

Revanth Reddy Meets Chouhan, Seeks Centre's Help on El Niño Impact

The Chief Minister briefed Union Minister on the impact of El Nino in Telangana and said electricity consumption in the agricultural sector had increased due to rainfall deficit conditions

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday sought the Centre's help to mitigate the impact of El Nino on Telangana's agriculture and urged Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to sanction the remaining 9.56 lakh houses sought under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin).

Revanth Reddy made the requests when he met Chouhan, who is on a visit of the state. The Chief Minister thanked Chouhan for sanctioning two lakh houses in the first phase recently and sought the remaining houses for 11,56,915 eligible rural families identified by the state government.

The Chief Minister had submitted a representation to the Union minister in Delhi in July seeking houses for 11,56,915 eligible rural families and requested that the remaining 9.56 lakh houses be sanctioned in line with the state's demand.



Revanth Reddy said dry conditions linked to El Nino had increased electricity demand for agriculture and could put pressure on drinking water and power supplies. He said the state government had drawn up advance plans to meet these challenges and sought central assistance to help farmers cope with the conditions.

He said farmers were being encouraged to take up alternative crops, crop diversification and crop rotation in response to changing weather conditions.

Revanth Reddy said Telangana was providing fine rice to poor families through ration shops and offering a ₹500-per-quintal bonus to encourage farmers to grow fine varieties of paddy.

He also informed Chouhan that the state was setting up an international-standard fruits and vegetables market on 250 acres. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Tummala Nageswara Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju and senior officials attended the meeting.

Godavari Pushkaralu Works to be completed by April: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad: Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu asked officials to ensure that all works related to the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 were completed by April next year and asked various departments to work in coordination under a special action plan.

The State government intends to organise the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu on the lines of the Kumbh Mela, the Minister said at a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 held at the Assembly Committee Hall on Friday.

Sridhar Babu stressed the need for a detailed field-level assessment of arrangements made during the previous Pushkaralu and directed officials to ensure that the challenges faced then were not repeated. Arrangements should be planned based on the expected pilgrim footfall at each location, he said.

Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Seethakka, Ponnabrahma, Vivek



Venkataswamy and Adluri Laxman Kumar participated in the meeting.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee reviewed preparations for the Pushkaralu, including development works at prominent temples, construction of bathing ghats, transportation, infrastructure and other arrangements.

Sridhar Babu said special officers had been appointed for each district to ensure coordination among departments. Command and Control Centres equipped with advanced technology are also being established at Tier-1 locations expected to witness heavy pilgrim movement.

He said ghat-wise field-level studies had been conducted in coordination with the Collectors to identify additional requirements and minimise inconvenience to devotees.

The Minister directed officials to prioritise works that could be completed before the commencement of the Pushkaralu and set specific deadlines based on ground realities. An integrated dashboard should also be made operational immediately to enable regular monitoring of the progress of various works, he said.

Sridhar Babu directed officials to address any shortage of engineers by deputing personnel from the Roads and Buildings Department and other departments. In view of the possibility of rainfall during the Pushkaralu, officials were also asked to plan alternative arrangements and contingency measures in advance.

He directed the concerned officials to take immediate steps for the construction of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Bhadrachalam.

Sridhar Babu said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had assured that adequate funds would be provided and stressed that there should be no compromise either on the arrangements for the Pushkaralu or on the quality of the works.

India Firm on Russian Oil Purchases

New Delhi: A day after the US Congress passed the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, empowering President Donald Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries such as India and China that buy Russian oil, India on Friday reiterated that it would continue to source energy from diverse suppliers.

New Delhi also maintained that US tariffs imposed over its purchase of Russian oil could have implications for the overall India-US relationship.

India had said on Thursday that such tariffs could affect bilateral ties and severely disrupt global oil markets. It remains firmly committed to ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people through diversified sourcing, the government said.

The government reiterated on Friday that it would work closely with Indian trade and industry



bodies to address the implications of the US legislation. Steep tariffs on Indian goods could erode their competitiveness in the lucrative US market and cause heavy losses to exporters and the wider economy.

The US House of Representatives passed the Bill on Thursday by 262 votes to 159, clearing the way for it to be sent to President Trump, who has indicated that he will sign it. The US Senate passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 last month by 86 votes to 11.

"The Government of India has noted the passage of the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act in the US Congress. We are monitoring further developments on this matter," New Delhi said on Thursday.

It said India had discussed the issue at high levels with various US interlocutors in recent months and clearly conveyed its potential implications for bilateral relations and the international energy market.

"India has also made clear its determination to take all necessary measures to protect its trade and economic interests," the government said.

Danam Nagender disqualification embarrassment to Congress high command, say senior leaders

Senior Congress leaders have described the Telangana High Court's disqualification of Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender as an embarrassment to the party high command. They said the verdict could intensify scrutiny of defections from the BRS into the Congress.



Hyderabad: Following the Telangana High Court's judgment disqualifying Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender on Friday, senior Congress leaders who have remained loyal to the party described the verdict as an embarrassment to the high command. Several senior leaders said the issue was not confined to the Telangana Congress and could become a topic of discussion at the national level, particularly as the State unit was facing criticism for encouraging nine other BRS MLAs to join the party.

The AICC was now in a difficult position to defend the Khairatabad MLA's defection, a senior leader from Gandhi Bhavan said. The episode had remained contentious from the beginning due to the State leadership's decisions and preferences, he added. "Danam Nagender was keen to resign as MLA and contest the Lok Sabha

elections. But, overconfidently, the State leadership refrained him," the senior leader recalled.

Congress leaders who have remained loyal to the party over the years have repeatedly raised objections to defections. Former Minister T Jeevan Reddy had even quit the party and joined the BRS over the induction of Jagtial MLA M Sanjay Kumar, who had defected from the BRS to the Congress. Similarly, former Minister G Chinna Reddy had criticised the State leadership for facilitating the entry of Wanaparthy MLA T Megha Reddy into the party. He was earlier associated with the BRS.

Another senior Congress leader said that when the BRS filed petitions before Speaker G Prasad Kumar, he should have initiated action in accordance with the law. However, he dismissed the petitions, leading to the High Court's intervention and the subsequent verdict, the leader observed.

"Telangana Congress may not suffer much damage, but the party high command will be questioned. It is definitely an embarrassment to the AICC," the senior leader stressed, suggesting that the high command should tighten its control over the affairs of the State unit.

INDIA’S DIPLOMATIC
SUCCESS AT 18TH
BRICS SUMMIT

The achievement of the latest summit is not that it resolved the world’s conflicts; it is that it prevented those conflicts from destroying BRICS’ ability to talk to one another

The unanimous New Delhi Declaration at the 18th BRICS Summit marks a diplomatic success for India, given the 11-member grouping’s divergent interests and fractured internal politics. Bringing together widely conflicting strategic interests and crafting a carefully worded, mutually agreeable document is a commendable task in itself. The context was complicated: Iran-UAE tensions over the West Asia conflict, the Russia-Ukraine war, and, more importantly, the United States—the elephant in the room—created formidable obstacles to consensus building. India’s diplomacy was the decisive factor in holding the text together. It used its strong ties with all members and worked behind the scenes to overcome the biggest hurdle—convincing the UAE and Iran, which sit on opposite sides of the West Asia conflict, to sign on. The outcome serves as evidence that BRICS can still function as a forum even amid real fractures among its members. However, one should not lose sight of the inherent limitations of the bloc. A key limitation is that, though BRICS can keep difficult conversations alive and affirm broad principles, it struggles to assign responsibility or organise collective action when interests occasionally collide. The document does not attempt to solve the world’s most intractable conflicts overnight, nor does it establish an immediate replacement for Western financial supremacy. It is still a long way to go for it to become a unified geopolitical bloc capable of collective action on the conflicts it discusses.

The Delhi summit proved that BRICS can survive its geopolitical contradictions, but survival cannot be taken as a strategic transformation. After demonstrating its capability to hold together a highly heterogeneous grouping at a moment when consensus appeared particularly difficult, a much harder test for India is to use that consensus to produce concrete economic and diplomatic outcomes. The achievement of the latest summit was not that it resolved the world’s conflicts; it was that it prevented the world’s conflicts from destroying the bloc’s ability to talk to one another. That is no small achievement in the present geopolitical environment. But the next stage will determine whether BRICS becomes more than a forum for carefully negotiated communiqués. The real test will be whether it can convert multipolarity into institutional reform, AI cooperation into actual technological partnerships and Global South solidarity into development finance. The declaration was unambiguously strong on the issue of terrorism. The 2025 Pahalgam attack, which killed 26 people, was condemned in the strongest terms, with leaders calling all terrorism “criminal and unjustifiable” regardless of motivation, and pledging zero tolerance. However, the document’s careful omissions were as revealing as its assertions. It avoided naming the US over the strikes on Iran and also did not condemn Iranian attacks on Gulf Arab states. Nor did it criticise Russia for waging a war against Ukraine. Instead, the declaration relied on broad principles — restraint, sovereignty, civilian protection, dialogue and diplomacy.

