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FTAs Opening New Career Doors: Modi

Survey Traces Assigned Land In KCR Farmhouse

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the free trade agreements (FTAs) signed by India with various countries were opening new career opportunities for the youth.

Addressing a Rozgar Mela virtually, Modi said the talent and skills of India's youth had earned global trust and that the world had high expectations of the country's innovators, entrepreneurs and young workforce.

"India has signed 40 free trade agreements. These FTAs are opening new doors of opportunity for our youth. Such agreements create new partnerships for entrepreneurs, provide access to new markets and generate new career opportunities for young people," he said.

At the event, Modi virtually distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited candidates joining various



government departments and organisations.

Referring to the recently concluded BRICS Summit, the Prime Minister said India was working to ensure that cooperation among member countries was not confined to governments.

"Our entrepreneurs, farmers, women and youth should all become active partners in this co-operation," he said.

Highlighting India's startup ecosystem, Modi said it reflected the strength of the country's youth and was no longer confined to major cities.

"India is now the world's third-largest

startup ecosystem. Its startup story is no longer restricted to big cities. Nearly half of the recognised startups are in Tier-II and Tier-III cities," he said.

Modi said India was working towards the major goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047 and that young people had a crucial role in achieving it.

"While serving in the government, you must ensure that every decision strengthens the campaign for a developed and self-reliant India. As young people, you have a special responsibility, particularly towards other young-

sters," he told the recruits.

The Prime Minister said Nagrik Devo Bhava — citizens are like gods — should be the guiding principle of public service.

As many as 45 Rozgar Melas were organised across the country. The recruits will join several Union government ministries and departments, including revenue, railways, home affairs, health and family welfare, financial services and defence, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

An official statement said the Rozgar Mela reflected the government's continued focus on creating employment opportunities for the youth and increasing their participation in the country's development.

With the 20th Rozgar Mela, 12.75 lakh young people have received appointment letters to various government departments and organisations, it added.

HYDERABAD: Preliminary findings of the inspection of records and the survey carried out by revenue officials over three days in the surroundings of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse in Erravelli of Siddipet district has reportedly established the existence of assigned land within the farmhouse, the use of assigned land to create a water source that mainly caters to the farmhouse and the also possession of huge parcels of assigned land by non-Dalit community members.

The government, according to highly placed sources, would adopt a multi-pronged strategy with regard to the Erravelli land including the re-distribution of assigned land among Dalit community members besides recovering the assigned land from non-Dalits and distributing them to genuine beneficiaries. The utility of the sprawling Panduranga



reservoir that mainly caters to Chandrashekar Rao's land will be re-assessed and limited to the actual requirement so that additional land could be made available for the Dalit community, sources told Deccan Chronicle.

"The actual extent of assigned land in the farmhouse will vary between the present records — allegedly altered by the previous BRS regime while introducing the Dharani portal — and the previous records," a senior revenue official told Deccan Chronicle. "There is an overlapping of survey numbers and land records between Erravelli and neighbouring Sivaru Venkatapur village.

The actual extent of assigned land in the farmhouse may be determined after rectifying the overlapping," he said. As of now, at least 10 acres of assignment land was traced in the farmhouse, he added.

Villagers of Sivaru Venkatapuram approached Markook mandal tahsildar Saritha and submitted land records and Naksha followed for decades and accused the previous government of changing the records as per its convenience.

Several farmers whose assigned land holdings were taken away to build the Panduranga reservoir also complained against the previous government's failure to provide them with alternative land though Chandrashekar Rao promised several times.

"Firstly, we will identify non-Dalits enjoying the possession of assignment land in the contentious Survey No. 325 and evict them. We will also verify the records to ascertain the actual possession of assignment lands by dalit farmers against the land originally allotted to them. The excess land will be re-distributed to other landless dalit families," sources said.

CM Revanth Brought Old City Into Hyderabad's Development Mainstream: Former Hyd DCC Chief



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had brought the Old City into Hyderabad's development mainstream by giving priority to major infrastructure, healthcare, housing and connectivity projects that had remained neglected for years, Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency in-charge Mohammed Waliullah Sameer said on Sunday.

Marking 1,000 days of the Congress government, Sameer, former Hyderabad DCC chief, said Revanth Reddy had changed the development narrative for the Old City by treating it as an integral part of Hyderabad's future growth rather than an isolated pocket requiring occasional interventions.

He said the Chanchalguda-Santoshnagar flyover, acceleration of the Old City Metro, construction of the new 2,000-bed Osmania General Hospital, urban Indiramma housing, the proposed Mir Alam Tank bridge and development, and the Musi rejuvenation programme reflected the scale of the government's focus on the historic core of Hyderabad. "For decades, the Old City remained disconnected from Hyderabad's larger development story. Revanth Reddy has changed that approach. His vision is to ensure that the original city becomes an equal partner in Hyderabad's future growth," Sameer said.

AP CM Bats For Green, Regenerative Urban Growth

VIJAYAWADA: Development must take place in harmony with nature and the needs of future generations must be met without compromising the environment, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Sunday.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Earth Centre at Whitefield in Bengaluru, Naidu stressed the need to shift from "grey growth" to "green growth".

Naidu inaugurated the centre along with Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

The Earth Centre has been designed by integrating nature, technology and a modern work environment, with emphasis on sustainable construction, connection with nature and the use of recycled materials.

