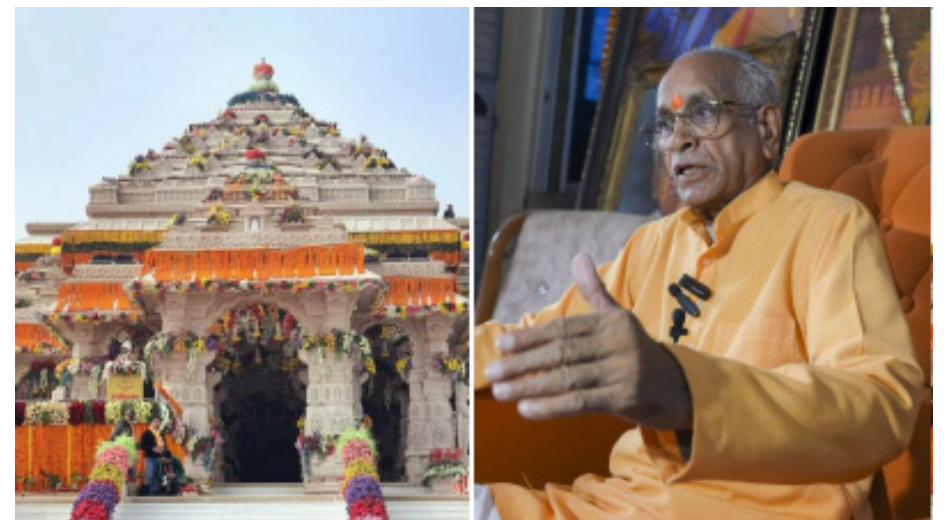
Since taking on the new role, she has already responded to three fire calls. Although two women firefighters have qualified as fire engine drivers, the other is currently on maternity leave, making Pallavi—posted at the Bandra Fire Station—the brigade's only active woman fire engine driver at present.

Ram Temple Trust Key Official Champat Rai Steps Down Amid Donation Row: Sources

Ayodhya: A top office bearer at the Ram temple trust and a trustee have resigned on moral grounds following allegations of siphoning cash offerings at the popular Ayodhya shrine. Champat Rai was the general secretary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, an independent body that manages the shrine. He and trustee Anil Mishra have submitted their resignations, an official confirmed. The resignations follow a strong stance by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the submission of a preliminary report by the Special Investigating Team (SIT) probing the alleged theft. Reports suggest nearly Rs 7-7.5 crore is missing.

A police case was filed yesterday under sections of theft by clerk, criminal breach of trust, dishonestly receiving stolen property and criminal conspiracy. It named eight accused, including six temple staff responsible for counting cash: Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey, Ramshankar Mishra, Subhash Srivastava and Ramshankar Yadav alias Tinnu. They were reportedly caught embezzling money on CCTV and have been arrested. "We had said an SIT had been constituted and that action would begin as soon as its report was received. The SIT report came and action started immediately. I assure you that, as I had said, we will separate truth from falsehood," Yogi Adityanath said today.

The theft controversy has taken a political turn, with opposition leaders alleging that the FIR does not fix accountability on senior



functionaries of the Trust, including Rai and Mishra. Samajwadi Party Rajya Sabha MP Ramji Lal Suman questioned the demand for resignations on "moral grounds" and alleged that influential people were being shielded. He also alleged that the investigation is biased and argued that morality cannot be selective, asserting that action should also be taken against those responsible. The issue was first flagged by the Samajwadi Party, following which the temple trust asked the government to order a probe to estab-

lish the facts and dispel any rumour. Subsequently, the UP government ordered an inquiry by an SIT, comprising Lucknow Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, Inspector General of Police Kiran S and Finance Department Special Secretary Neel Ratan. A preliminary report was submitted to the government earlier this week, reportedly containing strong recommendations. The Ram temple has been receiving huge donations since its inauguration in January 2024. The Trust reported earnings of nearly Rs 327 crore dur-

ing FT2025-25, as per the latest annual report that was issued last September. This included Rs 153 crore in donations and Rs 173 crore in interest income. The temple sees an average visitor count of 70,000 to 80,000 every day. The figure skyrockets during weekends and festivals. The counting of cash donations is authorised to the SBI, which has engaged a private agency for the job. The cash offerings are made in four donation boxes and counted by a team of 14 people, including 11 bank staff and three from the temple trust.

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay Flags Off Anti-Drug Run at Marina Beach

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay participated in and flagged off an anti-drug awareness run at Chennai's iconic Marina Beach on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, urging citizens to unite in the fight against drug abuse and work towards building a healthier society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, youth groups, athletes, social organisations, and government officials, all coming together to spread awareness about the dangers of

narcotics. Addressing the gathering before the marathon, the Chief Minister stressed that drug addiction poses a serious threat to individuals, families, and communities. He highlighted the need for collective action involving the government, educational institutions, parents, and civil society to prevent the spread of substance abuse among young people. Dressed in "Start Run, Stop Drugs" T-shirt, black track pant, sneakers and sunglasses, the Chief Minister ran on the street and was joined by larger partici-

pants, many wearing a "Start Run, Stop Drugs" T-shirt. He actively ran a six km marathon with thousands of participants. Before the run began, Vijay wrote the slogan "Sporta Edu, Drugs Vidu" (Take up sports and give up drugs) on an awareness board. The 52-year-old Vijay completed the entire six km run continuously at Chennai's Marina Beach, and became first ever sitting Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to run such a distance with the public for a social cause.

