

Kothagudem: Police arrested eight persons for clashing in the Kothagudem Three Town police station premises over a family dispute. In a statement, Kothagudem DSP Chandrarayana said that while the district police were engaged in security duties for the Ganesh immersion, two groups had come to the police station regarding a family dispute involving Koradala Kumar and his wife Vinoda. At that time, a verbal altercation escalated, leading to mutual abuse and physical assaults.

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Chakali Ilamma's Struggle Inspires: CM



K. Shanthi Kumar,
Hyderabad, **Jay**
Janasena News, Sept.,
26: On the occasion of the 131st birth anniversary of Telangana's legendary woman warrior Chakali Ilamma, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid rich tributes to her. The Chief Minister remembered Chakali Ilamma as a courageous leader who defied the rule of feudal lords and fought fearlessly against forced labour and feudal exploitation. He stated that her sacrifices and fighting spirit would remain a lasting source of inspiration and guidance for Telangana society. On the occasion, the Chief Min-

ister said that Chakali Iamma had fearlessly fought for the rights of oppressed sections of society. He stated that her movement for land, livelihood and self-respect had become a distinct chapter in the history of Telangana. He added that her sacrifices for the rights of ordinary people continued to inspire the present generation.

The Chief Minister said that Chakali Iamma's struggle was not merely a movement for individual rights, but a people's struggle for social justice. Her courage in fighting against social discrimination, exploitation and oppression created awareness among the people, he said. He recalled that her role in the Telangana Armed Peasant Struggle was historic. Chakali Iamma, who stood up against exploitative forces, became a symbol of self-respect for oppressed sections, the Chief Minister said. He further stated that the path shown by Chakali

llamma for women's empowerment, social equality and justice remained relevant even today. He said it was the responsibility of society to carry forward her ideals and values.

The Chief Minister stated that Chakali Iamma held a special place in the history of people's movements in Telangana. Her life demonstrated the courage to stand up against injustice and the determination to fight for one's rights, he said. He noted that her dedication to securing people's rights would remain an inspiration for generations to come. Remembering the sacrifices of great personalities like Chakali Iamma would help further strengthen the values of equality, justice and self-respect in society, the Chief Minister said. He once again paid rich tributes to the legendary woman who became a symbol of the fighting spirit of the people of Telangana.

Manmohan Singh's Economic Legacy Hailed

K. SHANTHI KUMAR,
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena
News, Sept 26: Former
Prime Minister, eminent
economist Dr. On the occa-
sion of Manmohan Singh's
birth anniversary, Welfare
Minister Adluri Laxman
Kumar paid tributes to him.
For the economic develop-
ment and comprehensive
progress of the country, Dr.
The Minister stated that the
services rendered by

Manmohan Singh are memorable. He said that his simplicity, knowledge and committed leadership as the Prime Minister left a special mark in public service.

Dr. laid the foundation of economic reforms and paved the way for the progress of the country. The minister said that Manmohan Singh's life and services are an inspiration for future generations. Adhuri Laxman Kumar said that the real tribute to him is to carry forward his ambitions and spirit of public service.



Voter Services to Be Delivered at Doorstep

New Delhi, Jay Janasena News, Sept., 26: The Election Commission of India took several key decisions at a meeting held on Saturday afternoon regarding the revision of electoral rolls, registration of new voters, and measures to make electoral services more accessible to the public. The Commission issued clear guidelines to officials for the speedy resolution of issues identified during the ongoing special scrutiny process. The primary objective is to ensure that electoral services are provided to voters without causing them inconvenience, the Elec-

tion Commission said. As part of the special scrutiny process, field-level action will now be taken in cases involving individuals who have received notices. Concerned officials will directly visit their homes, collect the necessary documents, and record the details in the system. The information will subsequently be forwarded to the Electoral Registration Officers for verification. This will reduce the need for ordinary citizens to visit government offices and appear in person. Except in urgent situations, personal inquiries should, as far as possible,

be conducted online rather than at government offices, the Commission decided. If necessary, a senior family member may also be permitted to appear on behalf of the voter. Officials have been directed to strengthen online facilities to facilitate this process. Special help centres will be established at the district level to assist people living in night shelters, labourers, poor and homeless persons in getting their names included in the electoral rolls. The Election Commission has directed officials to organise special camps wherever necessary and



provide eligible individuals with opportunities to register. These measures are aimed at ensuring that no eligible citizen is deprived of the right to vote, the Commission said.

The Election Commission stated that the special scrutiny process has already been completed in Bihar, West Bengal, and 20 other States and Union Territories.

CM Revanth Seeks Bharat Ratna for Manmohan Singh



K. SHANTHI KUMAR,
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena
News, Sept 26: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has demanded the central government to award the "Bharat Ratna to former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh" who made the dream of

Telangana state come true and upheld the self-respect of the people. In recognition of his services to the country, he was asked to set up a science center in Delhi. On the occasion of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's birth anniversary, the CM unveiled his statue.



at Wipro Circle in Hyderabad's financial district on Saturday. At times, the central government was advised to take a decision beyond politics. The Chief Minister praised Manmohan Singh as a great person who took the country's economy forward.

in silence. This matter will be taken to the notice of AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. Rajya Sabha members were advised to mention this issue in Parliament. He said that unveiling the statue of Manmohan Singh on his birth anniversary

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has hailed former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh as the national jewel of India. He said that he unveiled the statue with the intention of passing on their inspiration to future generations. He said that whatever position he took as Reserve Bank Governor, Finance Minister and Prime Minister, he brought his best to those positions. He reminded that Manmohan Singh served as Finance Minister during the late Prime Minister PV Sarsimha Rao's regime in 1991 and the reforms brought by him helped the country recover from the financial crisis.

Veeranari Chakali Ailamma Jayanti Celebrations

K. SHANTHI KUMAR,
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena
News, Sept 26: Veeranari
Chakali Ailamma Jayanti
celebrations were officially
organized by the state govern-
ment at Rabindra
Bharathi. The Chief Guest
of this program was Minis-
ter of Labor Dr. Gaddam
Vivek Venkataswamy, BC
Department Chief Advisors
V Hanumanth Rao, Washer
Men Corporation Chairman
D Ajay Kumar, Vice Chair-
man Bangaru Babu. Orga-
nized under the auspices of
the BC Welfare Department,
the Telangana Veeranari
Chakali (Chityala) Ailamma
Jayanti was officially orga-
nized by Govt. Ravindra
Bharti. First they lighted the
Jyothi and paid tributes to



Ailamma's picture by garlanding it. BC Minister Ponnam Prabhakar was unable to attend due to some unavoidable reasons but delivered his message through Charavani. Chief Advisors of BC Department V Hanumanth, MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, MLC Baswaraju

Saraiah, MLC Balmur Venkat, BC Commission Chairman, Niranjan, Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar, Rajya Sabha Members R Krishnaiah, various Corporation Chairman, Vice Chairman, women members, various districts were present in this program.

AI to Take Telangana Tourism Global: Bhatti



K.SHANTHI KUMAR,
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena
News, Sept 26: Deputy
Chief Minister Mallu Bhathi
Vikramarka has called for
widespread use of digital
technology and artificial in-
telligence (AI) to take the
tourism sector of Telangana
to international level. He
clarified that the govern-
ment is taking steps to place
Telangana, which is home
to natural, historical, spiri-
tual and cultural wealth, at
the top of the world tour-
ism map. World Tourism
Day-2026 celebrations with



the theme "Digital Agenda – A New Look for Tourism with Artificial Intelligence" was held on Saturday at a traditional venue in Shilparam. Deputy CM Mallu Bhattivikramamarka and Tourism Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao attended the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy CM said that the theme of this year's Tourism Day is "Digital Agenda - A New Look for Tourism with Artificial Intelligence" and that there is a need to rebuild our tourism

sector in line with modern technology. He launched a new website and a beautifully illustrated coffee table book to showcase the state's tourism on a global platform.

Bhatti Vikramarka said that there are huge opportunities for health, temple and rural and nature tourism in the state. He reminded that the work of setting up wellness centers in Vikarabad has already started. Tiger reserves, forests, waterfalls, ancient temples and historical buildings in the city are particularly attractive to tourists and Telangana is the perfect destination for those seeking tranquility. Officials were advised to market these internationally in a proper manner.

Projects under PPP system, budget increase:

Compared to the past, this time tourism sector has been given higher priority in the budget, he said. They said that they have laid great emphasis on the safety of visitors and qual-

It was clarified that international level hotels and other infrastructure should be provided in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode to attract huge investments.

Special plans are suggested to divert Hyderabad software employees who work under extreme pressure for five days a week towards tourism. For this, the Minister of Tourism and the Secretary have ordered a meeting with the CEOs of leading IT companies and managers of tourism projects soon. It has been mentioned that the software employees should be encouraged to visit the natural areas of Telangana on weekends by providing 'tourism coupons'. The Deputy CM opined that tourism is not just entertainment but reflects the amalgamation of different cultures. Appreciating the new initiatives undertaken by the Tourism Department, he wished that Telangana's tourism reputation would be known worldwide.

Kaleswaram Barrage Restoration from November: Uttam

K. SHANTHIKUMAR,
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena
News, Sept 26: State Irriga-
tion and Civil Supplies Min-
ister Captain N.
Uttamkumar Reddy has an-
nounced that the compre-
hensive renovation works
of Medigadda, Annaram
and Sundilla barrages in the
Kaleshwaram lift scheme
will be started in the second
week of November and will
be completed before the
monsoon season of 2027.
He said that the state gov-
ernment has finalized the
necessary designs to
strengthen the security of
the three barrages and re-
store their operational ca-
pacity to the fullest extent.
The Minister held a review
on the proposals for the re-
storation of barrages with
the top officials and engi-
neers of the Irrigation De-
partment on Saturday at his
official camp office in
Kundan Bagh, Begumpet,
Hyderabad.
The Minister said that the
rehabilitation plan prepared
by the project designer in-
cludes strengthening of
foundations by grouting,

extension of stilling basins and construction of new cut-off walls. It is explained that the main purpose of these works is to correct the defects in the arrangements for controlling the flow of flood and to increase the stability of the foundations and prevent the infiltration of water under the foundations. The minister revealed that the restoration plan has been prepared taking into consideration the objections and suggestions expressed by the National Dam Safety Agency (NDSA) and other expert committees. Uttam Kumar Reddy made it clear that "There will be no compromise on the safety of construction of barrages and the quality of restoration work. Every work will be done on the basis of scientific studies and recommendations of national level technical institutes".

The proposed designs are being tested through computational fluid dynamics models at the Central Water and Power Research Center (CWPRS) in Pune,



he said. He said that these tests will determine how the flow of water at the barrages will be when there are different levels of flood flow and how effective the proposed measures will be. The Minister disclosed that the finalized designs will be placed before the Technical Monitoring Committee under the Central Water Commission in New Delhi on October 5.

He said that experts of the committee will examine them and make necessary suggestions and recommendations. The Minister directed the officials to simultaneously complete all necessary pre-arrange-

ments to start the works as soon as the technical approvals are received. He said that the Department of Irrigation and Ayakattu Development is preparing the comprehensive cost estimates for the restoration works. He said that the contract procedure required for government approval is also being finalised.