Kaleshwaram, Tummidihatti
projects rock Telangana Assembly
amid El Nino debate

The Telangana Assembly witnessed heated exchanges over Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects during an El Nino debate, with the BJP demanding action on irrigation and barrage repairs. Ministers blamed the previous BRS government and sought Central assistance to tackle the water crisis.

Hyderabad: The Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects rocked the Assembly on Friday during a debate on El Nino remedial measures, with heated exchanges between the ruling Congress and BJP over the delay in restoring the Kaleshwaram barrages or constructing the Tummidihatti project even after 33 months of the Congress government.

BJP floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy accused the government of using El Nino to cover up its failures and urged it to stop blaming the previous BRS regime. He demanded immediate steps to utilise Godavari river water, fill reservoirs and tanks and either restore Kaleshwaram or take up the Tummidihatti project. He questioned the delay in acting on the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report and sought a clear timeline for barrage repairs.

Intervening during the discussion, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy attributed the drought situation to the 10-year BRS rule as well as El Nino. He maintained that the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages were unsafe for storing water and not fit for use, and the government could not risk public safety by operating them.

He said the BJP floor leader was misleading the House on the NDSA report, reiterating that the restora-



tion works were delayed only as per the recommendations of the NDSA. He demanded that BJP leaders take the initiative in convincing both the Centre and the Maharashtra government for speedy construction of the Tummidihatti project.

BJP MLA Palvai Harish Babu said the Congress had failed to resolve irrigation problems in its 33 months in office. Referring to the government’s assessment that the State had only 462 TMCft against a project storage capacity of 808 TMCft, he questioned why Pranahita river water, which received around 607 TMCft of inflows since January, was not being utilised.

Another BJP MLA, Payal Shankar, urged implementation of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana to provide relief to farmers. He also wanted the State Level Bankers Meeting convened to consider deferment of agricultural loan collections in view of the El Nino crisis.

CPI floor leader Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao cautioned against turning El Nino into a political blame game. While acknowledging problems with Kaleshwaram, he urged the government to explore immediate alternatives, complete pending works and consider small link canals connecting available Godavari and Krishna waters. He also sought crop-loss compensation and coordinated assistance from the Centre.

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said 17 districts had recorded rainfall deficits of 20 to 46 per cent and sought greater Central assistance to tackle the crisis.

Ministers D Seethakka and Ponnam Prabhakar stated that El Nino was a world-wide phenomenon and the Congress government in Telangana alone could not provide relief to people. They blamed the Centre’s failure to provide any relief measures, including financial assistance.

During the five-hour marathon debate, the Congress government sought to explain Telangana’s worsening water situation by blaming the previous BRS regime for the crisis, even as Ministers offered assurances that the State was prepared to tackle the impact of El Nino. The government said it was monitoring reservoirs, protecting drinking water supplies and planning for the next agricultural season, but offered no comprehensive relief plan.

Government Masking Failures
With El Nino: BJP



HYDERABAD: BJP Legislative Party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy on Friday accused the Telangana government of trying to cover up its failures by blaming El Nino for the problems faced by farmers.

He said ministers should stop making speeches and give clear answers to farmers. He asked why the government failed to act despite receiving warnings six months in advance, and questioned the status of the expert committee report, constituted at a cost of ₹802 crore, asking how many of its recommendations had been implemented.

Maheshwar Reddy sought details of the contingency plan for the supply of seeds and water for alternative crops. He alleged that farmers were receiving only six to eight hours of power despite the promise of 24-hour free electricity.

He asked whether the government’s alleged dues of ₹35,000 crore to discoms and ₹64,000 crore to Singareni were responsible for the power crisis.

The BJP leader also criticised the delay in repairing the Kaleshwaram project and questioned the functioning of pumps at Devadula, Nettampadu and Kalwakurthy. He demanded an inquiry into possible maintenance lapses.

Maheshwar Reddy demanded compensation of at least ₹15,000 per acre for farmers and implementation of the prom-

ised ₹12,000 assistance for farm labourers. He urged the government to declare eight mandals drought-hit, make full use of Godavari waters, fill reservoirs and take strict action against those responsible for irrigation project failures.

Danam Welcomes
Verdict, Ready to Face
Electorate

Hyderabad:Khairatabad legislator Danam Nagender’s disqualification took a curious turn on Friday with his welcoming the High Court verdict and expressing his readiness to seek re-election.

If the High Court order prevails, it will be the second time that Nagender would pay the price for switching parties, though the first instance in 2004 was of his own making. However, Nagender was not debarred from contesting again, as his disqualification was not due to conviction in any criminal case but on the grounds of anti-party activities.

Nagender sought to give the impression that he was not considering an appeal in the Supreme Court, while the Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) described the verdict as a slap on the Congress’ face. They also demanded that all other BRS legislators who had defected to the Congress should resign and seek re-election.

Both the parties announced that they would file a caveat in the Supreme Court as there was a chance of either Nagender or Speaker G. Prasada Kumar filing a special leave petition challenging the High Court order. BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy and BJP Legislature Party leader A. Maheshwar Reddy, petitioners in the case, hailed the verdict, in separate press conferences, as a “landmark judgment” that safeguarded democracy and the rule of law.

Speaking to mediapersons after the court ruling, Nagender said electoral battles were not new to him and he would face the electorate once again. Though he did not respond to queries on which party ticket he would seek re-election, Nagender said approaching the apex court was not on the agenda as of now.

Sources in the Congress, however, dismissed Nagender’s initial reaction as a strategy to put the onus of defending his membership by challenging Friday’s verdict on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Speaker Prasad Kumar, who was made a respondent in the case by the petitioners. Nagender’s strained relationship with the Chief Minister was evident from his recent moves including referring to Revanth Reddy as Chandrashekar Rao, and making it appear as a faux pas, at a recent public meeting and attacking the government over shortage of power and water in the city during the ongoing Assembly session. “There is no doubt that there is some gap between him and the CM,” sources said.

In 2004, Nagender was denied a Congress ticket to contest from Asifnagar due to differences with the then PCC president D. Srinivas. Though Nagender was a staunch follower of then-Chief Minister, the late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the latter did not intervene. Nagender was offered the Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat but he refused to accept the ‘B Form’, alleging that some PCC leaders had demanded a bribe from him for his nomination.

Nagender immediately afterwards joined the Telugu Desam and won the Asifnagar segment with a thumping majority. He, however, resigned within months and contested on a Congress ticket in the bypoll but lost to the All India Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen.

Education Secretary Yogita Rana To Present
Telangana’s Literacy Reforms At UNGA Week

HYDERABAD: Education secretary Dr Yogita Rana will present the state’s work on foundational literacy and numeracy reforms during UN General Assembly week in New York, where she has been invited to speak at a ministerial breakfast on September 21.



The invitation was jointly extended by the Global Schools Forum and Lighthouse Coalition, according to an education department statement. The breakfast session, titled “Government

Partnerships, Systems Change and Literacy Reform”, is scheduled from 8 am to 10 am

Dr Rana will speak about Telangana’s experience with foundational literacy norms reforms, learning outcomes and system-level changes in school education. Representatives from Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Cambodia, international education organisations and GSF members are expected to attend.

Her programme also includes a networking engagement on September 20 and the Education House conference on September 22.

The department said discussions would cover education leadership, middle-management structures and exchange of practices between governments and organisations.

KTR challenges Revanth Reddy to prove Rs 1-lakh-crore land claim

BRS working president KT Rama Rao challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to deposit Rs 1 lakh crore into the accounts of Telangana's poor in exchange for the K Chandrashekhar Rao family transferring all its land assets to the government



Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday threw a bumper offer at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his allegations that the K Chandrashekhar Rao family owned land worth Rs 1 lakh crore. Rama Rao challenged him to deposit the same amount in the accounts of Telangana's poor, and in exchange, offered to transfer their family's assets to the government.

Rama Rao said the family was ready to transfer every inch of land owned in its name if the Chief Minister immediately deposited Rs 1 lakh crore into the accounts of poor people across the State. If he was unable to do so, the Chief Minister should stop the campaign and tender an unconditional public apology, he said.

"Even if one per cent of the allegations you have made were true, I am making you this offer," Rama Rao said, terming the allegations as a malicious campaign against his family. He asserted that Chandrashekhar Rao's life was an open book, and recalled the latter's role in the Telangana movement and his commitment to improving the lives of the people of the state.

The BRS working president said the earlier campaign alleging that Chandrashekhar Rao owned a 1,000-acre farmhouse had boomeranged after the Chief Minister himself admitted in the Assembly that only 67 acres formed part of the former Chief Minister's agricultural farm. He said the government was now repeating the same tactic with a fresh claim of Rs 1 lakh crore worth of family-owned land.

Rama Rao stated that the campaign was intended to divert public attention from the Congress government's record after 1,000 days in power. The government could not shift the focus of people from its failure to implement 420 promises and the controversy over lands under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, he said.