'Say No to Drugs, Bro'

- CM Chandrababu Appeals to Youth

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 26: On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu



shared a message through the social media platform X. He stated that the fight against drugs is essentially a fight to protect the future of the youth. The

Chief Minister said that strict action is continuing against drug trafficking in Andhra Pradesh and that those involved in the illegal drug trade will be brought before the law. He further stated that individuals affected by the drug menace would be provided with all possible assistance and guided back into normal life. The government's objective, he emphasized, is to ensure dignified rehabilitation for those struggling with drug addiction. The Chief Minister made it clear that there is no place for drugs in Andhra Pradesh. He said the government is moving

forward with a zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking. Chandrababu stated that the government is committed to ensuring a safe and secure future for every family in the state. Calling upon the public to support the #DrugsOdhuBro campaign, the Chief Minister tagged his post with the hashtag #DrugsOdhuBro, urging people, especially the youth, to stay away from drugs.



Minister Gottipati Ravikumar Reviews Series of Road Accidents in Palnadu

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 26: Minister-in-Charge Gottipati Ravikumar conducted a review with senior officials regarding the series of road accidents in Palnadu district. On Friday, the minister spoke with the District Collector and Superintendent of Police. He directed officials to identify accident-prone spots and take preventive measures. He also instructed them to install warning signs and undertake loss-prevention measures. The minister advised the SP to ensure immediate action is taken whenever a heavy vehicle breaks down or stops on the road for any reason, so that vehicles approaching from behind are alerted in time.

Shock Over Macherla Accident...

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar expressed shock over the road accident near Nagaravanam in Macherla town of Palnadu district, in which four people lost their lives. He conveyed his deep condolences to the families of the deceased. After inquiring about the medical treatment being provided to the injured, he directed officials to ensure

that they receive the best possible medical care. It is known that four people lost their lives when a lorry and a Tufan vehicle collided near Nagaravanam, close to Macherla in Palnadu district. The accident occurred when a speeding car rammed into a stationary lorry. Four persons died on the spot, while several others sustained serious inju-

ries. According to the police, the victims involved in the accident were residents of Hyderabad. The accident took place while they were traveling from Hyderabad to Pamuru. The injured were shifted to the Macherla Government Hospital for treatment. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.



Kethireddy Peddareddy's Protest in Tadipatri; YSRCP Workers Create Tension

Anantapur, June 26: A tense atmosphere prevailed once again in Tadipatri of Anantapur district. YSRCP leaders had planned to hold a mass protest sit-in in front of the Gandhi statue in the town, but the police denied permission for the event. Former MLA Kethireddy Peddareddy was placed under house arrest. In re-

sponse, the former legislator launched a protest. Opposing the police decision to deny permission for the mass sit-in at the Gandhi statue, Kethireddy, along with his supporters, staged a dharna in front of his residence in Bhagat Singh Nagar. The protesters raised slogans against the police, demanding that democracy

be protected in Tadipatri. During the protest, YSRCP activists allegedly overreacted at Peddareddy's residence. They behaved aggressively toward police personnel who had arrived to provide security. A heated argument between the police and YSRCP workers escalated into a scuffle, leading to heightened ten-



Rottela Panduga Celebrated Grandly; Minister Narayana Reviews Arrangements



From Our Staff Reporter Nellore, June 26: The Rottela Panduga festival commenced on a grand note at the Bara Shaheed Dargah in the district. On this occasion, Minister Narayana inspected the festival arrangements and the Police Command Control Room. He participated in the traditional ritual by releasing a roti into Swarnala Cheruvu and then catching one. Later,

the minister offered special prayers at the dargah. Speaking to the media afterward, he said that the number of devotees visiting the 412-year-old Bara Shaheed Dargah has been increasing every year. He noted that before 2014, around four lakh devotees used to visit the shrine, but adequate facilities were lacking. He said that the infrastructure and amenities have now been signifi-

cantly improved and expanded. The minister criticized the previous government for neglecting the development of the dargah. He stated that efforts are underway to develop the Nellore Bara Shaheed Dargah into a tourism hub. He said devotees from across the country and abroad visit the shrine with great faith. Special attention has been given to maintaining the cleanliness of the waters in Swarnala Cheruvu, he added. According to the minister, 6,315 Municipal Department personnel and 1,870 police personnel have been deployed for duty. As a precautionary measure, expert swimmers have been kept on standby, and eight types of boats have been arranged for boating activi-

ties. Narayana said he caught a roti praying for the development of the state and the well-being of all people. MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy said that he has been participating in the Rottela Panduga celebrations for the past 50 years. He praised the arrangements made this year as outstanding. He stated that after 2014, following the directions of Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Narayana initiated the development of the dargah. He expressed happiness that the Bara Shaheed Dargah is being developed into a major tourist destination. MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy also said that he hopes the lake will be developed on the lines of a Tank Bund.