It was suggested that tenders be called as soon as the designs are approved and the whole process be expedited so that the works can be handed over. He ordered that there should be strict quality standards, independent tests and clear time limits in the execution of works.

EDITORIAL

Tension Over Xi Jinping–Trump Meeting

The three-day visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to the United States is being closely watched by countries around the world. Political assessments suggest that the visit could have an impact on global affairs and contribute to the emergence of a bipolar order dominated by the United States and China. It is significant that the visit is taking place just four months after US President Donald Trump visited Beijing. The underlying objective of the visit appears to be a desire to maintain stable relations between China and the United States, the two most powerful countries in the world. A few days ago, the US Congress granted President Trump the authority to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on any country that continues to trade with Russia and Iran. China is the largest trading partner of both Russia and Iran. At the same time, the trade agreement reached between the United States and China in Busan, South Korea, is set to expire within a few weeks. Therefore, Xi’s visit also assumes significance from the perspective of trade relations. The bilateral discussions between the two presidents are expected to focus mainly on concerns over the risks posed by artificial intelligence, trade, technology, the Taiwan issue, critical minerals, and efforts to reduce tensions between the two countries in international affairs. Xi’s remarks ahead of his US visit that China and the United States should be partners rather than rivals are noteworthy. There is intense competition between the two countries in the field of artificial intelligence. While the US seeks to maintain its technological dominance, China is attempting to expand its influence in the technology sector. As part of this strategy, Xi’s recent proposal at the BRICS summit to establish an open-source AI community for countries of the Global South is significant. The Taiwan issue remains the most complicated problem in US-China relations. On this matter, Trump appears interested in proceeding cautiously, taking into account the ground realities and avoiding a direct confrontation with China. However, the United States continues to follow its long-standing Taiwan policy and also maintains its legal obligations under the Taiwan Relations Act. Together, the US and China account for around 42 per cent of the global economy. There are concerns in some countries that if the two nations enter into agreements solely in pursuit of their mutual interests, while ignoring the interests of other countries, a kind of “dual dominance” could emerge, potentially causing serious disruption to the international order.

India, along with other Asian countries, is closely assessing the meeting between the two presidents and its subsequent developments. They are watching to see whether the two countries reach any temporary agreements, achieve significant progress towards greater stability and clarity in their relationship, or whether the meeting fails to produce the expected results and instead leads to further tensions. The Joe Biden administration regarded China as a major challenge in terms of capabilities and gave considerable importance to India. Even after Trump returned to the presidency for a second term, competition with China has continued. However, the Trump administration has largely toned down the approach of portraying China as America’s principal geopolitical and strategic threat. This is also reflected in the 2025 National Security Strategy. During the recent tensions involving China and Taiwan, Trump showed little interest in extending support to Japan. If the United States adopts a more conciliatory approach towards China, the need for countries such as India to balance China’s power in Asia could diminish to some extent from Washington’s perspective. India and several other countries have expressed concern over Trump’s occasional support for the idea of a “G2”. The concept of G2 envisages the world’s two major superpowers, the United States and China, jointly determining the most important global policies. If such an arrangement emerges, there are concerns that the United States could give less importance to the interests of countries such as India, which has a border dispute with China. With a US-China dominated “G2” system potentially emerging, there could be a greater need for middle powers such as India, Japan, Canada, Australia and the European Union to coordinate more closely with one another. This could help them protect their interests and sovereignty and prevent powerful countries from exerting pressure or dominance over others. Meanwhile, with the US midterm elections approaching, the meeting has become important for the Trump administration. Trump may seek to project the outcome of the discussions as an achievement and use it in his preparations for the elections. If the results of the elections are unfavorable for the Republicans, their dominance in both houses of Congress could be weakened.

Chakali Ilamma in the History of Telangana’s Struggle

- A courageous woman who stood up against oppression
- A relentless struggle for farmers’ rights - A symbol of social justice
- A story of struggle that continues to inspire generations



Chakali Ilamma, who hailed from the Palakurthi region of Jangaon district, has left an indelible mark on the history of Telangana. Born into an ordinary family, she refused to remain silent in the face of injustice and bravely resisted oppression. She came to be recognised as a courageous woman who fought for the rights of the people. At a time when exploitation by landlords, oppression and social inequalities were widespread during the Nizam’s rule, Ilamma’s courage and determination gave a new direction to the Telangana peasant movement. Her name therefore continues to be regarded as a symbol of struggle and self-respect.

During those days, it was common for farmers who cultivated land to have no legal or

social rights over it. Landlords and feudal chiefs maintained their dominance and subjected poor farmers to various forms of harassment and exploitation. Under such circumstances, Ilamma began a struggle to protect her family’s rights over the land they cultivated. Despite facing intense pressure, threats and attacks, she refused to step back. She stood not merely as a woman defending her family, but as a representative of the farming community who questioned injustice.

Chakali Ilamma’s struggle did not remain confined to a personal dispute over land. It became a symbol of a larger movement for social justice. Through her struggle, she brought to the forefront the problems faced by the poor, labourers and marginalised sections of soci-

ety. Her movement highlighted the need for farmers to stand united and fight for their rights.

Her courage inspired thousands of people. Chakali Ilamma holds a special place in the history of the Telangana peasant armed struggle. Her role in creating awareness among people against the feudal system and exploitation was significant. Her life demonstrated how an ordinary woman from among the people could emerge as an extraordinary leader by standing firmly against injustice.

Her struggle instilled confidence among many farmers and encouraged them to come forward to fight for their rights. Through her actions, Chakali Ilamma also demonstrated that women could play a crucial role in social movements. At a time when women’s voices were rarely heard in a male-dominated society, she fearlessly raised her voice and fought for justice. By balancing family responsibilities while actively participating in a social movement, she gave a new meaning to women’s strength and determination. Even today, her name is respectfully remembered whenever women’s empowerment and social justice are discussed. Chakali Ilamma’s life was filled with hardships, chal-

lenges and struggles, yet she never deviated from her goal. Despite facing numerous difficulties, she continued to raise her voice for the people, farmers and social justice. Her fighting spirit has ensured her a permanent place in the hearts of the people of Telangana.

Although history has witnessed many leaders of various movements, Ilamma holds a special place as a leader who emerged directly from among the people.

Even after Independence, Chakali Ilamma continued to remain concerned about people’s problems. She worked for the advancement of marginalised communities and participated in activities aimed at creating social awareness. She played her part in protecting people’s rights. Her life became a symbol of commitment to serving society.

After the formation of Telangana State, greater recognition was given to Chakali Ilamma’s contributions. Several government programmes, memorials and statues have been established in her name. Her services are being remembered through educational institutions, welfare programmes and government events. Efforts are also being made to introduce her role in Telangana’s history



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to the younger generations.

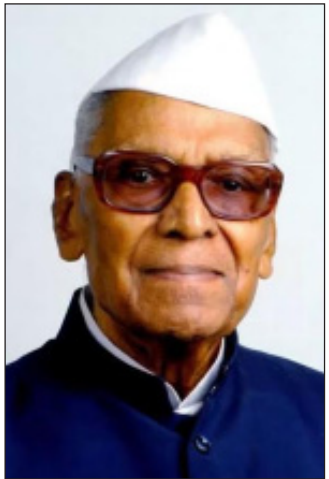
There is a need for today’s youth to study the life of Chakali Ilamma. Her life teaches valuable lessons about standing courageously against injustice, fighting for one’s rights and working for the welfare of society. Her history demonstrates how the determination of one individual can create a lasting impact on social change.

Chakali Ilamma was not merely an individual; she represented a movement. She was not merely a woman; she became a source of inspiration. She remains a symbol of the struggle for farmers’ rights, social justice and equality.

Her name will remain permanently etched in the history of Telangana. Chakali Ilamma will always be remembered as an inspiring personality who continues to pass on the values of courage, self-respect and the spirit of struggle to generations to come.

Konda Laxman Bapuji – A Fearless Fighter on Many Fronts

The BC Community Must Strive for Its Share, Inspired by Konda Laxman Bapuji



It is extremely difficult to separate the life history of Konda Laxman Bapuji from the history of Telangana itself. A great intellectual who carved his own name in the pages of history through sheer self-effort, Bapuji played a crucial role in the struggle for Telangana statehood and earned recognition not merely as a political leader but as a statesman. It is not easy to present the complete life story of Bapuji. From the time he became conscious of the world, struggles became his way of life. He dedicated everything he possessed to the people. He not only gave up his ministerial position for the cause of Telangana but also took a solemn pledge that he would not accept any political office until Telangana was achieved, and lived by that commitment. Among political leaders who lived through different phases of the 20th and 21st centuries, Bapuji’s life occupies a distinctive place. His life reflects the broader political and social history of Telangana and offers a picture of people’s politics outside the conventional political framework of post-Independence India. Bapuji not only fought against feudal exploitation and the oppression of the poor but was simultaneously associated with several interconnected people’s movements. These included the struggle against the Nizam, the movement for the welfare of Backward Classes, the handloom cooperative movement, the Telangana peasant struggle, the freedom movement, and the first and subsequent phases of the movement for a separate Telangana state.

A Life That Began with Resistance
Bapuji began his political journey as a young activist during the movement against the autocratic rule of the Nizam. Like many Congress leaders, he publicly adhered to Gandhian principles and advocated non-violence. At the same time, he actively participated in the resistance movement against the Nizam’s rule.

While remaining connected to the social roots of the national movement, Bapuji worked for the rights of handloom workers through the cooperative movement. His efforts to distinguish the interests of handloom owners and traders from those of weavers brought him closer to the working classes. As an activist in the freedom movement, Bapuji was influenced by the ideas, writings and speeches of M.N. Roy. He translated and published Roy’s lectures under the title Revolutionary Issues

of India in Urdu. Bapuji believed that people in public life and politics should remain sincere and honest. The contrasting political philosophies of Subhas Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi also influenced his thinking in different ways. He constantly thought about the lives of poor people living in villages and urban slums and those dependent on cottage industries and hereditary occupations. He worked for the advancement of production communities and occupational groups such as carpenters, blacksmiths, brass workers, basket makers, fishermen, toddy-tappers, tailors and Vadderas. Bapuji recognised an important reality: although BC communities formed the backbone of rural life and the economy, many of them continued to suffer from low social status, inadequate economic returns and limited access to quality education. Without improving their educational and economic position, he believed, genuine social and political empowerment would remain difficult. Therefore, during his lifetime, he undertook several initiatives to strengthen the traditional occupations and economic position of not only weavers but also other BC communities.

Standing Firm for Social Values
Even after Independence, when politics gradually became increasingly affected by the decline of political and social values, Bapuji continued to stand for principles.

At a time when sections of political leadership were attempting to use the BC movement and reservations as instruments for personal advancement, Bapuji’s approach remained rooted in social justice and the rights of weaker sections. As agriculture-based and traditional occupations began to decline, millions of people faced the sudden loss of their livelihoods without adequate alternatives. Bapuji was among those who understood that strengthening traditional occupations had to remain an integral part of any meaningful political and social struggle.