"There is only venom but no substance in your allegations," he said, questioning the Chief Minister's decision to continue with allegations without any basis.

Rama Rao also referred to allegations made during the previous Assembly elections of a Rs 1 lakh crore scam in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He pointed out that the Congress government failed to establish not a single rupee of corruption in the project so far, despite multiple investigations in last 33 months. He accused the Congress of adopting a similar line of attack against his family.

The BRS leader stated that farmers were facing power cuts, a shortage of urea and difficulties over irrigation. However, he said the government was focused on the principal Opposition instead of addressing these issues. He also reminded that the Congress promised two lakh jobs in its first year, but did not fill even 10 per cent of them after 1,000 days. He said the Congress cannot hide its failures behind wild allegations against the BRS.

Rama Rao accused Revanth Reddy of making false claims in the Assembly and undermining the dignity of the legislature. He alleged that the purported Rs 1 lakh crore land scam linked by the Chief Minister to the previous BRS regime, was indeed happening under the current Congress rule following the inclusion of 1.2 crore acres in the prohibited list under Section 22-A of the Registration Act. He vowed that upon returning to power, the BRS would expose the Congress government's alleged corruption and irregularities, and ensure recovery of every rupee taken from the people.

Telangana HC directs police not to arrest BRS social media convenor Manne Krishank

The Telangana High Court directed police not to arrest BRS social media convenor Manne Krishank in a case over a social media post. The court ordered compliance with Section 35(3) of the BNSS and directed Krishank to cooperate with the investigation.

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Friday granted relief to BRS social media convenor Manne Krishank, directing the police not to arrest him in connection with a case registered over a social media post. Justice T Madhavi Devi directed the police not to arrest Krishank and made it clear that a notice under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) should be issued to him and the procedure prescribed for offences punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years should be followed. The court also directed Krishank to fully cooperate with the investigation. Politics

The case against Krishank relates to a



social media post concerning the questioning of Mahender Reddy, PA to BRS working president K T Rama Rao (KTR), and PRO Mahesh Manikya by the police at the Saifabad Police Station. Police registered a case against Krishank in connection with the post. Against the alleged highhanded action of the police, Krishank approached the High Court by way of a lunch-motion petition seeking directions restraining the police from arresting him.

Counsel for Krishank submitted that all the offences invoked in the FIR carried a maximum punishment of only three years' imprisonment and warranted no arrest. However, the Home Government Pleader for the Home Department informed the court that Krishank had already been arrested. The petitioner's counsel disputed the submission and told the court that Krishank had not been arrested as of 4.20 p.m. on Friday and that he was before the Magistrate's Court. After hearing both sides, the judge directed the police not to arrest Krishank and ordered that the procedure prescribed under Section 35(3) of the BNSS be followed.

Telangana government forms panel to resolve 12 issues under 22-A category

The Telangana government has formed a high-level committee to resolve 12 issues concerning lands and properties included in the prohibited 22-A category. The panel will submit its recommendations within a month, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said in the Assembly.

Hyderabad: Amid the controversy over the inclusion of lands and properties in the prohibited 22-A category, the Congress government on Friday announced the constitution of a high-level committee to address 12 issues within a month. History

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced the constitution of the committee in the Assembly. Chief Commissioner of Land Administration DS Lokesh Kumar will serve as the chairman, while Law Secretary Papi Reddy and Inspector General (IG) of Stamps and Registration Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanthu will be its members. The government issued GO Rt No. 564 to this effect.

The Minister said the committee would sort out the 12 issues pertaining to 22-A within a month. Similarly, to resolve the regularisation issues of 9,792 plots in various colonies of LB Nagar constituency, a memo was issued on Friday under GO



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He said the regularisation process in the area would commence on Saturday in accordance with the GO and would be an ongoing process. The government was committed to working sincerely until the issue was fully resolved, he said.

He further said GO 76, regarding the regularisation of house sites in the Singareni region, was issued during the tenure of the late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy. Accordingly, a meeting with MLAs from the Singareni region would be held on Saturday under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to initiate the regularisation process, he informed the House.

Additionally, the Minister announced that a decision would be taken within a day or two on removing areas from the 22-A list that were previously included in the category but had layouts developed with permissions from HMDA, DTCP or GHMC.

Sangareddy: TPCC Spokesperson Claims 22A Land Extent Reduced



Sangareddy: TPCC senior official spokesperson Satyam Srirangam claimed on Thursday that the extent of land under Section 22A of the Registration Act had been substantially reduced after the Congress government came to power.

Addressing a press conference in Sangareddy along with DCC president Nirmala Jagga Reddy, Srirangam alleged that the previous BRS government had brought 22.93 lakh acres under 22A restrictions during its tenure.

He said the extent was initially brought down to around seven lakh acres and was now about 3.75 lakh acres.

He accused BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao and former minister T. Harish Rao of spreading misinformation by claiming that nearly one crore acres had been included in the prohibited list.

Srirangam said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was committed to resolving the problems faced by landowners.

Srirangam also alleged that BRS leaders had misused the Dharani land records system during their nine-and-a-half-year tenure and acquired assigned lands illegally by creating irregular pattas.

He said details of such lands would be made public.

He criticised the previous government over the state's debt burden and alleged that the Kaleshwaram project had contributed to the financial crisis.

Despite the financial burden, the Congress government was implementing welfare and development programmes, he claimed.

Srirangam further alleged that the BJP and BRS had an understanding and claimed that it had helped eight BJP MPs win in Telangana.

TPCC spokesperson Topaji Anantha Kishan, Congress constituency in-charge Cheryala Anjaneyulu, CDC chairman Gadila Ram Reddy and other Congress leaders attended.

CEO Sudharsan Reddy Inspects Special Voter Roll Revision Hearings in Uppal, Habsiguda

Hyderabad: Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy inspected the special intensive revision (SIR) 2026 hearings in Uppal and Habsiguda on Friday and directed officials to conduct the process in accordance with regulations. He issued instructions to officials to rigorously carry out the verification process for records and applications of electors who have not yet been mapped and those with discrepancies in their voter cards.



Amaravati Gets Mass Transport Plan, 250-Metre Assembly Spire Proposal Cleared

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has asked officials to prepare a comprehensive mass transportation plan for Amaravati, linking the capital with Vijayawada, Guntur and other adjoining areas to meet future mobility needs.

The directions came at the 66th capital region development authority (CRDA) meeting that he chaired at the secretariat on Friday. Several major proposals for Amaravati were approved at the meeting.

The CRDA decided on the construction of a 250-metre-high spire tower and lifts atop the new assembly building at an estimated cost of `661 crore. Naidu asked the officials to explore the introduction of a viewpoint in the assembly building and said the spire should become a distinctive attraction at the seat of democracy.

He also stressed that the assembly, high court and secretariat towers, along with the Quantum Towers and BITS Pilani buildings, should emerge as distinctive landmarks of Amaravati.

The meeting decided to invite tenders worth Rs 1,548 crore for infrastructure development in LPS zones across 29 capital villages. It also approved recommendations of the ministerial committee for allotment of land for hotels and schools.

The CRDA meeting also approved payment of annuity to



farmers holding less than one acre in the second phase of land pooling.

The Chief Minister directed the AP capital region development authority to ensure that 50 per cent of Amaravati has sustainable green cover, while protecting its biodiversity. He called for extensive plantations, including flowering species, and asked officials to prepare a blueprint to develop the hills and water bodies in the capital region as

major attractions.

Naidu called for an extensive national and international publicity campaign to establish Amaravati as a globally recognised city.

Referring to an incident in Ladakh where a child recognised a biker from Andhra Pradesh and asked whether he was from Amaravati, he said it reflected the growing focus to the capital's name in public minds.

He suggested promoting Amaravati around five themes — zero electricity poles, blue-green development, deep technology, green energy and sustainability — so that every citizen would identify with it as “my city”.

The Chief Minister also called for a study of future revenue models to make Amaravati a self-financing city and directed that a committee be constituted for the purpose. He said Amaravati would eventually evolve into a mega city encompassing the Vijayawada, Guntur, Mangalagiri and Tadepalli corporations.

Urban development minister P Narayana, chief secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials from the municipal administration, finance, industries and infrastructure, CRDA and APCRDA departments attended the meeting.

Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders to Develop Rs.15,000 Cr Greenfield Shipyard in AP



VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday announced setting up of a `15,000 crore Greenfield shipyard at Dugarajapatnam in Vakadu mandal of Tirupati district in Andhra Pradesh.

In this regard, in the presence of AP CM, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) chairman and managing director Capt. Jagmohan (Retd.) and National Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries Park-AP (NSHIP-AP) managing director Praveen Adithya C.V.

Naidu said Dugarajapatnam would put Andhra Pradesh in the forefront of India's ambitious plan to emerge as one of the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047. MDL, the Navaratna public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, will invest ` 15,000 crore over the next five to seven years, subject to approvals and clearances.

The project is expected to generate direct and indirect employment for nearly 45,000 people in the state.