Cooperate in Making Andhra Pradesh a Drug-Free State: Home Minister Anitha

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, June 26: Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha appealed to everyone to extend their support in transforming Andhra Pradesh into a drug-free state. On Friday, she attended a workshop at the chief guest at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram, organized under the theme "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan - Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchaan" against drug trafficking. Speaking on the occasion, Anitha said that any parent would be willing to care for a sick child throughout their life. However, she remarked that no parent would willingly come forward to secure the release of a child who had landed in jail due to ganja addiction. She said that shortly after assuming office as Home Minister, a phone call

she received left her shocked. The caller informed her that a fourth-grade student had become addicted to ganja, a revelation that deeply alarmed her. The Home Minister stated that inspections are being conducted across the state under the supervision of EAGLE and that drones are continuously monitoring remote and deserted areas. She said that even if someone consumes ganja while sitting under a tree in an isolated location, drones are capable of detecting it. Surveillance systems are functioning with that level of strictness, she added. Anitha also noted that CCTV cameras are operational in virtually every corner of the Vijayawada Commissionerate. She advised young people not to ruin their futures and to live



up to the trust their parents place in them. She urged them not to sacrifice their health for temporary pleasures or create situations that would leave their parents heartbroken. Anitha further stated that the legal team is inspecting medical shops under an initiative called "Operation Garuda." She said that police dogs involved in de-

tecting ganja have also won prestigious awards. The Home Minister urged the public to call 1972 if they have information related to narcotic substances, assuring that the identities of informants would be kept confidential. She called upon everyone to contribute and cooperate in the effort to make Andhra Pradesh a drug-free state.

Radha Gayatri Death Case: Sricharan's Mother Finally Responds to the Media

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 26: In the death case of software engineer Radha Gayatri, her husband Sricharan, who has been named as an accused, has been missing for the past five days.

Speaking to the media about Sricharan's disappearance, his mother Seetha Mahalakshmi said that her son had not committed any wrongdoing. She asserted that if her son were found guilty, they themselves would end their lives. She stated that Sricharan was acting according to the advice of his lawyer and that they did not know his

whereabouts. Sricharan's parents also made it clear that they would not leave Visakhapatnam and would



continue to stay there. **Sricharan Did Not Attend the 12th-Day Ritual**

Sricharan did not attend the 12th-day funeral ritual of Radha Gayatri. The ceremony was conducted personally by Sricharan's father, Durga prasad. Radha Gayatri's family members asked Sricharan's parents to reveal his whereabouts. However, they replied that they did not know where he was. Radha Gayatri's parents, Sudhakar and Satyavati, have expressed suspicion about Sricharan's parents. They allege that Sricharan is hiding some-

where in Visakhapatnam. **Murder Case Registered Against Sricharan**

Radha Gayatri had gone on a trip to Mussoorie in Uttarakhand along with her husband, Sricharan Somayajulu. She died under suspicious circumstances on the 14th of this month. Her parents have alleged that their son-in-law, Sricharan, was responsible for their daughter's death. Based on a complaint lodged by Radha Gayatri's father, Parupudi Sudhakar, Mussoorie Police registered a murder case against Sricharan. An FIR was filed last Saturday under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Attempt to Encroach Raghurama Krishnam Raju's Land Using Forged Documents: Case Registered

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 26: A sensational case has come to light in which a gang allegedly attempted to encroach on a land parcel worth over ₹2 crore belonging to Andhra Pradesh Assembly Deputy Speaker K. Raghurama Krishnam Raju using forged documents. The disputed property is located in the Madhurawada area of Visakhapatnam, a prime locality, where it has been alleged that fake registrations were carried out using forged signatures.

Land Purchased in 1989; Forged Documents Misused
Raghurama Krishnam Raju reportedly purchased a 333.33 square yard plot in

the Madhurawada area of Visakhapatnam in 1989. The current market value of the land is estimated to be over ₹2 crore. However, some individuals allegedly targeted this valuable property and created forged documents by faking the Deputy Speaker's signature. It is further alleged that, using these fake documents, the property was illegally transferred multiple times from one person to another through fraudulent registrations.

How the Incident Came to Light

On May 25 and 26 this year, some individuals allegedly entered the land site and attempted to construct a compound wall around it. A friend of Raghurama

Krishnam Raju, who noticed the activity locally, immediately informed him. Acting on the alert, Raghurama Krishnam Raju examined his original documents and compared them with the papers presented by the accused, which revealed the forgery. He identified that his signature had been carefully falsified and that attempts were made to grab the land through fraudulent registrations.