A Witness to Three Generations of the Telangana Movement

Konda Laxman Bapuji remained actively involved whenever the demand for a separate Telangana state emerged in different periods. He participated in the movement against the formation of Andhra Pradesh in 1956, played an important role in the Telangana movement that gained momentum in the late 1960s, supported the subsequent phase of the movement, and continued to remain a guiding figure during the final phase that ultimately resulted in the formation of Telangana state. At a time when the Telangana movement was facing disappointment and frustration, Bapuji helped keep the aspiration for a separate Telangana alive among the people. His role in the 1969 Telangana movement was particularly significant. He became the first minister in the Congress government to resign from his ministerial position in support of the Telangana cause.

Political Career and Commitment to the BC Cause

After Independence and the integration of Hyderabad State with India, Konda Laxman was first elected MLA from Asifabad in 1952. He later served as Deputy Speaker and Minister and remained active in public life for many years. Despite hold-

ing positions of responsibility, Bapuji stood against exploitation and oppression and, when necessary, opposed even his own political party in support of weaker sections and working people. His opposition to the Congress leadership’s position on the Mandal Commission recommendations eventually led him to resign from the primary membership of the Congress. This reflected his continued association with the cause of Backward Classes. When the Telangana Rashtra Samithi was formed in 2001, Bapuji reportedly made his residence available for party activities, reflecting his commitment to the Telangana statehood cause. He repeatedly argued that the Telangana movement should not depend upon a single leader and that collective leadership was necessary for achieving its objectives. Even at an advanced age, he continued to participate in the Telangana movement and undertook a protest at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar.

Early Influences and the Freedom Struggle

Konda Laxman studied in Urdu and Marathi during his school years. At the age of 16, despite restrictions on meeting Mahatma Gandhi, he travelled with a group of students to meet Gandhi at Chandrapur. The meeting had a profound influence on his political outlook. Even during his youth, he mobilised young people against social evils and superstitions. His activism in support of poor people’s rights and land issues led landlords to view him as a rebel. After studying at City College in Hyderabad, he participated in the Vande Mataram movement at Osmania University in 1938 and was imprisoned. From the age of 20, he secretly trained young people to participate in the national movement. He also took part in struggles for civil rights in Hyderabad against the Nizam’s rule and was arrested. Due to financial difficulties, he could not continue conventional college education after completing his secondary schooling. He subsequently studied law and became a lawyer. In his legal career, he represented people who faced cases because of their opposition to the Nizam’s rule and provided legal assistance to activists including Chakali Ailamma and Bandagi. In 1940, he attended political training in Dehradun and was deeply influenced by M.N. Roy’s lecture on Revolutionary Issues of India. During the freedom struggle, he also met Subhas Chandra Bose and discussed the Nizam’s autocratic rule. In 1941, police raided his residence because of his political activities. He went underground for some time but continued his activities against the Nizam. He travelled from Hyderabad to the Congress office in Bombay, actively participated in the Join India movement and helped refugees fleeing the Nizam’s territory.

Work for Farmers, Weavers and Occupational Communities

In 1941, Bapuji organised a Kisan conference at Mancherial in Adilabad district and invited national leaders such as Jayaprakash Narayan and N.G. Ranga.

He participated in the Quit India Movement of 1942 as well as the Telangana liberation struggle. He was associated with the Andhra Mahasabha and worked alongside

leaders such as Ravi Narayan Reddy, Baddam Yella Reddy and Arutla Ramachandra Reddy.

When the handloom sector suffered after the Second World War, Bapuji launched a major campaign that resulted in the introduction of a yarn coupon system under the Nizam government.

He also fought against the system of compulsory unpaid labour and worked for the liberation of fishermen, barbers, washermen, potters and handloom workers from forced service.

In 1945, he was elected president of the State Padmashali Association. He sought to organise resistance against the oppressive policies of the Nizam.

His activities during the period leading to the integration of Hyderabad State with the Indian Union resulted in police attempts to arrest him. He went underground and continued his activities.

Social Reform and Cooperative Movement

Bapuji also played an important role in social reform. He organised protests against child marriage and worked for legislative measures to address the practice. He played a key role in establishing a Padmashali hostel and worked towards the establishment of handloom cooperative societies. From 1944 to 1960, he served as president of the State Padmashali Association. From 1951 to 1956, he served as the founding general secretary of the State Backward Classes Association. His sustained efforts contributed to the inclusion of several occupational communities associated with handloom work in the Backward Classes category and helped expand educational opportunities for them.

A Life Dedicated to Justice and Equality

Bapuji was a distinctive personality who waged a lifelong social and political struggle for freedom, justice and equality.

He married Dr. Shakuntala Devi on June 27, 1948, in Madras while he was living underground. He encouraged his wife to serve wounded soldiers during the China war.

One of his sons served in the Indian Air Force and lost his life in service.

Born on September 27, 1915, at Wankidi in the erstwhile Adilabad district to Konda Poshetti and Ammakka, Bapuji lived for 97 years and passed away on September 21, 2012. His life remains an example of sustained struggle for the liberation and welfare of oppressed people.

Relationships with National Leaders

Throughout his life, Bapuji maintained relationships with several prominent national and regional leaders, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Indira Gandhi, K. Kamaraj, S. Nijalingappa, Morarji Desai, Tanguturi Anjaiah, K.V. Ranga Reddy, Suravaram Pratap Reddy, Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh.

His political career was also marked by periods in which his name was reportedly considered for the Chief Minister’s position. His supporters have attributed the failure to secure such a position to internal

political and social equations within the Congress.

The Road Ahead: Continuing the Struggle for BC Rights

From the armed struggle to the achievement of Telangana statehood in 2014, numerous known and unknown individuals made sacrifices. Remembering their contributions and making their history accessible to future generations is an important responsibility. The government decision to officially commemorate the birth anniversaries of social reformers and Telangana movement figures such as Chakali Ailamma and Konda Laxman Bapuji is significant. However, merely holding anniversary programmes is not enough. The ideals for which these leaders struggled must be reflected in public policy and social action.

Inspired by Konda Laxman Bapuji, the struggle for the rights and advancement of Backward Classes should focus on issues such as:

- A comprehensive caste census to establish accurate demographic data of BC communities;
- Adequate representation for BCs in legislatures;
- Appropriate representation for BC women in political reservation frameworks;
- Removal or review of the creamy-layer restrictions in accordance with constitutional and legal provisions;
- Reconsideration of existing ceilings on reservations within the constitutional and judicial framework;
- Greater representation for BC communities in the judicial system; and
- Educational and economic programmes that strengthen traditional occupations and create sustainable livelihoods.

The true tribute to Konda Laxman Bapuji is not merely to remember his name once a year, but to understand the principles for which he stood—social justice, equality, dignity, democratic values and the empowerment of weaker sections.

His life should become an inspiration for the younger generation to work for a society in which every community has equal dignity, opportunity and representation.

On the occasion of the 111th birth anniversary of Acharya Konda Laxman Bapuji — September 27



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Objection to Proposed Downgrading of Hyderabad General Post Office Status



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Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, Sept26: Hyderabad Parliament Member Asaduddin Owaisi has strongly objected to the proposal to downgrade the status of the Hyderabad General Post Office (GPO), which holds a special place in the history of the city. He wrote to the concerned Union Ministers urging them to immediately withdraw the proposal. Describing the institution, which has a history of more than a century, as an important part of Hyderabad’s heritage, Owaisi said that downgrading its status would

cause damage to the city’s historical legacy. Owaisi responded after a proposal to shift the Hyderabad General Post Office from its existing higher-level status to a lower level and merge it with the city postal division reportedly came to light. He stated that the views of public representatives, employees and the public had not been taken into consideration before the proposal was made. In his letter, he said that unilateral decisions concerning an institution of such historical importance were not appropriate. Owaisi pointed

out that the Hyderabad General Post Office continues to be one of the busiest postal centres in the state. A large volume of letters, parcels and other postal services within the city are handled through this office, he said. Considering the steadily increasing demand for postal services, the importance of the office has grown further, he added. He also stated that a specialised centre related to the collection of postage stamps and preservation of postal history in the state is functioning at the Hyderabad GPO. The centre plays a significant role in preserving the history of the postal system for future generations, he said. He maintained that downgrading an institution with such unique features was not appropriate and stressed the need to protect its independent identity. Owaisi stated that the office provides services to lakhs of people within the

Hyderabad Parliamentary constituency. Apart from postal services, it also serves as an important centre for various government, financial and public services, he said. Instead of taking steps such as downgrading its status, the functioning of the institution should be further strengthened keeping public needs in mind, he added. Owaisi urged the Union Government to reconsider the proposal after taking into account public interests, historical heritage and the importance of the institution. He appealed to the government to completely withdraw the proposals to downgrade and merge the Hyderabad General Post Office and take steps to ensure that it continues with its independent status. He also stated in his letter that the concerns expressed by employees and members of the public should be respected by the Union Government.

Night-Time Vehicle Restrictions in Amrabad

Nagarkurnool, Jay Janasena News, Sept26: The Forest Department has decided to impose strict restrictions on vehicular movement during night hours within the Amrabad Tiger Reserve to protect wildlife and prevent accidents involving animals caused by vehicles on roads. Officials stated that the measures are being implemented by giving priority to the safety and conservation of wildlife in the Tiger Reserve.

The Supreme Court has already issued directions to regulate vehicular movement at night on roads passing through core areas and Critical Tiger Habitat areas of tiger reserves. It has made it clear that, except for vehicles involved in emergency services, other vehicles should not be permitted from sunset to sunrise. As part of implementing these directions, special measures are being taken in the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. According to the Forest Department, regular vehicular movement will not be permitted from 9 PM to 6 AM. During this period, only vehicles providing emergency medical services, ambulances and ve-



hicles engaged in other emergency duties will be allowed. Officials made it clear that all other vehicles will not be permitted to enter the reserve forest areas during these hours. Forest officials stated that incidents of tigers, leopards, deer, wild boars and other wildlife moving along roads at night being killed in vehicle collisions have been reported. Against this backdrop, they said regulating vehicular movement during night hours has become necessary to ensure that the natural movement and habitat of wildlife are

not disturbed. They added that the decision would contribute to maintaining ecological balance. The Amrabad Tiger Reserve is recognised as one of the important tiger habitats in the country. Tigers, leopards, sloth bears, rare birds and several other species of wildlife inhabit the reserve. Officials said the government is taking special measures for their protection and conservation. They noted that reduced vehicular movement at night would create more favourable conditions for

wildlife to move freely. With the new restrictions set to be strictly enforced, the Forest Department appealed to motorists to extend their full cooperation. Travellers have been advised to plan their journeys in advance and cross the reserve areas only during the permitted hours. Officials emphasised that protecting wildlife is the responsibility of everyone and called upon all sections of society to participate in safeguarding the natural wealth and biodiversity of the region.