The Chief Minister underlined that AP would leverage its long coastline, strategic location, and industrial ecosystem to drive maritime-sector growth. The Dugarajapatnam shipbuilding cluster, with MDL as the anchor shipyard, would help position AP as a major shipbuilding hub, while attracting investments in ancillary industries.

The proposed shipyard will have an initial design capacity of 1.2 million gross tonnes annually, with scope for expansion. It will build tankers, bulk carriers, container ships, LNG carriers, and other specialised large vessels for domestic and international markets.

A techno-economic feasibility report estimates the cost of shipbuilding and ship-repair yard at `29,254 crore. Developing the Dugarajapatnam port will cost `9,513 crore. The port is proposed to be developed by the centre.

The shipbuilding and ship-repair cluster is being developed under the centre's Shipbuilding Development Scheme. NSHIP-AP is a special-purpose vehicle jointly formed by the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board and Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA).

Capt. Jagmohan disclosed that Dugarajapatnam has the scale and maritime potential to support a globally competitive shipyard.

VPA chairperson Jasmeet Singh Bindra said the port authority, a 50 per cent shareholder in NSHIP-AP, would facilitate coordination with the centre and its agencies. Infrastructure and Investment secretary Kona Sasidhar maintained that MDL opting for Dugarajapatnam is an important milestone in AP's maritime development. It could create a major shipbuilding and ancillary ecosystem.

Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board will facilitate land, infrastructure, and statutory clearances for timely execution of the Greenfield shipyard project.

Lokesh's Stress on AI, Global Standards for AP Residential Schools

Vijayawada: Education minister Nara Lokesh is aiming to turn Andhra Pradesh's residential schools into talent factories by stressing on international standards and making AI Skilling compulsory so as to prepare students for a technology-driven world.

At the 59th governing body meeting of the AP residential educational institutions society (APREIS) on Thursday, Lokesh called for a major upgrade of residential education, combining academic excellence with modern infrastructure, technology, sports and industry-linked vocational training.

The board of governors approved the development of 10 AP residential schools as Centres of Excellence. The Tadikonda and Kodigenahalli schools are already functioning as Centres of Excellence. The board also cleared the setting up of an IIT-JEE/NEET Academy at the APR Junior College in Nimmakuru, Krishna district, from the next academic year.

Six residential schools will be upgraded into junior colleges, Lokesh said and asked officials to examine developing the Bhupathipalem residential school in Jaggampeta constituency as an education and sports hub with a world-class sports ecosystem.

With technology changing rapidly, computer laboratories and AI skilling will be made mandatory in APR junior colleges. Officials were also told to introduce vocational courses in areas where residential schools operate, aligned with local industry requirements.

The meeting approved a staffing pattern based on student strength and gave in-principle approval for critical infrastructure and permanent buildings. Physical education teachers would be upgraded as physical directors.



Besides, a committee would be constituted to frame service rules for APREIS institutions.

The retirement age of APREIS employees was raised from 60 to 62 years, while guest faculty remuneration would be made comparable with that offered by other educational societies. The APREIS secretary would be authorised to spend up to `1 lakh on students' medical emergencies. Proposals for automated smart kitchens in all residential institutions would also be prepared.

Officials informed Lokesh that AP residential institutions had produced nearly 27 IAS officers, 20 IPS officers, 13 IRS officers and four IFS officers, besides many others who have reached prominent positions.

At the 78th board of Intermediate education meeting, chaired by Lokesh, an increase in remuneration for staff involved in conducting and evaluating Intermediate examinations was approved for up to 25 per cent.

The board decided on stringent action against serious evaluation lapses. It also resolved to digitise all certificates issued since 1978 and integrate them with blockchain technology. The retirement age of Intermediate board employees was raised from 60 to 62 years.

This year, students appearing for Intermediate theory examinations would be provided 32-page answer booklets.

ED NOTICE TO EX-MINISTER AMBATI RAMBABU IN LIQUOR CASE



Vijayawada: The ED served the notice on YSRC senior leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu on Friday in connection with the liquor case, asking him to appear before the agency.

Rambabu told the media at Tadepalli that the notice served on him had already lapsed and requested the ED to issue a fresh written notice so that he could seek legal advice and decide on further action.

He alleged that the notice was part of a political vendetta by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhara and minister Nara Lokesh. He said he would not be intimidated by notices, threats or cases.

Nandi Theatre Festivals To Return in January: Durgesh

VIJAYAWADA: The Andhra Pradesh government will revive the Nandi Theatre Festivals in January, with Tenali in Guntur district hosting a week-long event to promote Telugu theatre and culture, state tourism, culture and cinematography minister Kandula Durgesh said on Friday.

Addressing the media at the Secretariat in Velagapudi, Durgesh said the festival would begin on January 10 with the presentation of the Kandukuri awards, followed by performances of selected plays for a week.

The notification inviting entries for the Nandi Theatre Awards would be issued within two or three days and the selection committee constituted in October, he said. A preliminary list of selected plays would be announced in December, with the festival ending with the Nandi Theatre Awards presentation.



For the first time, Telugu theatre groups from other states would also be allowed to participate. Durgesh said selection would be based on video recordings of performances and would be conducted transparently on the lines of the National School of Drama. The government has increased the number of Kandukuri awards from three to five, with each recipient receiving `1 lakh. The awards would be named after theatre and literary personalities, including Sthanam Narasimha Rao, Acharya Atreya, Garikapati Raja Rao and Bandaru Rama Rao.

Under the Kandukuri Distinguished Awards, 100 individuals and organisations would be honoured based on the 28-district structure. Three persons from each district and another 16 individuals who rendered special services would be selected. Awards would cover padya natakam, social drama, writers, technical personnel and theatre groups.

Defence Output Touches Rs.1.8 Lakh Crore: Rajnath

New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India's indigenous defence production had increased from ₹40,000 crore in 2014 to nearly ₹1.8 lakh crore.



Defence exports had risen from about ₹600 crore to nearly ₹40,000 crore, with Indian equipment now reaching around 100 countries, he said.

Addressing an event in Kochi, Kerala, Singh described the youth as India's greatest strength and said they were building start-ups, creating unicorns and developing drones, hydrogen trains, rockets and satellites.

"They are leaving no stone unturned to make India a developed nation," he said.

Singh said the government was working to promote resilience, determination, compassion, innovation, strength, inclusive prosperity and a strong sense of national identity to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat.

He said corruption and misgovernance had weakened public morale before 2014. India's progress over the past 12 years, he added, had been shaped by its ability to confront adversity and turn challenges into opportunities.

"Over the past 12 years, the world has faced the Covid-19 pandemic and witnessed several wars that have profoundly affected the global economy. Despite these challenges, we are moving steadily towards becoming a self-reliant and developed nation," he said.

Reiterating the Centre's commitment to national security, Singh said Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's willingness to cross the border to eliminate those threatening its sovereignty and integrity. He also claimed that Naxalism had been brought to an end.

The minister said India's democracy and welfare programmes had become a source of inspiration to the world.

He cited UPI, describing it as the world's largest real-time payment system adopted by more than 11 countries. He also highlighted schemes including PM SHRI, Ayushman Bharat, Lakhpati Didi, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Jal Jeevan Mission and the Ujjwala Yojana.

Southern States Worst Hit by El Nino: Chauhan



Hyderabad: South Indian states are squarely in the eye of impact due to this year's El Nino with its effect far more severe in this region, including Telangana, than the rest of the country, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said on Friday.

Of the 143 districts in the southern states, 104 have received deficit rainfall so far, Chauhan said, adding that even in Kerala which received good rainfall overall, there were eight districts with less than normal rains this season. In Telangana, he said, 20 districts had deficit rain till now. He also said there was some hope for rain resulting from a cyclone, but it was better to be prepared for the worst.

Chauhan was addressing a press meet after a day-long southern states agriculture ministers conference to discuss preparations for the next Rabi crop season. He said this was the first time that such a regional meet was held based on agro-climatic conditions regionally. He also said that a national conference of agriculture ministers will be held in Delhi on September 28 and 29 to discuss preparations for Rabi season.

To a question on PM Fasal Bima Yojana implementation in Telangana, Chauhan said: "We had asked all states to join the scheme but the previous government in Telangana did not do so, just as it did not join the Centre's housing programme for the poor. But the present government has said it will implement the crop insurance scheme."

Listing out issues such as falling groundwater levels which he said could cause problems, Chauhan said while agriculture was a state subject, the Centre stood firmly with the states and would extend all support they required. For instance, he said, if required, states could use the Centre's seed bank.

He said the conference discussed several issues including the problems of spurious seeds and agrochemicals, as well as excessive use of fertilisers. He said new laws that govern seeds and pesticides were on the anvil, with stringent punishments for those selling spurious inputs to farmers. While the new laws are being readied, the existing laws should be strictly implemented, he said.

Friday's conference discussed road maps for each state factoring in steps needed in the face of climate change, Chauhan said, adding that as far as the current Kharif season was concerned, planning to face El Nino impact began in April, with states too stepping up their advisories to farmers.