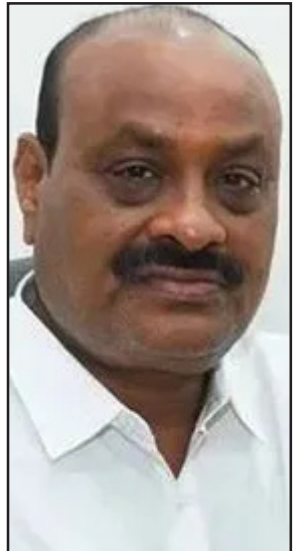
Police Register Case and Begin Investigation

Representatives of Raghurama Krishnam Raju lodged a written complaint with PM Palem Police, urging strict action against those involved in the attempted encroachment and forgery. Based on the com-



plaint, police registered a case on June 20. Authorities have intensified the investigation to determine where the fake registrations were carried out and to identify the masterminds and others involved in the fraud.

Subsidized Fertilizers Only for Genuine Farmers: Minister Atchannaidu



Amaravati, June 26: Minister Atchannaidu stated that transparency in fertilizer distribution is the government's primary objective. Speaking to the media on Friday, he said that APAIMS 2.0 is being used to completely curb the illegal diversion of fertilizers. He noted that subsidized fertilizers are being supplied only to genuine farmers. According to the minister, fertilizers have so far been distributed to 297,000 farmers through APAIMS 2.0. He said that 48,588 metric tonnes of urea and 12,874 metric tonnes of DAP have been distributed

under the system. The minister stated that fertilizers are being supplied only to the extent required, based on the crop and area under cultivation. He said that fertilizer stocks and distribution are being monitored in real time. Equal opportunity is being provided to every eligible farmer, including tenant farmers, he added. Farmers can lodge complaints regarding fertilizer-related issues through the toll-free number 155251. He revealed that most of the technical issues encountered during the initial phase have been resolved.

APAIMS 2.0 has effectively put a complete stop to the illegal misuse and diversion of subsidized fertilizers, he said. The minister urged farmers not to believe misinformation campaigns intended to mislead them. He stated that reports claiming tomato prices have completely crashed are false. According to official market statistics, tomato prices have remained stable. He also said that the campaign being carried out regarding the Jain Mango Pulp Unit is untrue. Minister Atchannaidu advised farmers to rely only on official sources of information.

Three Individuals Identified by SIT in Disposal of Sai Krishna's Body

Vijayawada, June 26: Key developments are emerging day by day in the Sai Krishna lockup death case, which has created a sensation across the state. According to the Special Investigation Team (SIT), two head constables and a friend of Circle Inspector (CI) Nagaraju allegedly assisted in disposing of Sai Krishna's body. Following the arrest of CI Nagaraju, head constables Ashok and Jangam Nani, along with Nagaraju's

friend Suresh, reportedly went into hiding. Information suggests that Head Constable Nani played a significant role in handling private dealings while using the CI's name and influence. Jangam Nani had previously been suspended in Gannavaram and was later transferred to the reserve line (VR) by senior officials following allegations of misconduct at Patamata Police Station. He was recently posted as a head constable at Krishnalanka Police



Station. The SIT investigation has concluded that Ashok, Nani, and Suresh played a major role alongside CI Nagaraju in concealing and disposing of Sai Krishna's body after the lockup death. Based on Call Detail Records

(CDRs) and CCTV footage, the SIT identified the trio as key individuals in the case. Consequently, SIT officials have intensified their search operations to trace and apprehend the three absconding suspects.

In BJP's New UP Team For 2027 Polls, A Caste Counter To Akhilesh Yadav's PDA



With the Assam hat trick and West Bengal debut victory done, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has shifted its focus to Uttar Pradesh for the 2027 assembly elections, eyeing a historic third term. After facing a huge setback in Uttar Pradesh, one of India's most politically significant states, in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP has announced new office bearers for the party's state Pradesh unit, replacing all six regional presidents. State BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary on Thursday announced a list of 64 mem-

and women and maintained a regional balance. He also kept social equations in check, a move which is seen as a counter to Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav's 'PDA' (Pichhda, Dalit, and Alpsankhyak - Backward, Dalit, and Minority) formula. The PDA strategy is said to be behind the Samajwadi Party's biggest-ever victory in Uttar Pradesh in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, getting the party 37 of the state's 80 seats.