Mudiraj Lion Roar Public Meeting

K.SHANTHIKUMAR
Hyderabad/Rajanna Siricilla, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26 Mudiraj Simhagarajana public meeting in Junior College in Rajanna Sirisilla district center. Ministers Vakiti Srihari, Ponnam Prabhakar, Legislative Council Chairman Banda Prakash Mudiraj, Government Whip Adi Srinivas, Corporation Chairmen and other key leaders participated. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud said on this occasion, We must have the strength to speak loudly for our rights and for the Mudiraj community. Wherever our problem appears, we should raise our voice boldly. Since I was a student leader, I have learned to fight for the problems of the weaker sections. I have been associated with many leaders who have served the BC community for nearly three decades. Our strength lies in unity. We all have a responsibility to speak up for our rights, be it in the Parliament or the Legislature. Even being in the Congress party, I feel it is my responsibility to do my best to solve the problems of BC society. Congress party has taken many decisions for the welfare of weaker sections in the past. Late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy also undertook many programs for the welfare of the weaker sections. Under the

leadership of the current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the government is paying special attention to issues related to BCs. Under the leadership of Srihari and under the guidance of Banda Prakash, let us try to bring the problems of Mudiraju and BC society to the attention of the Chief Minister. Let us along with our important leaders soon discuss our problems with the Chief Minister and try to formulate an action to solve them. We have the right to ask for the implementation of the Kamareddy BC Declaration. I have faith in the Congress party. In the same way Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that caste census will be done across the country and cheated by saying that caste census will be included in population census.. The central government should be stopped. We have supported the census to find out the BC population in Telangana. Similarly, a nationwide census should be conducted and the population of BCs should be officially disclosed. According to the principle of “Jitni Aabadi Utne Isedari”, the demand for rights, opportunities and representation in accordance with the population should be heard strongly. If we know exactly how much our population



is, we can strongly say how much representation, how much share, and what kind of welfare programs we need Action should be taken on the issue of providing pension to other professional castes at the age of 50, just like Netannas and Geetha workers get pension at the age of 50. Actions should be taken for the welfare of occupational castes like Yadavas, Fishermen, Rajakus, Nayi Brahmins, Mudirajas, Buddhirajas etc. As the BC Welfare Minister, I will do my best to bring this matter to the attention of the Chief Minister and take it forward. Government is allocating funds for caste associations and caste buildings in Hyderabad. We are allocating 5 crores for the sense of self-respect of the Mudiraj caste. 50 crore has been allotted to Mudiraj Corporation. All caste communities should contribute to start construction of their buildings. These buildings

should be used not only for meetings but also for accommodation, study and preparation of competitive exams for students coming to Hyderabad from rural areas. Our caste buildings should become guiding centers for education, employment and competitive examinations for future generations. When the Mudiraju community is so large, we need to speak more unitedly about our population, our problems and our rights. All BCs should move forward unitedly by solving mutual problems instead of differences between castes. The government should support the preservation of the traditional professions of Yadavas, Gita workers, Rajakus, Nayi Brahmins, fishermen, Mudirajas, etc. For the development of every profession, steps should be taken to provide economic security and social respect to the families dependent on that profession.

Goalis a Telangana Without Thatched Huts-Minister Ponguleti



K. Shanthi Kumar
Jangaon, Jay Janasena News, Sept26: The government’s goal is to build a Telangana free of thatched huts, said State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He was the chief guest at a programme held at the Preston College grounds in Jangaon district headquarters for the distribution of sanction letters for Indiramma houses, where he handed over the documents to beneficiaries. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, and others attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that despite the state’s difficult financial situation, the government was not backing down from implementing the promises made during the elections. He said the administration was being conducted with the welfare of the poor as its central focus. He stated that the Indiramma Houses scheme was being implemented as a flagship programme to fulfil the dream of owning a house for poor families. Providing houses in phases to every eligible family is the government’s commitment, he said. The Minister revealed that 4.50 lakh Indiramma houses had been sanctioned across the state in the first phase, with financial assistance of ₹5 lakh per house. He said funds were being directly deposited into the beneficiaries’ bank accounts every Monday based on the progress of construction. The government is working with a target of completing the construction of 2.18 lakh houses by the coming Dussehra, he said. In the second phase, 2.50 lakh houses have been sanctioned, with an additional 2,000 houses allocated to each constituency, he said. Families living in thatched huts are being given the highest priority, the Minister stated. He announced that financial assistance of ₹5 lakh each was being sanctioned at the programme itself for 500 families identified in the Jangaon constituency who are living in thatched huts. He also stated that a special financial assistance programme was being implemented to help complete houses that had remained unfinished in the past or had only incomplete walls. Under the programme, assistance ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹3 lakh would be provided, he said. The government is already implementing several welfare schemes for the poor, including free electricity up to 200 units, new white ration cards and the distribution of fine-quality rice, the Minister said. To provide quality education to poor students, diet charges in hostels have been increased by 40 per cent and other facilities have also been expanded, he said. The government is constructing integrated educational institutions with international standards in every constituency at an estimated cost of around

₹200 crore each, he revealed. For the economic empowerment of women, more than ₹70,000 crore in interest-free loans have so far been provided to self-help groups, the Minister said. The government’s goal is to transform one crore women into millionaires, he stated. He said the Rythu Bharosa scheme was continuing for farmers and that

farmers cultivating paddy were receiving the minimum support price along with a bonus for fine varieties of paddy. For unemployed youth, the government has already filled 72,000 government posts, while notifications have been issued for another 14,000 to 15,000 posts, he said. The Minister announced that ₹25 crore was being sanctioned in the first phase for the development of Jangaon Municipality. He directed officials to expedite the completion of pending development works. He further stated that incomplete double-bedroom houses would be made habitable and handed over to eligible beneficiaries by Dussehra. The Minister made it clear that no eligible family in the state need to be disappointed regarding Indiramma houses and assured that houses would also be sanctioned to all eligible beneficiaries in the third and fourth phases.

We Will Fight the Government on Education and Healthcare

K. Shanthi Kumar
Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, Sept26. The condition of the education and healthcare sectors in the state has become a matter of concern, said Telangana Rakshana Sena president Kalvakuntla Kavitha. Addressing a press conference held at the Telangana Rakshana Sena office in Banjara Hills on Saturday, she spoke extensively on several issues. Alleging that the government was not paying adequate attention to basic sectors such as healthcare and education, she said negligence could not be tolerated in matters concerning people’s lives. She stated that there was an urgent need to improve the condition of government hospitals, schools and hostels across the state. Expressing deep anguish over the recent incident at RIMS Hospital in Adilabad, Kavitha said the figures related to the deaths of children were distressing. She

stated that information received from various districts indicated that infant deaths were occurring at a worrying level. She demanded that the government formulate a special action plan to identify and rectify shortcomings in the public healthcare system. She said adequate funds should be allocated to the healthcare sector and that the allocated funds should be fully utilised. Kavitha stated that several major government hospitals in the state continue to face shortages of beds, doctors and other staff. She said people were facing serious difficulties because some hospitals lacked facilities proportionate to the number of patients they receive. She called for measures to ensure that medical services are accessible to everyone and urged the government to immediately address problems in the implementation of schemes such as Aarogyasri. She also suggested that regulations re-

quiring private hospitals that have received government land to provide a specified percentage of free medical treatment should be strictly enforced. She also expressed concern over the education sector. Kavitha said many government schools across the state lacked even basic infrastructure. In particular, she pointed out that adequate toilets, sanitation facilities and systems for managing sanitary waste were not available for girls in many schools. She urged district officials to regularly inspect the condition of schools and hostels, identify problems and resolve them immediately. The government should pay special attention to students’ safety, health and quality of education, she said. Kavitha announced that her party would undertake a special inspection programme across the state to assess the condition of government hospitals, schools and hostels. Party



leaders and workers would tour different districts and document the problems, she said. She also appealed to people and youth to inspect the condition of government institutions in their respective areas and bring the issues to the attention of the concerned officials. She expressed the view that meaningful change in the education and healthcare sectors could be achieved only with public participation. Speaking on political issues, Kavitha announced that the Telangana Rakshana Sena would contest the Khairatabad Assembly by-election and field its own candidate. Reports published on September 26 also carried her announcement that the party would contest the by-election.

Last Chance for Degree Admissions Through DOST



Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: The Government Degree College (Autonomous), Bhadrachalam, will conduct a One-Time Spot Admission Drive on September 28 and 29, college Principal Professor K. John Milton said in a statement on Saturday. He said that students who have not registered through DOST so far, those who did not get a seat, and those who received a seat but did not join can make use of this opportunity. The Principal stated that the opportunity is available not only to students from Telangana but also to students from Andhra Pradesh and other states. During the spot admission drive, students can directly visit the college with their certificates and obtain admission. He further said that students can avail themselves of free assistance at the DOST Help Line Centre located at the college.

Mahesh Goud Questions SIR Process



K.SHANTHIKUMAR, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: Agitations across the state on 28th in protest with the main demand of resignation of Gyanesh Kumar. Massive protest at Hyderabad Tank Bund Ambedkar statue at 10.30 am on Monday. Mahesh Kumar Goud says, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has criticized that the Election Commission is acting in the matter of Special Comprehensive Amendment (SIR) from the very beginning. He called on the Congress ranks to hold protest programs in all the district centers across the state on 28th of this month as per the call of AICC against the behavior of the Election Commission. He said that the main demand for the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar, should be the protest.

He called for a large-scale protest at Ambedkar's statue at Tank Bund in Hyderabad at 10.30 am on Monday. He made a statement on these matters and said that vote is the foundation of democracy and every citizen's right is to protect the citizens' rights and the Election Commission's minimum responsibility. He said that it has come to light that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi have raised objections 14 times in the past 10 months, contradicting the Chief Election Commissioner on issues related to the amendment of the voter list. It has come out that two Election Commissioners have raised objections to the inclusion of questions related to Sir in Form-6 used by newly enfranchised citizens. Doubts raised in this process, what

is the legal basis for those changes? Ayana said that the Election Commission should clearly disclose these matters to the people. form-Mahesh Kumar Goud demanded that the Election Commission should give a full explanation on the matter in the wake of the news that two commissioners had raised objections to the changes made in 6.

If there is a procedure for making changes in voter data, the Election Commission should clarify the role, supervision and responsibility of Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) who have legal powers in the field, and who changed the voter data? When was it changed? Changed for what reason? Changed with permission of which officer? He said that there should be an audit trail for the details and there is a need to be very responsible. There are reports that a large number of voters' names have been deleted from the draft lists during the SIR process, what are the reasons for the deletion of names and how many names have been deleted? How many objected? How many names were added back? The PCC chief demanded that the Election Commission make public the complete details state-wise and constituency-

wise. He said that the Election Commission under the leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Gyanesh Kumar should ensure that every decision is legal, transparent and accountable so that questions do not arise in the public as to whose interests they are working for. He said that it is just as important to ensure that even a single eligible voter's name is not removed by mistake, it is equally important to take action as per law and rules in case of ineligible names. He said that the right to vote is the most important constitutional right in a democracy, therefore it should be protected at every stage like preparation of voter list, amendment, deletion of names, registration of new voters and data changes. The Congress Party has been suspicious of the actions of the Election Commission since the beginning and now the two commissioners have also expressed the same suspicions that the EC's actions in the country for some time have benefited the ruling party at the Centre, he said. They asked the democrats and unions to support the protests and movements undertaken by the Congress party across the country on a large scale.