Trump Bans Media Outlets CNN, MS NOW, Politico from White House

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Donald Trump banned news outlets CNN, MS NOW and Politico from the White House on Friday, complaining about their coverage in a social media post.

"Effective immediately, I am banning Fake News CNN, MSNOW... and Politico... from the White House as a result of their constant 'reporting' FAKE NEWS," Trump wrote on Truth Social, adding that he would announce the names of additional outlets.

"Media Outlets shouldn't be able to constantly write or report FICTION and LIES when they're covering the President of the United States, the Trump Administration, or the United States of America," he said.

CNN, MS NOW, Politico and the National Press Club did not respond to requests for comments.

Trump has repeatedly urged broadcasters to drop comedy or news programs he dislikes



or which have joked about or criticized him or his administration. He has also called on the Federal Communications Commission to strip stations of licenses after criticizing news and other programming.

Free Breakfast to Students of Classes 6 to 8 From Sep 22

Chennai: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay would inaugurate the expansion of the 'Perunthilivar Kamarajar Breakfast scheme' that would bring 15.30 lakh students of classes six to eight in 15,454 government and government aided schools into the State-wide nutrition programme, aimed at stopping children from attending classes in an empty stomach, on Tuesday September 22.

Presiding over the review meeting for the expansion of the programme at the Secretariat on Friday, Vijay insisted on maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchens and dining areas of the schools where the nutritious breakfast would be served to the students.

For the first year of the expanded scheme, Rs 217.63 crore had been allotted, while the total allocation was Rs 724 crore, an official press release said on Friday.

The breakfast would be freshly prepared by members of the Self Help Groups, functioning under the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW), at 447 integrated kitchens in Chennai and 2150 similar kitchens in other parts of the State.

The TVK government decided to expand the scheme, launched by the previous government to serve breakfast to students of classes one



to five, by bringing in pupils of classes 6 to 8 into the breakfast programme and also to name it after the late K Kamaraj at a meeting on June 15.

The expansion of the Breakfast scheme was aimed at integrating the health, nutrition, school attendance and learning of the students to strengthen the foundation for school education, the release said, adding that the inclusion of students in Classes six to eight would help the students in their educational journey and also contribute to social development.

TELANGANA POLICE REVAMP SAVES RS.90 CRORE

HYDERABAD: The reorganisation of personnel and rationalisation of resources within the Telangana Police department have resulted in significant savings for the government. DGP C.V. Anand stated that 376 police personnel—previously assigned to retired officials—have been brought back into active duty, and a fleet comprising 20 bulletproof vehicles, seven Fortuners, 18 Innova Crystas and 58 other four-wheelers has been made available. He said these measures have saved the government approximately ₹90 crore.

Reviewing the human resources audit and reorganisation during a meeting of staff officers at the DGP's office on Friday, Anand said about ₹28.16 crore was saved by withdrawing the 60 per cent additional allowance previously paid to 573 personnel in the Greyhounds and OCTOPUS units. He further announced that personnel made available following the reorganisation of units such as Greyhounds and SIB would be deployed to other departments based on operational needs.

Anand directed officials to make extensive arrangements as Telangana is set to host the regional conference of DGPs from southern states in October. The conference will focus on cybercrime, drug trafficking, Left-Wing Extremism, organised crime, coastal security and emerging crime trends.

He said the 'Fit Cop' programme would be implemented statewide, focusing on the health and well-being of police personnel. This initiative will include basic health check-ups as well as awareness sessions on thyroid issues, diabetes, nutrition and dietary habits. Health issues will be identified at an early stage and necessary medical assistance provided. Anand re-



called successfully implementing the programme during his tenure as Hyderabad Police Commissioner, noting that healthy personnel can discharge their duties more efficiently.

The DGP stated that while there are 48 posts at the IG level and above in the state, only 24 are currently available. He noted that there are 11 posts at the DIG level, with the possibility of another 10 becoming available. He emphasised the need to expedite promotions for officers from the 1992, 1995 and 1996 batches to the rank of Additional SP.

Measures would be taken to advance this matter at the appropriate level. During the staff officers' meeting, a review was also conducted regarding the shortage of Home Guards, the ongoing police recruitment process, the formation of a new IPS officers' association, 'Core Area' community connect programmes, administration, budget and welfare issues.

Anand directed that various programmes be organised over a week to mark Police Commemoration Day, observed on Oct. 21. Awareness programmes will be conducted on blood donation camps, open houses, cybercrimes, drug abuse and child safety. The DGP said the objective was to inform the public about the sacrifices made by the police and to strengthen the bond between the department and society.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER, OUTRAGE OF MODESTY OF A WOMAN, SIMPLE HURT, TRESPASS, MISCHIEF, CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION OFFENCE IN GOSHAMAHAL PS, GOSHAMAHAL DIVISON GOLCONDA ZONE



AMEER HUSSAIN,, CRIME BEURO CHIEF
A1) Umesh Kumar Toshniwal
A2) Ekta Toshniwal
A3) Uma Toshniwal
A4) Kavitha Toshniwal
The Goshamahahal PS, Hyderabad Police has apprehended (04) Accused persons in Crime No: 345/2026 U/ Sec. 109(1), 115(2), 324(2), 351(2), 329(3), 74, 292, 352, r/w 3(5) BNS of Goshamahahal P.S. who are involved in Attempt to Murder, Outrage of modesty of a woman, Simple Hurt, Trespass, Mischief, Criminal Intimidation.
DETAILS OF THE ACCUSED:
A1) Umesh Kumar Toshniwal S/o Late Brij Gopal Toshniwal, R/o Sitarampet, Mangalhat, Hyderabad.
A2) Ekta Toshniwal D/o Umesh Kumar Toshniwal, R/o Sitarampet, Mangalhat, Hyderabad.
A3) Uma Toshniwal W/o Umesh Kumar Toshniwal, R/o: Sitarampet, Mangalhat, Hyderabad.
A4) Kavitha Toshniwal W/o Umesh Kumar Toshniwal, R/o: Sitarampet, Mangalhat, Hyderabad.
(Accused persons A1 to A4 were arrested on 17.09.2026 at 1330 hrs and being produced before the Hon'ble Court)
A5) Rajesh (Absconding)
A6) Prateek (Absconding)
A7) Harish and others (Absconding)
BRIEF FACTS:-
On 16-09-2026 at about 12:00 hours, the complainant Swapna, while present at her shop at Begum Bazar Chatrri, was allegedly assaulted and threatened by Umesh Toshniwal and others over shifting of soil bags. While the complainant was at PS Goshamahahal, Umesh's wives Uma and Kavitha, daughter Ekta, and others allegedly trespassed into the shop, damaged property, stole materials worth about 770,000/-, and assaulted the complainant's mother Sathyawathi (65), worker Shashikala (50), and another worker Nandhu. The complainant alleged that her mother sustained a right wrist fracture and that the accused attempted to attack her with a pointed wooden stick and issued threats to her and her family. She requested registration of a criminal case and necessary legal action against the accused persons.

The Goshamahahal Police registered a case in Cr.No. 345/2026 U/Sec. 109(1), 115(2), 324(2), 351(2), 329(3), 74, 292, 352, r/w 3(5) BNS. During the investigation received a credible information that the accused A-1 to A-4 involved in the above-mentioned case was present at their shop. On that Goshamahahal Police rushed to the spot immediately and apprehended them. On enquiry they Voluntarily confessed to have committed the above-mentioned offence. As A1 & A2 is previously involved in criminal cases. Immediately arrested the accused person and remanded. It is further submitted that the accused persons had been previously bound over. Despite the said preventive action, they have again involved themselves in the present criminal case. Therefore, necessary preventive action is being initiated to bind down the accused persons again, as per law, to prevent recurrence of such offences and to maintain public peace and order.

The swift action by PS Goshamahahal reflects the commitment of the Hyderabad City Police to maintain law and order and ensure public safety. Strict action will be taken against individuals indulging in such unlawful and disruptive activities. Investigation is ongoing, and further legal action will be taken as per law.

PUBLIC APPEAL
Goshamahahal Police appeal to the general public to remain calm and avoid unnecessary disputes, arguments or physical confrontations. Any disagreement relating to shops, property, business or other personal matters should be resolved peacefully through lawful means. The public is requested not to take the law into their own hands, threaten or assault others, damage property, or enter any premises without lawful authority. Such acts may attract criminal and legal action.
Sd/-
(B Sravan Kumar),
Inspector of Police,
Goshamahahal PS, Hyderabad.

A Stir in Narasaraopet Politics: Is There a Conspiracy Against MLA Chadalavada Aravinda Babu?*

Narasaraopet: Allegations are mounting that a malicious smear campaign is being deliberately orchestrated against the political career and business interests of Dr. Chadalavada Aravinda Babu. Having pursued his medical education in the West, he earned public acclaim by providing affordable medical services in his hometown for three decades. Suspicions are now arising that a calculated conspiracy is underway to undermine him both politically and socially—targeting a leader who weathered electoral setbacks over a decades-long political journey to eventually secure a massive victory in the 2024 elections.