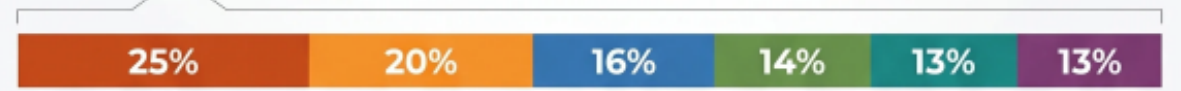
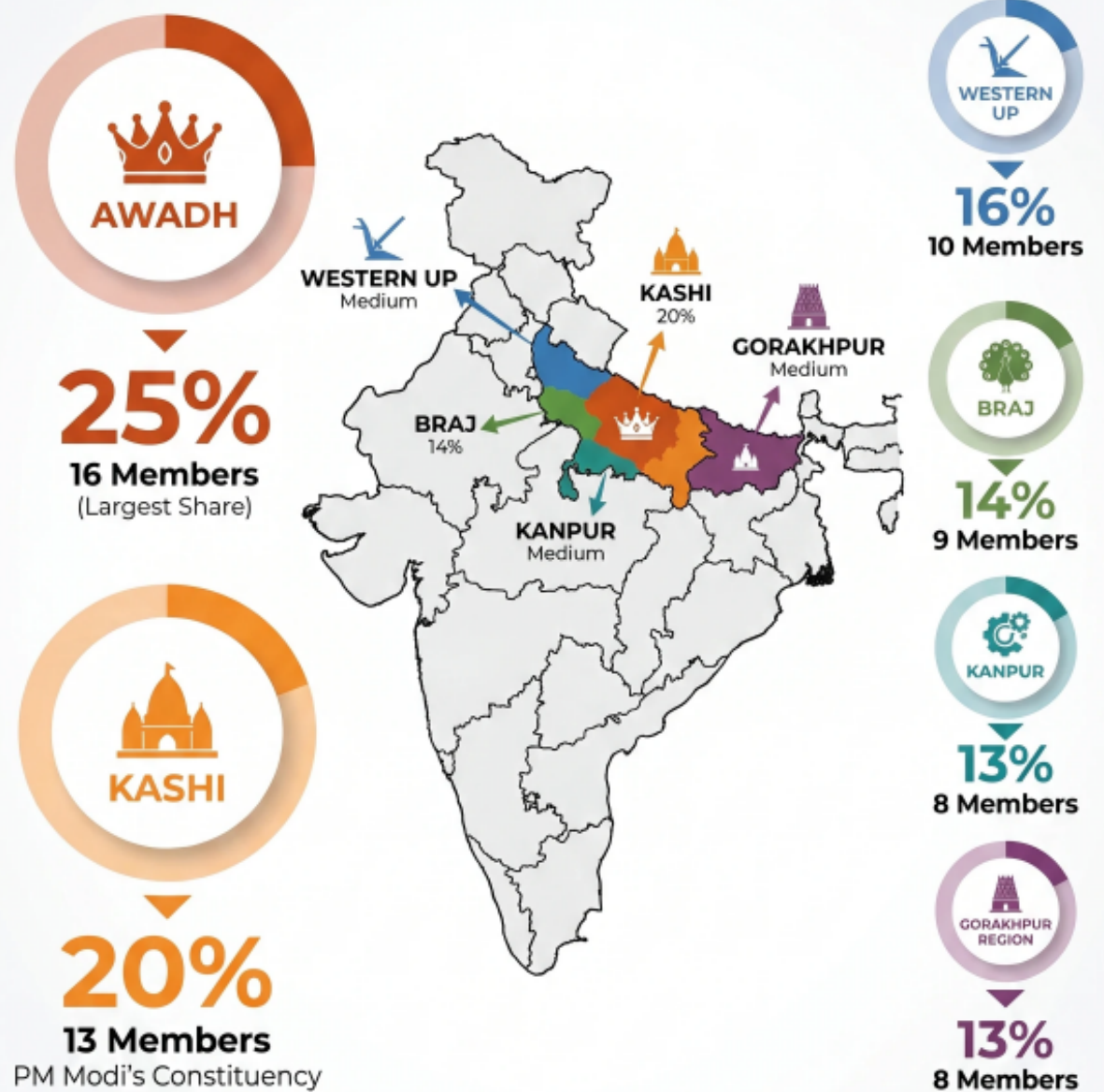
Priority To OBC Community
Four out of the six re-

cent of the team. Of the 29 OBC members, three each are from the Jat and Kurmi communities, and two each from the Yadav, Pal, Gurjar, Shakya, and Lodhi communities. 13 other OBC sub-castes have also been given representation with one post each for Kushwaha, Kori, Goswami, Chaurasia, Lonia-Chauhan, Teli, Nishad, Bind, Maurya, Rajbhar, Vishwakarma, Jaiswal, and Saini. Just like the last four elections, the BJP is again trying to bring non-Yadav OBCs into its fold, including 27 leaders from non-Yadav backward

the Shakya, Lodhi, Kurmi, and Jat communities. Pooja Pal and Dhruv Vijay Shakya have also been included to ensure representation for non-Yadav OBCs. The BJP has also placed special emphasis on western Uttar Pradesh, incorporating Jat leaders from the region into the team. Mohit Beniwal, an IIT Delhi alumnus and former regional president of the western region, has been reappointed as a vice president, reinforcing his image as a prominent young Jat leader. Devendra Singh, a prominent Jat figure from Meerut, has also been cho-

NEW BJP TEAM: REGIONAL REPRESENTATION BREAKDOWN

Share of Office-Bearers by Region in the New Team



***Note:** Regional breakdown is for the new team's office-bearers. Percentages are approximate based on the total number of members mentioned.



bers, dropping more than half of the leaders from the previous team. According to the list, which was issued after several rounds of consultations between Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, senior state leaders and the central leadership, the party appointed 19 vice presidents and eight general

regional presidents -- Nawab Singh Nagar (for west Uttar Pradesh), Puran Lal Lodhi (for Braj), Ramkishor Sahu (for Kanpur), and Ashok Chaurasia (for Kashi) -- belong to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category, who are estimated to constitute around 55 per cent of Uttar Pradesh's popula-

and extremely backward classes in its new team and accommodating only two Yadavs. In the previous Lok Sabha elections, this vote bank had drifted away from the BJP and shifted towards the Samajwadi Party.