Every Gram Panchayat to Get Own Building: Sitakka

K.SHANTHIKUMAR, Hyderabad/Ranga Reddy, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: Panchayat Raj, Minister of Rural Development said that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the construction of Gram Panchayat buildings is being carried out in saturation mode so that every Gram Panchayat in the state has its own building. Danasari Anasuya Sitakka said. The minister said that currently 5,118 gram panchayats in Telangana do not have their own buildings, and the government has sanctioned funds of Rs.1,000 crore to construct buildings for the respective gram panchayats. It has been revealed that 70 percent of the construction works of 3,269 Gram Panchayat buildings have been completed and the remaining works are also being worked on to be completed this year.

"According to the instructions of the Chief Minister, we will build our own buildings for all gram panchayats in saturation mode. We will take steps to ensure that every gram panchayat has one building," said Minister Sitakka. A regional review meeting of joint Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Medak districts under the Ham project, and about Rs.3,382 crores will be spent for this purpose. About 50 percent of the roads under the first phase of the Ham project across the state are in these four districts, so officials and contractors have been ordered to take up the works with special care. Since October to June is the ideal time for construction work, it is advised to make full use of this period and complete the work on time.

The minister made it clear that the contractors should complete the works with quality and on time in the construction of ham roads. "Other states are also interested in the construction of rural roads under the Ham system in Telangana. Representatives of some states have already come to Telangana and learned about this system. If the contractors perform well here, they will get opportunities in other states as well," said Minister Sitakka. He said that Chief



that the government has sanctioned funds of Rs.800 crore for this and the construction works have already reached the final stage. The minister said that if women's associations get their own buildings, women will be able to manage their activities more effectively.

Rural roads for the first time in the country under the Ham system

Minister Sitakka said that in Telangana, rural roads are being constructed using the Ham method and this method is being used for the construction of rural roads for the first time in the country. He said that 3,861 kilometers of roads are being constructed in Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Medak districts under the Ham project, and about Rs.3,382 crores will be spent for this purpose. About 50 percent of the roads under the first phase of the Ham project across the state are in these four districts, so officials and contractors have been ordered to take up the works with special care. Since October to June is the ideal time for construction work, it is advised to make full use of this period and complete the work on time.

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Minister Revanth Reddy's idea is to provide better transport facility from every abode to the state capital, and according to that goal, the rural roads of the state are being strengthened.

Precautionary measures on drinking water in the wake of El Nino

The minister ordered the authorities to be alert from now to avoid drinking water problems in the coming summer due to the effect of El Nino. He said that drinking water is being supplied through 19 reservoirs in these four districts, except for Singur, the remaining reservoirs have sufficient water reserves. Since there is not enough water in the Singur reservoir, a special officer has been appointed there to ensure that there is no problem in the supply of drinking water. It has been suggested to speed up the steps to move water from Nizamsagar to Singur. The Minister said that Singur currently has enough drinking water reserves for about 54 days and by utilizing local water resources, measures are being taken to ensure drinking water for about 75 days without any problem.

Drinking Water Management Committee for each mandal

The minister directed to form a drinking water management committee with three members for each mandal in view of next summer. It has been suggested that these committees should tour the mandals and assess the availability of water and identify alternative sources of water. He ordered to pay special attention to supply of drinking water in adivasi, tribal areas and chenchu farms.

Employment guarantee

works should be increased

Minister Seethakka suggested that every deserving family should be provided employment guarantee work as there is a possibility of reduction in agricultural work due to rainy conditions. He said, "Employment work for the common people. Villages should be provided with assets. Only then will the villages develop sustainably." He said that a budget of Rs.6 thousand crores is ready for employment guarantee works and to make full use of it, infrastructure and water conservation works should be taken up in the villages. He suggested that the water conservation works undertaken under the Jalasiri program should be completed speedily and plans should be made and implemented so that every village can develop abundantly and comprehensively.

Officers should work with integrity

Minister Sitakka made it clear that officials and contractors should work with sincerity in the development works. He ordered to complete the pending works quickly and not to compromise on the quality of the works. The minister warned, "If the duties are neglected, action will be taken. Officers who work well will have honors. Officers who do not work will have faces." Gram panchayat buildings, women association buildings, roads, drinking water, employment guarantee, Minister Seethakka said that the government's aim is to develop every village in a coordinated manner by taking forward all aspects like water conservation.

Graduate MLC Polls to Be Held in March: Vaddiraju



K.SHANTHIKUMAR, Hyderabad, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra along with BRS Working President KTR and other dignitaries discussed the elections to be held for graduates' constituencies at Telangana Bhavan. Elec-

tions to the two graduate constituencies in the Legislative Council will be held next March. On this occasion, graduates will have to register their votes. In view of this, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao held a meeting with the public representatives and former

public representatives of Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal and Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabub Nagar joint districts of the two constituencies where the elections will be held. It was held on Saturday at Telangana Bhawan,

Hyderabad, BRS Parliamentary Party Leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former Lok Sabha Members Nama Nageswara Rao, Malothu Kavitha, former Ministers Vanama Venkateswara Rao, Puvvada Ajay Kumar, Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy, MLCs Thakkallapally Ravinder Rao, Tatha Madhusudan, MLA Dr. Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, former MLAs Sandra Venkataveeraiah, Rega Kantha Rao, Kandala Upender Reddy, Mecha Nageswara Rao, Tati Venkateswarlu, Chandravathi, Haripriya Naik, leaders Lingala Kamal Raj, Mane Ramakrishna, Enugula Rakesh Reddy and others were present.

Godavari Pushkar Works Must Be Accelerated

Road Expansion Works on Mada Streets Should Be Completed on Time Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrest

Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, Sept, 26: Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrest directed the concerned officials to expedite the development works being undertaken for the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu, along with the road expansion works on the Mada Streets within the premises of Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple, and ensure their timely completion for the convenience of devotees. On Saturday, the Sub-Collector inspected the road expansion works being carried out on the Mada Streets of Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple and on the Chappidi Down Route near the Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple premises. He inspected the works along with officials from the Panchayat Raj, Roads & Buildings (R&B), and Irrigation departments. Speaking on the occasion, he said that, as per the directions of



Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, the temple-related works in Bhadrachalam should be completed before Sri Rama Navami. Keeping the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in view, the road expansion works on the temple Mada Streets should be executed according to a proper plan and completed at the earliest, he said.

He stated that the government is moving forward

with the objective of developing the Bhadrachalam temple to provide better facilities to devotees arriving from across the country and abroad. He directed the officials to ensure that devotees do not face difficulties in their movement and to provide the necessary infrastructure through proper coordination among the departments. He further advised the officials to take into consideration the experience gained from the

large-scale temple and festival-area development works undertaken earlier and proceed with the present works in a coordinated and effective manner. Temple Executive Officer Damodar Rao, PVTG Officer Ganya Naik, Tahsildar Ravi Kumar, In-charge MPDO and EO-GP Srinivasa Rao, along with officials from the Panchayat Raj, R&B and Irrigation departments, among others, participated in the programme.

Expansion of Oil Palm Processing Capacity

- Target to bring 1 million acres under oil palm cultivation in three years
- Processing facilities to be made available closer to farmers
- Minister Tummala reviews capacity expansion
- Minister visits Narmetta processing plant

K. Shanthi Kumar, Narmetta, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said that processing capacity must also be increased in line with the expansion of oil palm cultivation in the state. He stated that the government is moving forward with a target of bringing oil palm cultivation to 1 million acres across Telangana over the next three years. The Minister, along with District Collector Haimavathi, visited the oil palm processing centre at Narmetta village in Nangunur mandal of Siddipet district. He inspected the ongoing operations and held a review meeting with officials. The Minister enquired about the collection and transportation of fresh fruit bunches, processing procedures, water availability, management systems and services being provided to farmers.

Officials informed the Minister that more than 70,000 metric tonnes of fresh fruit bunches had been processed at the facil-



ity since its inception. The centre is currently operating with a processing capacity of 30 tonnes per hour, and officials said there is scope to expand the facility further in accordance with future requirements. The Minister stated that as the area under oil palm cultivation increases, fruit production will also rise substantially, making it essential to enhance processing capacity. He said the possibility of expanding the Narmetta centre to a capacity of 120 tonnes per hour

in the future was a positive development. He explained that timely processing of the crop would help improve both quality and farmers' income. The Minister emphasised that processing facilities should be made available closer to farming areas so that farmers do not have to transport their produce over long distances. Processing the crop as soon as possible after harvesting would help preserve its quality and reduce transportation costs, he said. The government will gradu-

ally expand processing centres, transportation facilities and other infrastructure in accordance with the growth of oil palm cultivation, the Minister stated.

During the visit, the Minister interacted directly with oil palm farmers and sought their views on crop yields, cultivation practices, harvesting, transportation and processing. He advised farmers to adopt scientific cultivation methods, proper water management and timely harvesting to achieve higher yields.

TJMU General Body Meeting Postponed to October 8

- Date of the meeting scheduled for September 28 revised
- Decision taken due to unavoidable reasons: District General Secretary G. Udaya Raghavendra
- Leaders call upon journalists to attend the meeting in large numbers



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Aswaraopeta, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: The date of the first general body meeting of the Telangana Journalists Media Union (TJMU) in the Aswaraopeta Assembly constituency has been revised. The meeting, which

was originally scheduled to be held on September 28 (Monday), has been postponed to October 8 due to unavoidable reasons, TJMU Bhadradi Kothagudem District General Secretary G. Udaya Raghavendra said in a statement. Union leaders

stated that all arrangements had already been completed to conduct the first general body meeting in Aswaraopeta on a grand scale, as part of efforts to further expand the union's activities across Bhadradi Kothagudem district. As per

the revised schedule, the meeting will commence at 11:00 AM on October 8 at the Chemilids Guest House in Aswaraopeta. The meeting will discuss in detail the protection of journalists' rights, welfare, and future course of action for journalists working in the print, electronic, and digital media sectors within the constituency. Union leaders called upon all journalists in the constituency to come together and work collectively to make the first general body meeting a success. They urged all journalist friends from across the constituency to take note of the change in date and attend the meeting in large numbers on October 8 to ensure its successful conduct.

Fishery Society Member Expresses Grievance

"It is painful to remove me from the society despite being a member"
"Immediate action should be taken against Society President Qasim"
Mangapuram Tanda P. Kotaiah Naik



Nelakondapalli, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: P. Kotaiah Naik, a resident of Mangapuram Tanda in Nelakondapalli mandal of Khammam district and a member of the Cherumadharam Fishery Society, has expressed serious grievances over the alleged functioning of the society and the manner in which he was removed from the membership.

Speaking to the media, Kotaiah Naik alleged that around 400 tonnes of fish from the Cherumadharam tank were harvested and sold without the knowledge or involvement of several members of the society and the governing body. He alleged that the fish were taken to the Bujjigudem Tanda area near Kodad and sold to middlemen on a bridge.