A Long Journey Driven by Public Service

Dr. Aravinda Babu, who trained as an orthopedist in countries like the UK, chose to return to Narasaraopet with the aim of serving his local community, despite having opportunities to practice in major metropolitan cities. He gained special recognition for treating underprivileged children suffering from congenital limb and joint disorders and for remaining constantly accessible to the public through his 'Amulya Hospital' during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staying committed to the founding principles of the Telugu Desam Party, he stood at the forefront of initiatives led by Nara Lokesh—braving immense pressure during the party's difficult phases and its time in the opposition for over fifteen years. Undeterred by his 2019 defeat, he continued to work hard without abandoning his constituency, ultimately achieving a resounding victory in 2024 within the Palnadu region—an area previously considered a stronghold of the YSRCP. He has successfully coordinated with alliance partners—Jana Sena and BJP—transforming the constituency into a stronghold for the alliance.

Development Works vs. Conspiracies to Assassinate Character*

Since assuming office as MLA, he has set aside his business interests to focus on the development of Vallapu Cheruvu, road infrastructure in the constituency, the prompt disbursement of CMRF funds, and the clearance of pending bills. However, it is alleged that certain political forces, displeased with his approach, have instigated a smear campaign through a section of the media.



False Propaganda:* Broadcasting baseless reports claiming that the government has revoked the 'NTR Vaidya Seva' and 'Rx' recognitions for Aravinda Babu's hospital and halted CMRF funds.

Role of Friendly Media:* Suspicions are arising that the conspiracy behind this malicious propaganda—originating from media outlets generally supportive of the alliance government—involves disgruntled leaders from within his own party or the alliance.

Objective:* There is speculation that certain forces are maneuvering to mentally demoralize Aravinda Babu as he gains prominence as the MLA, aiming to seize his political position.

Unwavering Public Trust

Local sources state that the people of Narasaraopet, who are well-acquainted with his gentle nature and the medical services he has provided over the past thirty years, are unlikely to believe this malicious propaganda. There is intense anger among the people of the constituency over attempts to tarnish the reputation of businesses and hospitals, stemming from an inability to counter the leader politically. Analysts believe that the party leadership needs to take a serious view of these conspiracies directed against a public representative who is deeply connected with the people at the grassroots level.

Cyberabad Commissionerate reviews ORR traffic tech systems

“One camera.. detection of many violations” Technology boost for road safety

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF
Hyderabad, September 18: Cyberabad Police are getting ready to use technology to check traffic violations on the Outer Ring Road (ORR). Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh on Friday reviewed the performance of advanced traffic monitoring systems including the Multi Violation Detection System (MVDS) which can detect multiple types of violations with a single camera. Visiting the Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL) Control Room, he inspected real-time traffic surveillance on the ORR, automated violation detection, and technical arrangements related to road safety.

“One Camera.. Detection of Many Violations”

Officials explained to the Commissioner how vehicle movement on the ORR is being monitored in real-time from the control room. He particularly reviewed the performance of the newly installed Single Camera-based Multi Violation Detection System (MVDS). This system is designed to detect multiple types of traffic violations through a single camera. It will help in managing traffic control and enforcement more efficiently through video analytics and automated violation detection.

Technology boost for road safety

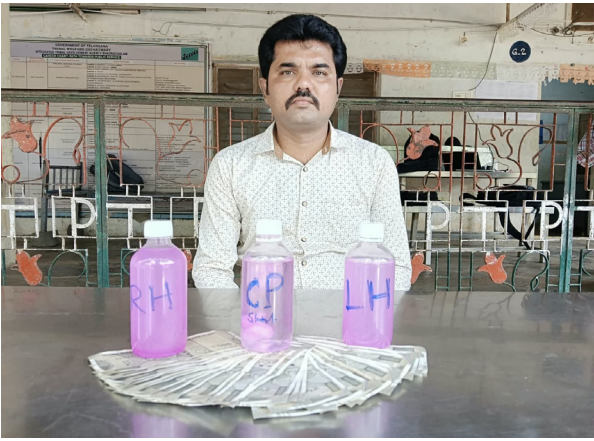
The CP examined the technological infrastructure available to improve traffic surveillance, automated enforcement, and road safety on the ORR. He discussed with officials the use of advanced technology in improving traffic discipline and preventing accidents. He stated that Cyberabad Police and HGCL are working in coordination for efficient traffic management and better road safety on the ORR.

The program was attended by IRB CEO Dr. Satinder Singh Rana, Project Head Colonel Girishwar, Project Coordinator Biswajit Singh, Senior GM Chand Basha, Toll GM Murthy, SCSC CEO Naveed, Trios Business Head, and police officials.



ASST. TREASURY OFFICER, SUB-TREASURY OFFICER O/ THE CHVELLA SUB-DIVISIONAL TREASURY OFFICE, RANGAREDDY DISTRICT ALONG WITH ONE PVT. PERSON IN ACB NET.

AMEER HUSSAIN,, CRIME BEURO CHIEF : On 17.09.2026, the (AO-1) Sri Madiga Laxmaiah, Sub-Treasury Officer, and (AO-2) Smt. Kavali Anuradha, Assistant Treasury Officer, both working in the O/o the Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Chevella, Rangareddy District, demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,50,000/- and accepted part payment of Rs.1,00,000/- for themselves, and were caught red-handed by the ACB, Rangareddy Range Unit. The AO-1 accepted an amount of Rs.50,000/- from the complainant for himself as his share of the part payment, while, on the instructions of AO-2, A3 Sri Vadde Jangaiah Chinna, private person, accepted the remaining bribe amount of Rs.50,000/- from the Complainant, for having done the official favour, i.e., "as a reward for having processed and forwarded the Complainant's sus-



pension period salary bills amounting to Rs.23,25,390/- and the post-retirement pension adjustment arrears amounting to Rs.4,29,000/-."

The tainted bribe amount of Rs.1,00,000/- was recovered from the possession of the AO-1 & A-3 at their instance. Thus, the AO-1, AO-2 performed their duty improperly and dishonestly to obtain undue advantage.

Therefore, the AO-1, AO-2 & A-3 are being produced before the Hon'ble Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nampally for judicial remand. The case is under investigation. The details of complainant are withheld for security reasons.

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TAHSILDAR (AO), GOVINDARAOPET MANDAL, MULUGU DISTRICT IS IN ACB NET

AMEER HUSSAIN,, CRIME BEURO CHIEF : , the Accused Officer (AO), Sri Nellutla Srujan Kumar, Tahsildar, Govindaraopet Mandal, Mulugu District, was caught red-handed by the ACB Warangal Range Unit at the Mandal Revenue Office, Govindaraopet, while demanding and accepting Rs.14,000/- from the complainant for showing official favour in connection with the succession of ancestral agricultural land in favour of the complainant's wife, Smt. Lingala Srilatha.

The AO had initially demanded Rs.15,000/-, which was subsequently reduced to Rs.14,000/- after bargaining. During the trap proceedings, the AO received the tainted bribe amount with his right hand and kept it in his right-side trouser pocket. The tainted amount was recovered from his possession and the chemical test conducted on his right-



hand fingers yielded a positive result, turning pink. Thus, the AO performed his duty improperly and dishonestly to obtain undue advantage and accepted illegal gratification of Rs.14,000/-.

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Anti-Corruption Bureau, T.G., Hyderabad.

Godavari Pushkaralu Works Must Be Completed Within the Deadline: Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District : District Collector Reviews Pushkaralu Arrangements with Officials in Basara

All works related to the Godavari Pushkaralu should be completed within the stipulated deadline, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials.

On Friday evening, Collector Bhavesh Mishra conducted a review meeting on the arrangements for the Godavari Pushkaralu at the Basara EO office.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector instructed officials to make adequate arrangements keeping in view the large number of devotees expected to visit Basara during the Pushkaralu. Separate parking facilities should be arranged for devotees as well as VIP and VVIP visitors, he said.

He directed officials to utilise Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology for managing the Pushkaralu, regulating the movement of devotees and counting the number of visitors. Officials of the concerned engineering departments should continuously monitor the ongoing works and ensure that all works are completed with quality, he said.

The Collector stressed that the safety of devotees should be given top priority. Adequate transportation facilities should be arranged according to the crowd, while



necessary measures should be taken to prevent parking and traffic problems. Sufficient toilets and drinking water facilities should be provided, he added. He also instructed officials to make arrangements for a helipad.

Later, the Collector, along with officials, inspected the proposed site for the construction of a helipad in Basara for the Pushkaralu.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, Electricity SE Ramesh, R&B, RWS and Irrigation Department EEs Subhash, Sandeep and Anil, Temple EO Anjana Devi, Tahsildar Pavan Chandra, along with other officials and staff, attended the meeting.