Who Are The New Members
Geeta Shakya, Shankar

sen as the state president of the Kisan Morcha. The BJP also handed over the command of the Western region to Nawab Singh Nagar, sending a strong political signal to the Gurjar community.

Focus On Scheduled Communities
Within the Scheduled

the Valmiki and Jatav communities received one post each. With the aim of deep-

Scheduled Tribes (2 per cent) have been included in the team. An opportunity has also been extended to the Gond community under the ST category.

A Message To Brahmins
The BJP, which has recently faced criticism from Brahmins, has given them a significant representation in the new team. The party has included ten Brahmins, constituting 15 per cent of the total team - the largest share for any single community. 28 individuals from the General category have also been included, with Brahmins accounting for the largest share within this group at about 37 per cent, followed by Kshatriyas (seven members). Abhijat Mishra has been appointed General Secretary, while Brij Bahadur, Archana Mishra, Shankar Giri, Ankur Sharma, Yatendra Sharma, and Rajni Pandey have also been given key roles. Awdhesh Dwivedi has been appointed as the regional president for the Awadh region. Suresh Rana, a prominent Kshatriya figure from the western region, has been reappointed with the post of vice president for his effective handling of responsibilities

during the Haryana and Bengal assembly elections. Neeraj Singh, the younger son of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has also secured a place in the team. Lucknow, Dec 25 (ANI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets during a public meeting at the inauguration of Rashtra Prema Sthal, in Lucknow on Thursday. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, State CM Yogi Adityanath, State Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak, and State BJP Chief Pankaj Chaudhary, and others are also present. (DPR PMO/ANI Photo) The team also includes four Bhumihars, two Vaishyas, and one representative each from the Kayastha and Tyagi communities.

Regional Balance
The Awadh region has secured the largest share in the new team, with 16 office-bearers (25 per cent) selected from the area. This is followed by the Kashi region -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency -- which has 13 representatives (20 per cent). The BJP has also made rooms from the other

parts of the state, including 10 members (16 per cent) from Western UP, nine (14 per cent) from the Braj region, and eight each (13 per cent) from the Kanpur and Gorakhpur regions.

Key Roles For Youngsters, Women

Among the 64 office-bearers, 29 hold postgraduate degrees, 25 are graduates, and four hold PhDs. Individuals with professional degrees such as BTech, LLB, and MBA have also been entrusted with responsibilities within the organisation. Special attention has also been given to age demographics as part of the strategy to empower the youth. The team comprises a significant number of leaders who are aged below 50. It has two leaders under 35, eleven under 40, sixteen under 45, and twenty-seven under 50. Ensuring the participation of women, who constitute half the population, a total of twelve women office-bearers have been appointed to key positions. These include four female vice presidents, one female general secretary, and seven women entrusted with the role of secretary.



secretaries and chose nineteen state ministers as office bearers. The party also accommodated youngsters

tion. Of the 64 office-bearers, the largest group belongs to the OBC category, representing about 45 per

Lodhi, Dilip Patel, and Rajesh Chaudhary have been appointed General Secretaries, representing

Castes (SC) category, the BJP allocated the highest number of posts -- four -- to the Pasi community, while

ening ties with the Dalit community, seven members from SC (about 11 per cent) and one member from

Prabhas Hints at Baahubali 3, But Will It Materialize?

There seems to be no end to the Baahubali juggernaut. Even a decade after the introduction of the epic fictional world Mahismati by filmmaker SS Rajamouli, the emotion behind it continues to resonate with moviegoers across the globe. Also, the makers are keeping everyone immersed in one or the other way. Recently, Netflix released a special documentary series titled Baahubali: The Torchbearer. Filmed back during the production of the epic original films, this behind-the-scenes deep dive offers fans an emotional, nostalgic journey with the cast. As fans go gaga over this documentary, a promotional video featuring the core trio of Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, and Anushka Shetty has now grabbed the attention and triggered a huge discussion. This is because it surprised the audience by dropping a crazy hint "The world is not ready for this announcement... Baahubali is coming for you all!" In the now viral video, Prabhas is seen holding up three fingers at the very end. For millions of die-hard fans, this seemed like the third installment of Baahubali



cannot be completely ruled out. But, it can also be just a tease to build anticipation for the animation spectacle titled Baahubali: The Eternal War, which is likely to hit the screens next year. Even if S.S. Rajamouli and the producers are indeed planning

a proper cinematic installment, taking it on to the floors is going to be very challenging given that all the actors and technicians who worked on the franchise are currently busy with other commitments. Given Rajamouli's track record of

spending 3 to 4 years per film, a slot for Baahubali 3 wouldn't open up anytime soon. Keeping aside all these inferences, it is of doubt that Baahubali 3 will create a never-before-seen hysteria if at all it materializes in the future.