He alleged that the society's president, M.D. Qasim, along with certain members of the governing body, harvested and sold the fish after paying the lease amount on June 30, without providing proper information to the members until July. Kotaiah Naik said that he had repeatedly approached the District Collector and other concerned officials seeking justice. He claimed that he had submitted around 10 representations to the Collector and had also approached the Assistant Director concerned, but alleged that no appropriate action had been taken.

He further alleged that he was being deliberately removed from the membership of the society because he had raised questions regarding the alleged irregularities. According to him, he had also issued a legal notice and approached the court in the past to protect his membership rights. Kotaiah Naik alleged that he



had been suspended from the society twice and had approached the court to obtain orders for continuation of his membership. He questioned why he should be forced to approach the court repeatedly whenever his membership was suspended.

He further alleged that several members were being removed from the society without following proper procedures. He demanded that the existing committee be dissolved and that a new committee be constituted in accordance with the applicable rules. Kotaiah Naik also alleged irregularities in the admission of members and claimed that money was collected from individuals for membership. He alleged that hundreds of members were enrolled and questioned whether the membership process had been carried out according to the rules governing the fishery society.

He further alleged that fish were being harvested by bringing traders and middlemen from other districts and states, while ordinary society members were allegedly being prevented from participating. He claimed that police protection was also arranged

during the harvesting operations and alleged that some members were prevented from reaching the tank. According to Kotaiah Naik, the society has around 800 members and the alleged irregularities were causing financial loss and hardship to many of them. He appealed to the authorities to examine the society's accounts, membership records, resolutions, fish harvesting records and sale proceeds. He also alleged that some members of the governing body had resigned and claimed that four members had already submitted their resignations from the nine-member committee. He questioned how the committee could continue functioning under such circumstances and demanded that the authorities verify the validity of the committee.

Kotaiah Naik further alleged that fish were being sold at different locations without proper accounts being shown to the society members. He demanded that the authorities conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the harvesting, transportation and sale of fish and make the financial transactions transparent.

He also made several al-

legations regarding the personal assets of Society President M.D. Qasim and claimed that the president had accumulated substantial wealth through the fishery society. These allegations, however, were made by Kotaiah Naik and require verification by the competent authorities. Kotaiah Naik appealed to the District Collector, concerned fisheries officials and other authorities to conduct an impartial inquiry into the functioning of the Cherumadharam Fishery Society, examine the alleged financial irregularities, verify the membership process and take appropriate action if any violations are established. "I have been raising these issues for the sake of the society members. I have approached the authorities and the courts several times. I request the media to bring our grievances to the notice of the government so that the members of the society receive justice," Kotaiah Naik said. He urged the authorities to protect the interests of genuine society members, ensure transparency in fish harvesting and sale, and take action against those found responsible after a proper investigation.

Bhadravir Mart Wins Prestigious Tourism Award

- 'Best Innovative Tourism Project/Product' award presented by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka - ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul receives the award

Punem Pradeep Kumar Hyderabad/Bhadrachalam, Jay Janasena News, Sept 26: Adding another feather to the reputation of Bhadrachalam, popularly known as Dakshina Ayodhya, Bhadravir Mart, which is bringing international recognition to tribal products, has won a prestigious state-level tourism award. Bhadravir Mart has been selected for the 'Best Innovative Tourism Project/Product' award. At the World Tourism Day celebrations held at Shilparamam in Hyderabad on Saturday, ITDA Project Officer,

Bhadrachalam, B. Rahul received the award from Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. Under the special guidance of ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul, Bhadravir Mart has been introducing the traditional products, culture and lifestyle of tribal communities to tourists as well as to a wider global audience. The mart is providing marketing facilities for products made by tribal women, thereby contributing to their economic self-reliance. Millet-based biscuits have emerged as one of the major attractions at

Bhadravir Mart. These products have already received appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the mart has helped provide them with access to a much wider market. In addition, sales and booking facilities have been made available through WhatsApp and online services. Tourists from across the country and abroad, including visitors from the United States, Dubai and Bengaluru, have been purchasing forest, organic and agricultural products from Bhadravir Mart. This has brought special

recognition to the project. By connecting traditional tribal products with modern technology, Bhadravir Mart has emerged as an innovative project in the tourism sector. Bhadravir Mart is already playing a key role in providing sustainable livelihoods to more than 100 tribal women. Along with creating markets for tribal products, the project is also helping bring recognition to their skills and talents. ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul expressed happiness over receiving the award, stating that it was the result of the collective efforts of the en-

tire team. He congratulated the officials and staff of the Bhadrachalam ITDA unit, as well as the tribal women who have been working for the development of Bhadravir Mart. He said that efforts would continue to further develop Bhadravir Mart by creating wider markets for tribal products and improving the living standards of tribal communities. Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Tourism Department Secretary Vani Prasad, Director Ranjith Naik, Assistant Project Officer (General) David Raj, and others participated in the programme.



Coalition Leaders Meet on Local Polls, Ministers Call for Coordination



From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, September 26:

A coordination committee meeting of coalition leaders from the Repalle, Bapatla and Chirala Assembly constituencies under the Bapatla parliamentary constituency was held on Saturday. Bapatla district in-charge Minister Kolusu Parthasarathi and Minister Anagani Satya Prasad attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Parthasarathi said coordination committees had been formed to ensure that coalition partners worked together in the local body elections. He said the leaders discussed their action plan at the meeting. Claiming that the coalition government had delivered development, welfare and employment on a scale not seen earlier, he said coordination would be maintained among the alliance partners with the stated objective of securing electoral success.

The Minister criticised the YSRCP, alleging that its MLAs elected by the people were not attending the Assembly or addressing public issues. He also alleged that YSRCP members were creating disruptions in the Legislative Council by relying on their

numerical strength. He said those who did not have faith in democracy should reconsider contesting elections. Parthasarathi alleged that not even a single project had been completed by the previous government during its five-year term and demanded that the YSRCP disclose the funds allocated to municipalities during its tenure. He said development works worth Rs.70 crore had been taken up in the municipality during the past two years and that proposals had been sent to the Centre seeking another Rs.140 crore.

He said there was unity among the coalition partners and expressed confidence that, inspired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh and BJP State President Madhav, the alliance would seek to secure more than the 94 per cent result it achieved in 2024. He denied that the coalition had claimed it would win all seats unanimously and alleged that the opposition was making such statements out of fear.

Referring to the teachers' agitation, Parthasarathi questioned whether alleged

miscreants and unruly elements were being used to attack protesters with eggs. He alleged that the opposition was making various statements because it lacked confidence in itself. He expressed confidence that coalition candidates would win the forthcoming local body elections.

Aim Is to Win Local Elections: Minister Anagani

Minister Anagani Satya Prasad said a coordination committee meeting of coalition leaders from the Bapatla parliamentary constituency had been held to prepare for the local body elections. He alleged that the previous YSRCP government under Jagan had pushed the state backwards for 10 years. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu were pursuing welfare and development as twin priorities. He said all coalition partners had decided to work together with the objective of winning the local body elections. Anagani said Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan had contributed to village development through the Palle Velugu initiative. He expressed confidence that coalition candidates would win the forthcoming elections with the support of the people.

YSRCP Trying to Create Unrest in State, Says Minister Dola

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, September 26:

State Social Welfare Minister Dola Sri Bala Veeranjaneey Swamy alleged that the YSRCP was attempting to create unrest in the state. He said while the coalition government was focused on providing employment opportunities to youth, the YSRCP was allegedly trying to create political obstacles. Speaking in Amaravati on Saturday, he said it was unfortunate that teachers, who deserved respect in society, were being targeted. He advised YSRCP leaders that attacking teachers and government offices was not a democratic way of expressing dissent.

The Minister alleged that as the YSRCP was becoming politically weaker, it was attempting to assert its presence through protests on the roads. He accused its leaders of repeatedly making what he described as false claims in an attempt to make them appear credible.

Dola said that despite the DSC recruitment process being conducted transparently, YSRCP leaders were engaging in what he termed political drama by making new allegations every day. He said they had alleged paper leaks on one day, irregularities in the sports quota on another and caste-based irregularities on another. He demanded that YSRCP leaders produce



evidence if they genuinely had doubts about the DSC recruitment process.

Referring to remarks allegedly made by a former YSRCP legislator, Dola said the statement that "it took you two years, while we will finish you in a month" amounted to the party's own admission of its meth-

ods. He alleged that YSRCP leaders were protecting criminals under the guise of politics, encouraging criminal activities, damaging public property and creating law-and-order problems in the state. He warned that criminal activities committed under the cover of politics would not be tolerated. The Minister expressed the view that disrupting law and order appeared to be part of the YSRCP's strategy and said the party's political existence would soon come to an end. He said more than 16,000 teacher posts had been filled after overcoming thousands of objections, court proceedings and other hurdles. He advised YSRCP leaders to stop provoking party workers and bringing them onto the streets instead of presenting facts to the public. Dola said the future of youth should not be used for political purposes through allegations, protests and what he described as misinformation. He said the coalition government was moving forward with a job calendar aimed at providing greater assurance to the youth.

Police Solve Kalyani Murder Case in Vijayawada, Arrest Two

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, September 26:

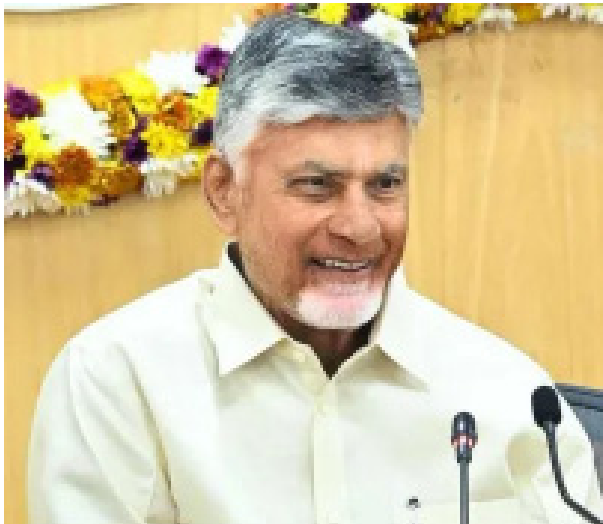
Police have reportedly cracked the Kalyani murder case that created a sensation in the city and arrested two persons. According to the investigation, mutton shop owner Shafi was allegedly responsible for the murder. Police reportedly found that Shafi had been close to Kalyani for some time and that disputes had arisen between them over money. During the investigation, police reportedly learned that Shafi had taken Kalyani to his house in Bhavanipuram on September 17. Following an argument over money, Shafi allegedly attacked her with a knife and killed her, police said.

After the murder, Shafi allegedly dismembered the body and, with the assistance of Guruvulu, who worked at his mutton shop, transported the remains. Police said the investigation revealed that the body parts were subsequently disposed of in the Cooling Canal in the Gollapudi area of Vijayawada. Police arrested Shafi and Guruvulu, who allegedly assisted him, in connection with the case. Further investigation is underway to establish the complete motive behind the murder, the specific roles of the accused and the manner in which the body was transported and disposed of.