Ozone Pharmaceuticals launches “OZONE SHIELD” a first-of-its-kind initiative to safeguard DoctorsHyderabad

September 18, 2026: Ozone Pharmaceuticals Ltd. today launched ‘Ozone SHIELD’, a first initiative of its kind by any Indian pharmaceutical company for the welfare and safety of doctors, at a special event. This initiative is taken in response to the growing instances of violence, harassment and baseless legal suits against doctors. Ozone Shield provides security assistance, legal assistance and emotional wellbeing support to doctors in case they get caught in such an untoward scenario. The initiative was formally launched by Dr. Kiran Bedi (IPS), former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, who was also the Chief Guest of the event.

The need is well documented. A nationwide survey this year by experts from AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital and VMMC, covering over 1,500 healthcare workers, found 78.4 percent had faced threats on duty, and 58.2 percent didn't feel safe at work. It's this gap Ozone SHIELD is built to close. It has



also been established that in majority of the legal cases, the doctors are eventually declared ‘not’ guilty’ by the honourable courts.

"The pharma industry and doctors stand together as one team serving society. When doctors face mindless violence or unnecessary legal harassment, protecting them becomes our duty. Protecting the Protectors is the sole purpose of Ozone SHIELD, because a doctor under threat or trauma is a loss the entire society bears. We consider it as our responsibility and commitment to give back something to the

medical fraternity for all that they do for us," said Subash Sehgal, Founder and Managing Director, Ozone Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Speaking about the Initiative Dr. Kiran Bedi, said "Ozone SHIELD stands as a testament to true leadership by safeguarding the legal and social rights of the doctors who dedicate their lives to protecting others. Through visionary awareness workshops led by Mr. Sehgal, this initiative empowers the medical fraternity with knowledge, confidence, and strong support."

The idea, Sehgal says, comes from

three decades of working closely with doctors, and watching a profession once given unquestioned respect, increasingly coming under attack, threats and harassment. Conceptualised by him, Ozone SHIELD is a Security-Legal-Advisory system offering personal security support during threats or manhandling, legal assistance for medico-legal matters, and emotional wellbeing support through counselling.

Ozone's field teams, already present nationwide, are introducing OZONE SHIELD to doctors directly, start-

ing with gynaecologists before expanding to other specialities. Doctors can also register themselves through the SHIELD WhatsApp Chatbot, a short form covering name, speciality, city and their Ozone network, after which the local team reaches out.

"Doctors make enormous sacrifices and their role in the building of a nation is no less than that of a soldier. Therefore, we look at it as our duty to partner with the system to stand by them," said Anil Kothiyal, CEO, Ozone Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

OZONE SHIELD is also a reminder to the society of the need to respect the medical profession. That is why, under Ozone Shield, a lot more conversations and dissemination of information shall happen to make the people aware of the extraordinary, heroic efforts made by doctors. Sehgal articulates the final goal of this initiative quite interestingly, when he says that he has launched an initiative that he hopes no one has to ever use!

Anger Over Power Cut to Workers' Quarters in RG-3

Restore power to workers' families immediately: Mulumuri Srinivas

PEDDAPALLI Correspondant September 18: BJP Peddapalli District MPTC Forum President Mulumuri Srinivas expressed anger over the suspension of electricity supply to workers' quarters in Centenary Colony under Singareni RG-3. He questioned the justification for disconnecting power at a time when workers' families are already facing difficulties due to viral fevers, changing weather conditions and intense heat. He said the lack of electricity was causing severe inconvenience to workers and their families. Srinivas warned that if any untoward incident occurs due to the absence of electricity, the Singareni management would have to take responsibility. He demanded that the concerned officials immediately intervene and restore electricity supply to all the quarters in RG-3 Centenary Colony where power has been disconnected.



New Executive Committee of Arogya Sri Employees

Kondaparthi Srikanth as Union President

Warangal Bureau; Rajiv Arogya Sri Employees Union Warangal District New Executive Committee was elected through democratic elections. The Union District General Meeting was held at the Regional Eye Hospital in Warangal. Honorary Advisor Nomula Lalitha conducted the election process under the leadership of Returning Officer Sambari Rajesh, and the members elected the new executive committee. On this occasion, Kondaparthi Srikanth was elected as the President of the new executive committee, Nallabelli Anil as the General Secretary, Mote Mahesh as the Vice President, Ganta Rajini as the Treasurer, and Donthoju Kumaraswamy as the Organizing Secretary.



Speaking on the occasion, the newly elected president Kondaparthi Srikanth expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the members who elected him as the president of Warangal District Arogya Sri Employees Union with confidence. He said that he will work responsibly to maintain the trust and confidence placed in him by the members.

He said that the new executive committee will bring the problems of the employees to the attention of the union and work together to resolve them. Srikanth said that we will move forward with the cooperation of every member to further strengthen the union by prioritizing the welfare and protection of the rights of the employees. On the occasion of the election of the new executive committee, the union members and employees congratulated the new president Kondaparthi Srikanth, along with the executive members, other union leaders and dignitaries.

DEGREE ALONE NOT ENOUGH; STUDENTS NEED SKILLS TO FACE FUTURE COMPETITION

Nagarkurnool : Students should focus not only on obtaining a degree but also on developing the skills and knowledge required to face future competition, District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil said. He was speaking at the concluding programme of week-long Telugu language and cultural activities organised at the Government Arts and Commerce Degree College, Nagarkurnool, in connection with Telangana Language Day. He attended as the chief guest and inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp.

Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil said a degree alone would not be sufficient in the increasingly competitive employment market. With technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science de-



veloping rapidly, students should acquire additional technical and professional skills along with academic education. He advised them to explore career opportunities in different fields according to their interests and abilities.

The Collector urged students to set their career goals before completing their degree and work towards them with proper planning. He also advised them to develop broad knowledge by keeping themselves informed about State and national developments and contemporary is-

sues. Students, particularly those from rural areas, should actively contribute to the development of their villages and communities, he said.

He further called upon students to respect Telangana's language, culture and traditions while acquiring the technological and professional skills needed in the modern world. Later, he congratulated students who excelled in the week-long Telugu language and cultural programmes. Telangana Cultural Department advisory member and poet Mucharla Dinakar Rao, Principal Dr K. Geethanjali, Science College Principal Madan Mohan, artists, faculty members, department representatives and students participated in the programme.

AMAZON LAUNCHES ALL-NEW ALEXA+ IN INDIA

India, 2026: Amazon today announced the launch of the all-new Alexa+ in India. Alexa+ is Amazon's generative AI-powered personal assistant that is conversational, smarter, personalised, authentically Indian, and takes action in the real world. In India, Alexa+ has been built to work with many services and devices customers already use in their daily life—from smart home control, shopping, meal planning, restaurant reservations, and travel planning, to music discovery and entertainment—all through natural conversation in English, Hindi, and Hinglish.

Starting today, customers in India can experience Alexa+ for free under Early Access on eligible Echo smart speakers and smart displays, Fire TV streaming devices, and the Alexa mobile app.

Teena Sidana, Country Manager for Alexa, Amazon India said: "Indian households are multi-generational, multilingual, and beautifully complex. Alexa+ was designed for that complexity. She understands intent, adapts to your household's preferences, and lets each family member interact in the way that feels most natural to them. India is home to one of the most diverse set of customers in the world, and we're excited for them to experience how much smarter, personalized, and more intuitive Alexa+ has become. It was truly built around the way they live. We want to make everyday life simpler for hundreds of millions of

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- Alexa+ is built to take action in the real world including managing smart homes, helping with shopping, planning meals, making restaurant reservations, travel booking, discovering music, and more.
- Starting today, Alexa+ is available in India under Early Access and free for all eligible customers.

people who speak, shop, and live differently from one another and build the world's best personal assistant."

Conversations that feel natural Alexa+ understands how customers actually speak and understands intent alongside their words. They can say 'Alexa' once and talk to her naturally without repeating the wake word every time. They can change topics mid-conversation and speak in mixed language—all without losing context. Say, "Alexa, which is that iconic song ???? hero ????? ?? ??? ??? mandolin ????? ??" and Alexa+ understands and plays the right song.

Alexa+ launches in India with support for English, Hindi, and Hinglish, with more Indian languages coming soon.

Gets things done in the real world Alexa+ works out-of-the-box with services and devices customers use in their daily life. Customers

can intuitively control their smart home with devices from brands like Atomberg, Qubo, Dreame, and Wipro. They can get customised meal ideas through Sanjeev Kapoor Recipes to follow step-by-step and adjust as they go. They can also play and discover music, podcasts, and films in a completely different way—such as by mood, activity, or description—through Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple Music, JioSaavn, Prime Video, and Netflix (subscription fees may apply). These experiences also seamlessly come together. For example, they can say "Alexa, can you set the living room lights to match this song?" and she does it.