Varanasi: Mahesh Babu's Birthday Special Likely But...

SS Rajamouli gave an interview to an international publication. During course of the interview, he also revealed the progress of Varanasi. "What I can say is we have completed a major portion of the shoot, including all the important large-scale action sequences. We are now filming the smaller interconnecting scenes, so hopefully by September, or a little into October, we should be finishing the shoot," Rajamouli said. It is a good news that the shoot will be finished by October. That is one checkbox done for the movie release on April 7, 2027. But then, there is a huge task of VFX and Rajamouli is known to be uncompromising in that department. But then, the fans will be hoping that the film would arrive on time because Varanasi will have an international release and it is important to proceed as per plan or else it will be a logistical nightmare to plan such a release. So, they are hoping that Varanasi will release as planned. Mean-



while, the update also gives hope for the fans that they can expect something from the film on August 9th as Mahesh Babu's Birthday Special. But

then, it is not easy to give video content of the film as it is extremely laborious task.

It is unlikely that Rajamouli will release any video content

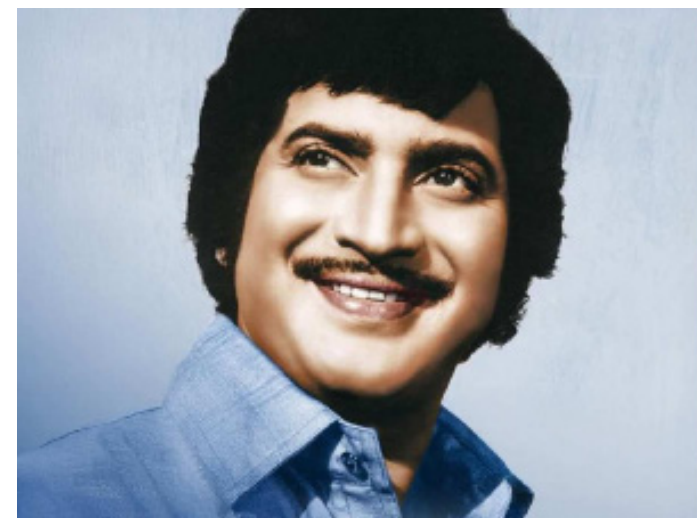
until closer to the release as he already introduced the world of Varanasi with the glimpse released earlier. So, we may expect a poster that day.

When even the daring Superstar Krishna felt fear

Ghattamaneni Krishna, fondly known as Superstar Krishna, built his career on courage. He was a fearless innovator who constantly pushed boundaries in Telugu cinema. From introducing the first full-length Cinemascope film and the first 70mm film to popularizing spy thrillers and cowboy westerns, Krishna was always willing to take risks that others avoided. His daring personality extended beyond filmmaking. He never hesitated to compete with towering stars of his era, including N.T. Rama Rao. Yet, there was one phase in his illustrious career when even Krishna feared for his future. The turning point came with the release of "Alluri Seetarama Raju" in 1974. The film became a sensational blockbuster and remains one of the greatest classics in Telugu cinema. Ironically, its phenomenal success created an unexpected problem for Krishna. Recalling those days, Krishna once shared an interesting anecdote involving legendary writer-producer Chakrapani. "After the release of 'Alluri Seetarama Raju,' Chakrapani garu expressed a desire to watch the film. I arranged a

special print for him. After seeing it, he called me to his house and asked how many producers were making films with me. I told him that five or six films were already under production," Krishna recalled. What Chakrapani said next left him stunned. "He told me that all of them would lose money. Shocked, I asked whether he didn't like the film. He replied, 'No, it is a great film. That is exactly the problem. Audiences have been mesmerized by your portrayal of Alluri Seetarama Raju. They may not accept you in ordinary roles anymore.'" As it turned out, Chakrapani's prediction proved alarmingly accurate. More than a dozen Krishna films failed one after another. "After nearly 12 consecutive flops, I began to feel that Chakrapani garu had been right. Audiences were not accepting me in regular characters after seeing me as Alluri Seetarama Raju," Krishna said. Faced with what he described as an existential crisis, Krishna decided to take matters into his own hands. He selected a story rooted in rural life and personally oversaw the project. That film was "Paadi Pantalu."

The film was completed in a



single schedule and planned for a Sankranti 1976 release. However, many advised him against the move. "My well-wisher Chandrasekhar Rao garu strongly opposed releasing it during Sankranti. NTR's 'Vemulawada Bheemakavi,' ANR's 'Mahakavi Kshetrappa,' and Sobhan Babu's 'Picchi Maraju' were all arriving for the festival. He told me I had already suffered enough losses and should avoid competing with such big releases. He suggested postponing it to February." Krishna, however, refused to back down. "I felt it was a do-or-die situation. Whether I

survived in the industry or not, I was determined to release the film for Pongal. I went ahead with my decision." His gamble paid off spectacularly. While the other festival releases underperformed, "Paadi Pantalu" emerged as a major success and ran for 25 weeks, reviving his career. That episode perfectly encapsulates what made Superstar Krishna unique. Even during the most uncertain phase of his life, when fear had begun to creep in, he relied on the same quality that defined his career: the courage to take risks when others would retreat.