CM to Fulfil Decades-Old Dream, Distribute House Regularisation Titles on Sept. 30

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, September 26:

The coalition government is set to launch another major initiative as part of its programme to provide property rights to the poor. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will distribute house regularisation titles to beneficiaries in Vijayawada on September 30. Following the model adopted in Visakhapatnam, regularisation titles will be issued to 24,057 beneficiaries in Vijayawada on a large scale. The Chief Minister will issue the titles, granting full ownership rights over houses for which NTR titles had been issued decades ago in Vijayawada. The coalition government is seeking to provide a permanent solution to the house-



title issue, which has remained a major election issue in Vijayawada.

Recently, the Chief Minister distributed regularisation titles in Visakhapatnam, granting full rights to 28,445 families over land

valued at Rs.8,874 crore. In Vijayawada, regularisation titles will now be distributed to 24,057 families covering land valued at Rs.9,800 crore. Each family is expected to benefit by approximately Rs.40-45 lakh

through the regularisation titles.

The titles will provide full ownership rights to beneficiaries across eight Assembly constituencies covering 15 mandals in NTR district and Gannavaram constituency in Krishna district. Beneficiaries from Vijayawada East, Vijayawada West, Vijayawada Central, Gannavaram, Jaggayyapeta, Mylavaram, Nandigama and Tiruvuru constituencies will receive the titles. Titles will also be issued for houses constructed on hill areas within the three Vijayawada city constituencies, fulfilling a long-standing demand of residents. Residents of the hill areas have been demanding for decades that regularisation titles be is-

sued to ensure permanent security for their houses and provide assurance for their future. The issue of house-title regularisation was also specifically raised by NTR district public representatives at a recent district-level meeting.

As part of the initiative, the government will grant full ownership rights over 617 acres comprising 29.86 lakh square yards. The estimated market value of the land being granted with full ownership rights to poor and middle-class families is around Rs.24,297 crore. The regularisation titles being distributed by the coalition government will benefit 12,093 BC families, 6,130 OC families, 4,546 SC families, 955 Muslim BC families and 333 ST families.

CCTV Cameras at Liquor Shops, Distribution Through Tracking System: Minister Kollu Ravindra

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, September 26:

State Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra said steps were being taken to prevent liquor syndicates in the state. He said a proposal had been made to install CCTV cameras at liquor shops. The Minister conducted a review meeting with Excise Department officials from North Andhra in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. Speaking after the meeting, Ravindra said permission was being given for permit rooms, while unauthorised liquor shops would not be allowed. He said all liquor shops would be distributed through a tracking system. Referring

to allegations made earlier by YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, he said the distribution could be tracked through the Suraksha app. He alleged that the previous liquor policy was riddled with corruption and said only top brands were being permitted. The Minister stated that public health was the government's priority. He said tenders had been invited for 3,562 liquor shops, while 2,929 shops had been renewed. A total of 804 shops were being notified, he said. Applications would be accepted from September 24 to October 2, followed by a draw on Octo-



ber 5. Ravindra recalled that the TDP government had introduced what he described as a good liquor policy during 2014-19 and said people had described what happened between 2019 and 2024. He said a new liquor policy was being introduced after the tenure of the existing shops came to an end.

Shops to Be Cancelled Automatically If Fewer Than Four Applications: Excise Principal Secretary

Excise Department Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena said a liquor shop would be automatically cancelled if fewer than four applications were received for it. He recalled that the Cabinet had proposed the new excise policy. While some shops had been renewed, tenders had been invited for the remaining shops, he said. Meena said the application fee for a liquor shop had been fixed at Rs.3 lakh. He added that the draw would be conducted by the respective District Collector on October 5.

Home Minister Anitha Launches Digital Complaint Kiosk at Visakhapatnam Railway Station

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, September 26:

State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha inaugurated the 'Mee Police.. Mee Friend' digital complaint kiosk at the city's railway station on Saturday. Visakhapatnam Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi, DRM Lalit Bohra and other police officials attended the programme.

Officials said the e-complaint kiosk had been established to make police services more accessible,

transparent and faster for citizens. The facility enables passengers to file complaints through



the kiosk without having to visit a police station. Special arrangements have been made to register complaints through voice in Telugu,

English and Hindi. Officials said the facility would also benefit citizens who face difficulties in visiting police stations. Speaking on the occasion, Home Minister Anitha said a large number of passengers travel through Visakhapatnam railway station every day and that their safety

was being given priority. She said passengers could file complaints through the kiosk without directly approaching a police

station. She said the kiosk had been integrated with the PGRS (Public Grievance Redressal System), enabling authorities to take appropriate action on complaints. Anitha said that with the nature of crimes changing, the Andhra Pradesh Police were using technology to detect and solve cases. She stressed that security was crucial in Visakhapatnam, which was rapidly developing as an industrial and tourism hub, and said the city was taking the lead in ensuring women's safety.

Ready for CBI Probe into DSC: Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, September 26:

Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy strongly responded to the YSRCP's demand for a CBI probe into the DSC teacher recruitment process. He asserted that the DSC recruitment process was conducted in a highly transparent and rigorous manner and that there was no scope for irregularities in the recruitment of 16,372 teachers.

Somireddy said that if the YSRCP had complete faith in the CBI, the government was also ready for an investigation, provided the conditions he had proposed were accepted first. He said neither the government nor Minister Nara Lokesh was afraid of a CBI probe into the DSC recruitment. He al-

leged that YSRCP leaders were making accusations because they were unable to accept the recruitment of



teachers on such a large scale after five years.

Somireddy also questioned the YSRCP's stand on the CBI investigations into the disproportionate assets cases involving Jagan and the murder case of Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy. He demanded that the

YSRCP accept the findings that emerged in the disproportionate assets cases registered by the CBI in the past and surrender before the court those named as accused by the CBI in the Vivekananda Reddy murder case. He further demanded that the YSRCP accept the facts submitted by the CBI before the court and withdraw the counter-affidavits filed against the investigation. Somireddy said that if these two conditions were fulfilled, he would persuade Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to agree to a CBI probe into the DSC recruitment process. He alleged that even if the investigation resulted in a clean chit, the YSRCP would once again raise doubts about the process.

"CEC should immediately resign": BJD's Naveen Patnaik demands review of SIR process



Bhubaneswar : Former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik called for the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner, citing what he described as "strong differences" between various Election Commissioners and the CEC, and demanded a thorough review of the ongoing SR process. Speaking to the reporters, Patnaik said

the differences within the Election Commission warranted the CEC's immediate resignation and a fresh review of the process. "Because of the big differences, the sharp differences between various Election Commissioners and the Chief Election Commissioner, the Chief Election Commissioner should immediately resign, and the

whole SIR process should be thoroughly revisited. The BJD has been against this SIR process from the very beginning," Patnaik said. His statement came amid the investigative report by the Indian Express, which stated that two Election Commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, had raised strong objections regarding discrepancies in the SIR process. On the MMDR Act, Patnaik questioned the need to blame others, saying that 20 BJP Lok Sabha MPs from Odisha had supported the legislation in Parliament. "As far as the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act is concerned, why blame others when 20 MPs from Odisha, 20 Lok Sabha MPs of the BJD... of the, forgive me... of the

Bharatiya Janata Party supported this bill in Parliament?" he said. Patnaik said the BJD would take up the issue with the state government and seek a pause and thorough review of the process, alleging that it would result in significant revenue loss for Odisha. "We in the BJD will take this up strongly with the state government to pause, to see that it is revised thoroughly. In this process, it is too much of a loss of revenue for the state," he said. Former CM on Sunday wrote to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, urging him to call a special session of the state Assembly and pass a unanimous resolution seeking repeal of the recently passed Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment.

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang assures support after severe landslide in Rimbi, directs authorities to remain on high alert



Gangtok : Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Friday expressed concern over the

severe landslides in Rimbi in Gyalshing district and assured that the government stood firmly with the

people during the difficult situation. In a Facebook post, CM Tamang said the safety and well-being of the people remained the government's foremost priority and assured that the administration was closely monitoring the situation. He wrote, "Deeply saddened and concerned by the situation in Rimbi, Gyalshing district, following the severe landslides last night. The situation remains serious, and the safety and well-being of the people continue to be our foremost priority. The Government stands firmly with the people of Rimbi during this difficult time." He further said that necessary directions had been issued to the concerned authorities to remain on high alert, closely monitor the situation and take every possible measure to ensure the safety and security of the public. "I understand the deep distress and uncertainty being faced by the residents, especially as the difficulties have persisted from the very beginning. My thoughts and prayers are with every family affected," the Chief Minister said. He urged people to remain vigilant and follow the advisories issued by the authorities amid torrential rain. "Let us remain vigilant and stay safe during this torrential rain, follow the advisories of the authorities, and extend every possible support to one another. The

Government is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to take all necessary steps to protect our people. We stand with Rimbi," he said. Meanwhile, the major landslide in the Rimbi area has left more than 30 houses affected and forced several families to flee their homes as the situation continues to raise concern among local residents. The incident was triggered by heavy mudslides and debris coming down from the upper slopes, sending large quantities of mud, rocks and other debris towards the lower areas. The sudden movement of the earth has damaged houses and disrupted normal life in the affected locality. Residents living close to the affected slopes have been forced to move to safer locations, fearing further landslides and additional damage. The situation has also created difficulties for movement and access in the area, with debris affecting local roads and connectivity. People in Rimbi are now seeking urgent attention from the concerned authorities, particularly for immediate relief, assessment of damaged homes and measures to protect families living in vulnerable areas. With the threat of additional mudslides remaining a concern, locals say Rimbi needs immediate attention and coordinated relief efforts to ensure the safety of affected families.

Major landslide damages houses in Sikkim's Rimbi village after heavy rainfall; no casualties reported

Gangtok : A major landslide triggered by continuous rainfall damaged several houses in Rimbi village under the Yuksom-Tashiding constituency of West Sikkim, officials said. The landslide occurred on Thursday night (September 24), with debris moving towards inhabited areas and causing damage to multiple structures, including government quarters of the Power Department. Several houses were reportedly damaged or destroyed due to the landslide. However, no casualties have been reported so far. This has raised concerns among residents amid continued rainfall, with nearby houses, properties, and connectivity in the area facing risk. Authorities are assessing the extent of the damage and monitoring the situation in the affected area. The incident comes amid continuous heavy rainfall in Sikkim, which has triggered multiple landslides, mudflows and road blockages across several areas. The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Gangtok, has initiated an extensive damage assessment following rain-related incidents reported across the district.

A multi-agency team led by Kabi Tingda MLA Tshering T Bhutia, along with the OSD to the MLA, councillors, DDMA officials, Roads & Bridges Department engineers, the Ranka Block Development Officer and revenue surveyors, inspected several affected locations on Wednesday and Thursday. The teams assessed areas affected by landslides, road blockages, mud and debris flows, and damage to residential structures. Several locations, including stretches of the Luings-Ranka Highway near Bojoghari, Lower Bojoghari, Lingding, High Court Road, TNA Gate, VIP Colony, Upper Z-Bojoghari, Pangthang-Lingdok Road, Pamro Gaon, Ling Perbing, Upper and Middle Luings, Phenzong, Ranka, Rakdong Tintek, Daragaon Upper Burtuk, Sichey and Arithang, were inspected. Authorities said several road stretches remain obstructed, affecting vehicular movement. Public infrastructure, including the Sewage Treatment Plant at Sichey, has also sustained damage, while debris accumulation near the Enchey School 33/11 kV Switching



Station has been identified as a potential hazard. As a precautionary measure, tarpaulins have been placed at vulnerable slide zones to prevent further rainwater seepage. The District Collector and DDMA Chairman have directed concerned departments to clear roads and debris, restore connectivity, verify damages, and provide

assistance to affected residents. Authorities have advised people to avoid unnecessary travel through landslide-prone areas and remain alert, especially during night hours. Residents living near unstable slopes have been asked to monitor cracks, slope movement, or falling debris and immediately report any warning signs.