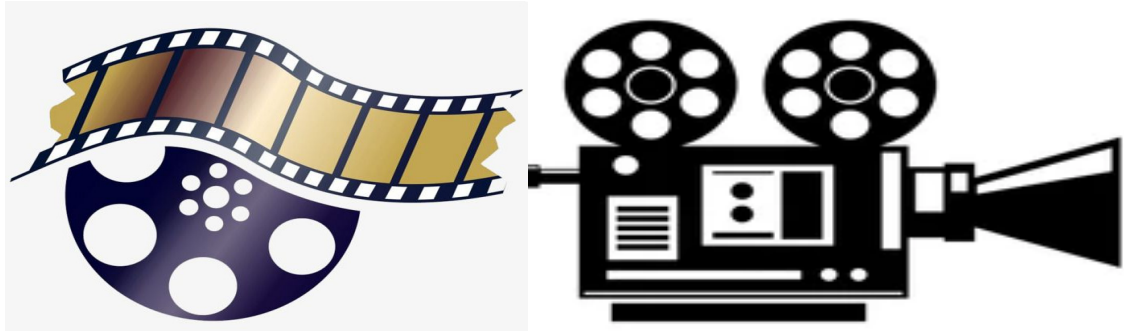
Soon, customers in India will be able to use more services with Alexa+, including EazyDiner for restaurant reservations, Swiggy for food delivery and dining reservations, District by Zomato for event and dining reservations, MakeMyTrip for travel bookings, Home Triangle for home services, and TripAdvisor for travel



planning.

Personalised for the household Alexa+ learns customer preferences, understands family routines, and adapts to individual households. Through voice ID and visual ID, she recognises family members and tailors responses—remembering that a family member is vegetarian or has a food restriction, and factoring this into recipe recommendations. She learns what they like to watch and listen to, and tailors suggestions accordingly. She uses knowledge about a customer's daily routines to turn on the lights at sunset, remind them to check the gas and lock up before bed, or flag any clashes in their schedule.

Intuitive shopping experiences Alexa+ also enhances the overall shopping experience—she can help you build shopping lists accounting for family preferences, alert on price drops for wish list items, discover products aligned with customer interests, and track Amazon.in deliveries. She can compare product features, summarise verified reviews, and suggest complementary items.



CINEMA

Sigma Trailer: Sandeep excels in this all-round entertainer

IN THE TRAILER, WE SEE SANDEEP KISHAN AS A LOSER WHO IS REGARDED AS A COMPLETE FAILURE BY EVERYONE IN HIS LIFE.

Sigma starring Sandeep Kishan, Faria Abdullah in leading roles has generated good buzz with songs, teaser. The fact that TN CM Vijay's son Jason Sanjay, is debuting as a director with the film has enhanced the buzz and expectations further. Now, the makers have unveiled trailer for the movie releasing on 2nd October.

In the trailer, we see Sandeep Kishan as a loser who is re-



garded as a complete failure by everyone in his life. Even his lady love, played by Faria Abdullah, thinks he is not thinking straight. But the emotion to cheat the person and teach them a lesson keeps him going.

Jason Sanjay blended the emotions and stylish action

heist drama elements in a perfect way for Indian Cinema. He added doses of humor, love, action and excitement to the proceedings and trailer does an apt job in presenting all the elements while holding back interesting story points. Sandeep Kishan is excellent in the role with his look and charm.

He is able to convey emotions with his eyes and maintain the balance with his smarts. Lyca Productions is producing the film with S Thaman scoring music for it and his BGM enhanced the trailer. Renowned production and distribution company Mythri Distributions is releasing the movie in Telugu States.



Kayadu Lohar Expands Her Footprint

Young actress Kayadu Lohar, who couldn't make a strong mark with Telugu films like 'Alluri' and 'Funky', is looking to deliver her maiden hit in Tollywood with 'The Paradise'. Although she has been missing from the film's promotions, her role opposite Nani is said to be significant.

"Kayadu is a typical multilingual actress who is working across all South Indian languages to expand her footprint," says a source, adding, "Kayadu hasn't had the right success in Telugu so far, and even one good hit would give her some space in Telugu films."

Her Tamil film 'Dragon', starring Pradeep Ranganathan, also did well in the Telugu states, and now she has to impress audiences with her role in the upcoming Telugu film. "She hails from Assam but is slowly making her mark in Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu. She is becoming a sought-after actress for her looks and talent," the source points out.

He says Kayadu faces tough competition in Tollywood from the likes of Meenakshi Chaudhary, Sreeleela, Rashmika Mandanna and Mrunal Thakur, along with younger actresses such as Mamitha Baiju, but she has to carve out her own space.

"First, she has to deliver a box-office winner, and then things will fall into place. Kayadu looks to be a promising actress," he concludes.

Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara Eyes Sankranthi Release?



Megastar Chiranjeevi's much-awaited Vishwambhara is reportedly eyeing a Sankranthi release, with January 12, 2027, being discussed as a possible date if everything goes as planned.

According to a source, the makers are keen to target the Sankranthi holiday season, believing the socio-fantasy entertainer has the potential to attract family audiences in a big way. "Discussions are underway to release the film on January 12. It is the kind of film that can appeal to audiences from six to 60, making the festival season an ideal window," says the source.

The team is currently completing the remaining portions of the shoot, with the final schedule expected to be wrapped up by Wednesday. "A few key scenes were canned recently, and the entire shooting part is expected to be completed in the next couple of days," the source adds.

VFX work is progressing simultaneously, with the team reportedly working against the clock to get the film ready for its intended release window. An official release date is expected to be announced once the production work is completed.

Vishwambhara also marks the reunion of Chiranjeevi and Trisha Krishnan nearly two decades after Stalin (2006). Their pairing is expected to add a nostalgic touch to the fantasy adventure.

Director Mallidi Vassishta recently spoke about the film during Chiranjeevi's birthday celebrations, describing the opportunity to direct the Megastar as a childhood dream.

With the makers now reportedly considering Sankranthi, Vishwambhara could be positioning itself as one of the major attractions of the 2027 festival season.

Scene Title Teaser: Suriya excels in different character

Suriya has made a huge mark on Indian Cinema as Singham in cop avatar but the actor has decided to change that image with his upcoming cop film, Scene. Directed by highly talented filmmaker, Jithu Madhavan, who made Aavesham, the movie is set to be a cop drama with Suriya in his most casual and fun avatar yet.

The movie is locked for 6th November release on the occasion of Diwali. Makers have unveiled title teaser with Suriya in a short and T-shirt. His character looks different from what he did all this while and has a lot of promise showcasing his fun side. He opened up a lot to play this super fun cop on screen.

His humming, his stylish walk and his ability to change to serious character while being fun are tremendous. With highly talented actors like Nazriya Nazim and Naslen cast in prominent roles, the movie appears to be a must watch



film with highly interesting elements that break the cliches of cop films.

The movie is presented in such a casual and fun manner, even though there is a deep mystery and investigative thriller feel, Jithu Madhavan and Suriya seem to be delivering another memorable blockbuster. Zhagaram Studios and 2D Entertainment are producing the film on a lavish scale.

Anupama Parameswaran reflects on life, says 'every moment counts'

Chennai: Underlining the fact that life was short and that every moment counted, actress Anupama Parameswaran on Tuesday said that if there was one thing she had now come to understand, it was that "Today is really all we have."

Taking to her Instagram page to post a reel, the actress wrote, "Not just a reel, an archive of memories."

She further went on to add, "Life is full of surprises, and with them come lessons. Some beautiful, some difficult, all leaving something behind. But if there's one thing I've come to understand, it's that life is short. Every moment counts. Every memory matters. And today is really all we have."

It may be recalled that Anupama had put out a cryptic post in July this year that came under the spotlight.

In it, Anupama had said that peace had found her and that she no longer needed to take any more permissions or be in fear.

Taking to her Instagram page to pen the rather cryptic post that gave the impression that she was finally free from something that had been imprisoning her, the actress wrote, Some-



times, you have to let go of the dead ends to finally find your peace. And today, peace found me."

She had further said, "From today, I choose my voice. I choose my life. No more permissions. No more fear. Just me, finding my way back to myself and falling in love with the life I almost forgot was mine. And there's something I've wanted to say for a very long time...Something I wasn't allowed to say for far too long. I love you all."

She wrote, "Thank you for standing by me, believing in me, and filling my life with so much love. If I haven't said it enough before, please know that I have always felt it. Every message, every prayer, every ounce of kindness reached me when I needed it the most. Thank you, Universe, for leading me back to myself."

Anupama concluded the post saying, "Here's to healing. Here's to freedom. Here's to choosing myself. And here's to a life that is finally, completely, unapologetically my own."

On the work front, Anupama next has director Sampath Nandi's explosive action drama 'Bhogi' coming up for release. The makers of the film, which features actor Sharwanand in the lead, released the look of Anupama Parameswaran as Kandula Sulochana Rani in the film.

The poster released showed Anupama as a village belle, walking barefoot on a dusty rural path. Sources had disclosed to IANS that Sulochana would be a spirited person who is deeply rooted in nature. The character in the film would be seen earning her livelihood by crafting leaf plates from Moduga leaves. Sulochana, sources claimed, would be shown as a person embodying both resilience and quiet strength.

The makers had revealed on actor Sharwanand's birthday that he played a character called Ganga in the eagerly awaited action thriller.