Sobhita's Raw Intensity Leaves Stunned



Sobhita Dhulipala has always brought an intensity to everything she does, and her latest photoshoot captures exactly that. Known for her powerful performances in *Made In Heaven* and *The Night Manager*, she most recently led the Telugu crime thriller *Cheekatilo* on Prime Video, playing Sandhya, a true crime podcaster who unravels a serial killer's dark secrets set in Hyderabad. The show received strong praise and cemented her position as one of the most compelling actresses working in Indian entertainment today. In her new pictures, Sobhita lets raw, unfiltered beauty do all the talking. With tousled wet curls, barely there makeup, and a soft grey wrap dress, she leans into a mood that is deeply sensual and effortlessly cinematic. The close up frames capture the kind of brooding, magnetic gaze that very few can pull off with such ease. Sobhita has always stood apart from the crowd, choosing roles and looks that reflect depth over glamour. Her ability to command attention without saying a word, both on screen and in a photoshoot, is what makes her one of Bollywood's most distinct and watchable faces right now.

Who will give Buchi Babu the next chance?

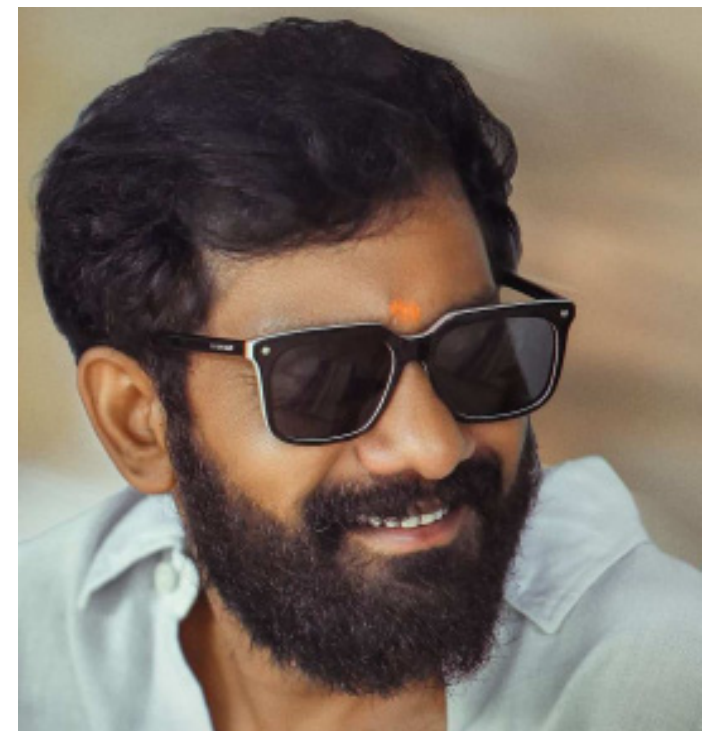
Ram Charan-starrer "Peddi" has almost completed its theatrical run. The actor is currently in the UK to participate in the film's success celebrations. But was "Peddi" really a blockbuster? The answer is no. Was it a flop? The answer is also no.

The actual verdict on "Peddi" is somewhere in between. The film nearly recovered its investment in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana markets, making it a successful venture in the Telugu states. Karnataka also delivered encouraging numbers. However, the film underperformed in North India and North America, while Tamil Nadu and Kerala contributed only modest collections.

Overall, "Peddi" has ended up as a mixed performer. That said, Ram Charan has enough reasons to celebrate. The film's worldwide gross is substantial and it now ranks among the highest-grossing Telugu films globally. More importantly, after a string of setbacks, the film has helped restore confidence in his box-office pull and earned him appreciation for his performance.

But what does the result mean for director Buchi Babu?

Buchi Babu made an impressive debut with "Uppena", starring



Vaishnav Tej and Krithi Shetty, which emerged as a sensational blockbuster.

Following that success, he reportedly narrated a story to NTR, but the project did not materialize. He later approached Ram Charan and convinced him with the script that eventually became "Peddi".

While the film has posted respectable numbers, the director himself has not gained significant recognition from it. As things stand, it may not be easy for him to secure dates from top-tier stars such as Prabhas, Allu Arjun, NTR, Pawan Kalyan, Nani, or Vijay Deverakonda, all of whom have packed schedules and multiple options before

them.

There is talk that Ram Charan has promised to work with Buchi Babu again. However, even if that project takes shape, it is unlikely to happen for another two or three years. There are also whispers that Mahesh Babu has shown interest in hearing a story from him, though nothing concrete has emerged so far.

For now, Buchi Babu appears to be at a crossroads. He may have to wait patiently for another opportunity with a major star or chart a different path by collaborating with younger heroes before landing his next big project.