"When will Banka accused be caught?": Tejashwi Yadav attacks Bihar govt after Mandar Hill video surfaces

Patna: Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Leader of Opposition in Bihar Tejashwi Yadav attacked the Bihar government over a purported video showing a minor girl being harassed and assaulted at the historic Mandar Hill in Banka, questioning the law-and-order situation in the state. Yadav said the incident came amid recent cases reported in Jamui and Samastipur and alleged that the state government was failing to ensure the safety of women and girls. "After incidents in Jamui and Samastipur, a video showing the abuse, indecent behavior, and assault of a minor girl at the historic tourist site of Mandar Hill in Banka has now gone viral! Law and order in Bihar is virtually dead!" Yadav said in a Facebook post. He also

questioned the progress of the investigations into the Jamui and Samastipur cases and asked when the accused in the Banka incident would be arrested. "What happened to the remaining five accused in the Jamui incident? Did the four accused in the Samastipur incident receive partial punishment, full punishment, or were they let off based on political calculations?" he asked. Yadav further alleged that justice in Bihar was being influenced by the social and political background of accused persons and demanded answers from Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. "When will these monsters from Banka be caught? Will the Chief Minister react to this only after looking at their social media reels and caste?" he asked. The remarks came after Banka po-



lice registered an FIR against six unidentified youths following the circulation of a purported video showing them allegedly behaving indecently with and assaulting a minor girl at Mandar Hill. According to police, the video came to their attention through the social media cell on September 22. A police team subsequently visited Mandar

Hill and verified that the location shown in the footage was the tourist site. Police have taken the video on record and are attempting to identify those seen in it. The FIR was registered under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Information Technology Act. Police said further action would follow after identification of the accused.

UP CM Yogi gives directions amid heavy rainfall, orders compensation within 24 hours

Lucknow : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath issued directions to senior officials to ensure prompt relief and rescue operations amid heavy rainfall across the state. The Chief Minister took cognizance of the loss of life, cattle and economic damage caused by the heavy rainfall and directed all senior officials to move into the field and personally monitor relief and rescue operations in the affected areas. He also directed authorities to provide every possible assistance to affected families and ensure that compensation for losses caused by heavy rainfall and lightning strikes is assessed and disbursed within 24 hours. Advising caution to the public, he advised that people should avoid stepping out of their homes unnecessarily during lightning and heavy rainfall. He further advised people to avoid bathing in rivers and water bodies during heavy rainfall and to



exercise special caution during such conditions. (news agency) Meanwhile, in Ayodhya, the district administration has declared a holiday in all schools, from nursery to intermediate level, across all boards on September 25, in view of the forecast of heavy rainfall for the district. According to an order issued on the directions of the District Magistrate, all concerned authorities have been asked to strictly ensure compliance with the order. Meanwhile, in Varanasi,



the water level of the River Ganga has receded below the warning mark, resulting in a significant accumulation of silt along the ghats in Varanasi. The Varanasi Municipal Corporation has intensified cleaning and desilting operations ahead of the air show scheduled to take place at Namo Ghat on October 22, 23 and 25. Speaking on the ongoing cleaning efforts, Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the Varanasi Municipal Corporation, Sandeep Srivastava, has

ensured that the ghats will be completely clean before the celebration, ensuring no difficulties are faced by the tourists. The cleaning and desilting operations along the ghats are being carried out on a priority basis, with the Municipal Corporation aiming to complete the work well ahead of the scheduled air show and the festive season, ensuring smooth movement and a hassle-free experience for devotees, pilgrims and tourists visiting the ghats.

Tamil Nadu bypolls: Vijay to campaign in Madurantakam today, TVK limits entry to 5,000



Chennai : Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay will campaign in Madurantakam on Friday ahead of the October 6 Assembly bypoll. According to a statement issued by TVK general secretary for headquarters and Rural Development and Water Resources Minister N Anand, Vijay's campaign will be held near the Athur toll plaza in Chengalpattu at

around 3 pm. The party said entry to the campaign has been restricted to 5,000 people, with QR-code passes issued in accordance with police guidelines. Only those who have obtained prior permission will be allowed to attend the event. As a safety measure, the party has not issued passes to pregnant women, children, school students, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and those

who are unwell. Drinking water and medical facilities have also been arranged for attendees. The Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly constituencies are going to bypolls following the resignation of sitting AIADMK MLAs Maragatham Kumaravel and P Sathyabama, who had won the seats in the April 2026 Assembly elections on the AIADMK's Two Leaves symbol and subsequently joined the ruling TVK. TVK has fielded Maragatham Kumaravel and P Sathyabama from Madurantakam and Dharapuram respectively on the party's Whistle symbol. The defections have emerged as a key issue in the campaign. TVK is contesting the bypolls as part of its Secular Social Justice Victory Alliance, with allies including the Congress, VCK and MDMK. The

party has named 40 star campaigners, including Vijay, Congress leader Manickam Tagore, VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan and MDMK general secretary Vaiko. In Madurantakam, 28 of the 48 nominations received were accepted after scrutiny, while 22 of 51 nominations were found valid in Dharapuram. Among the prominent contestants in Madurantakam are TVK's Maragatham Kumaravel, DMK's I Paranthamen, AIADMK's S Kaniitha Sampath, a CPI(M) candidate and Naam Tamilar Katchi nominee K Janakiraman. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami is campaigning in both constituencies, while DMK president M K Stalin and NTK coordinator Seeman are also scheduled to campaign for their respective candidates.

Vikram Prabhu’s City Of Gold Glimpse: Looks Promising

Vikram Prabhu plays the lead in the forthcoming venture City Of Gold. Directed by debutant Siddharth, Raahul is also producing the project under the Romeo Pictures banner. Shivathmika Rajashekar stars opposite Vikram Prabhu in the movie. Meanwhile, the film has now offered a glimpse into this unusual world with the unveiling of its first look and glimpse.

What happens beyond the glitter of gold? City of Gold attempts to explore the people, stories, and incidents that exist behind the highly valuable trade. The First Look makes a strong impression with its striking composition. Vikram Prabhu is seen sitting with a serious expression while casually playing with gold bars, creating an image that instantly raises questions about his character and the world he belongs to. The mystery deepens with the Glimpse. It focuses on the gold market and the people who work within it. It presents a fascinating ecosystem hidden from ordinary public view, with several visuals hinting at stories and incidents that appear to unfold beneath the surface. Vikram Prabhu carries a ferocious role impeccably, adding further weight to the intriguing premise. Karthik Sharaj handles the cinematography, capturing the film’s distinctive setting, while Yuvan Shankar Raja provides the music. The first look and glimpse look promising and generate enough curiosity about the movie.



Chiru’s Kaaka Progressing At Jet Speed

While several young heroes are taking considerable time to complete their films, Megastar Chiranjeevi is setting a remarkable pace. The actor has been wrapping up his films at impressive speed in recent times. Chiranjeevi, who graced the pre-release event of Sundeeep Kishan’s Sigma, shared an interesting update about his much-awaited film Kaaka, directed by Bobby Kolli.

According to Chiranjeevi, the shoot of Kaaka is progressing at jet speed. The team has already completed the entire first half and has also finished nearly 30% of the second half. More importantly, music director S Thaman has already begun work on the background score for the first half and is said to be in full josh. Chiranjeevi once again confirmed that Kaaka will hit the screens as planned during Sankranti 2027. A major share of the credit also goes to director Bobby Kolli for maintaining such a brisk pace while handling a big-star project mounted on a large canvas.



Jailer 2 Songs: Where Is The Hukum Mode?

Jailer 2 is easily one of the most anticipated films of the year, and with its October 15, 2026 release date fast approaching, fans expected the promotional campaign to begin with a massive bang. Surprisingly, director Nelson Dilipkumar and Anirudh Ravichander have chosen a different route. Instead of launching the film with a high-energy mass anthem like the iconic Hukum, the makers have released softer tracks such as Ala Bolelo and the recently unveiled One Sun One Moon. Both songs have a melodic feel, which has left a section of fans wondering about the strategy behind the promotions. Many expected a powerful mass number celebrating Rajinikanth’s larger-than-life screen presence. Instead, the team seems to be slowly building momentum rather than going all out from the beginning. This approach has sparked discussions, with many believing Nelson and Anirudh are deliberately saving the bigger surprises for closer to the film’s release. Given the success of the first part, expectations for a chartbuster remain extremely high. With three weeks still left before release, there is enough time for the makers to unleash a full-fledged mass track or an explosive trailer. For now, the soft-tone songs have not generated much curiosity. Let’s see what happens in the days to come.



Malavika Mohanan’s Desi Look Leaves Speechless



Malavika Mohanan had a rough patch at the box office with back-to-back disappointments in The Raja Saab and Sardaar 2, both failing to click with audiences despite the buzz around them. The setbacks have put a temporary dent in her recent theatrical run. But there’s good news on the horizon. Malavika has been roped in for Pocket Novel, the upcoming project helmed by acclaimed director Thiagarajan Kumararaja, known for cult favourites Aaranya Kaandam and Super Deluxe. The film marks his third directorial outing and has already got cinephiles curious. Meanwhile, Malavika continues to keep her fashion game strong. Dressed in a soft pink embroidered saree with statement jhumkas, she strikes an elegant pose in a sunlit corridor, proving that even amid box office lows, her style quotient remains a consistent high.

Why Can’t Directors Follow Rajamouli’s Block & Shoot Method?

SS Rajamouli is known for his detailed approach to filmmaking. Not many know that one practice often associated with his working style is Block and Shoot, where the scene is thoroughly planned and blocked before the actual shoot begins. This helps the team understand the camera positions, performances, and technical requirements in advance. During one of our Gulte interviews with producer Shobu Yarlagadda and Karthikeya, we asked them, if Rajamouli follows this method, what is stopping other filmmakers from doing the same?

Shobu Yarlagadda gave a very straightforward answer. He simply replied, “Script. First, we need to have a script to do all those. If you pen the script on location and make changes, all this will not be possible”. If you observe, his answer highlights that the detailed blocking process becomes easier when the director and team



have a clear understanding of the entire scene which comes only when the bound script is ready. Rajamouli’s films are known for extensive preparation, and his making often involves spending considerable time on planning before cameras roll. The same has been followed for months in films like RRR and now Varanasi. Shobu’s response also suggests that the difference is not simply about choosing a particular shooting style. It starts much earlier, with the writing, preparation, and clarity of the script, which many new-age directors in today’s time ignore.