Naidu said cities must move away from concrete jungles and governments must embrace environment-friendly construction methods. Buildings, he said, should not merely consume resources but should be designed to use them intelligently and, wherever possible, create resources.

"Development should not stop, but it should not hurt the environment," he said, calling for innovative thinking and responsible action to balance growth with environmental protection.

Naidu said the adverse effects of climate change were not a problem for the distant future but a challenge that society was already facing. Environmental protection, he said, must be recognised as everyone's responsibility.

The CM called for the adoption of net-zero approaches in building construction, greater use of solar power and effective water conservation measures. Converting waste into compost and promoting reuse on a wider



scale would also be essential, he said, adding that such measures would help achieve the objectives of Swachh Bharat, Swachh Karnataka and Swachh Andhra Pradesh.

Naidu said the Earth Centre had been built keeping in mind the present environmental challenges and asserted that environmentally sustainable buildings would define the future. While meeting people's needs, equal importance must be given to protecting nature, he said.

The buildings being constructed today would shape the climate and environmental conditions of cities in the coming decades. For decades, urban development had largely relied on grey infrastructure, but the focus now should shift towards green growth, circular growth and re-

generative growth, he said.

The Chief Minister said buildings must be designed in ways that would generate clean energy. "Every rooftop can become a power plant, every drop of water can be reused and every waste stream can be turned into a resource," he said.

Protecting water and soil, he added, is also a way of creating wealth.

Stressing a nature-first approach to development, Naidu said the principle of giving priority to nature, which his government was promoting through zero-budget natural farming in agriculture, should also be applied to urban development. "Andhra Pradesh would play a key role in the national goal of achieving 500gw of non-fossil power capacity by 2030. The state is planning around 165gw of renewable energy capacity," he said.

Naidu said Amaravati was being developed as an environment-friendly city. Recalling that he had developed Cyberabad when Andhra Pradesh was undivided, he said he had now been given another opportunity to build another good city. Amaravati was being designed as a city suited to future generations by combining nature, technology and modern infrastructure, he said.

The Chief Minister congratulated Raghuvir Veeramachaneni, Praveen Kumar, the Vista Spaces team and representatives of Venkataraman Associates for designing the project with an emphasis on future requirements and environmental protection.

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.

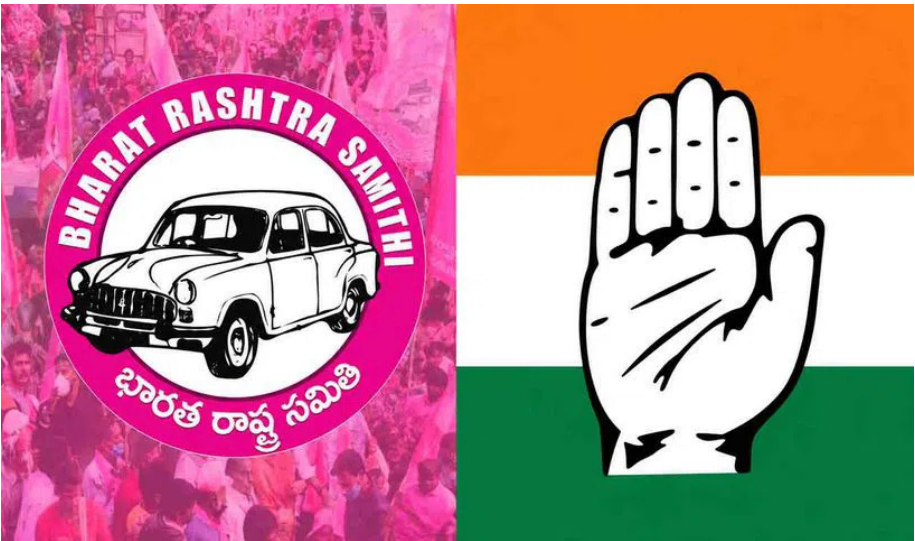
Police action against BRS puts Congress government under scrutiny

Recent police action against BRS leaders, aides and functionaries in Telangana has triggered a political dispute over preventive measures and criminal cases. Courts have intervened in several cases, rejecting remand pleas or directing police to follow statutory procedures before arrest

Hyderabad: A series of police actions against BRS leaders, aides and functionaries has triggered a political dispute over the use of preventive measures and criminal cases against Opposition leaders in Telangana. Several of the recent cases have also seen judicial intervention, including rejection of remand pleas and directions providing protection from arrest.

The latest episode involved BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao’s PRO Mahesh Manikya Mudiraj, who appeared before the Saifabad police for questioning in connection with a case related to the September 7 incident at the Assembly gate. While he was at the police station, Bolarum police took him to their station in connection with a separate case alleging obstruction of police duties at a check-post on September 8, when BRS leaders were proceeding towards BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao’s Erravelli residence.

The Telangana High Court had directed the police to follow the procedure under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in the earlier case. Mahesh was later served a notice under Section 35(3) of the BNSS by Bolarum police and released. Police have alleged that he obstructed officials from performing their duties at the



Bolarum check-post.

The action against Mahesh came amid another controversy involving BRS social media convener Manne Krishank. The Telangana High Court on Friday directed the police not to arrest Krishank in connection with a case over a social media post and directed them to follow the procedure under Section 35(3) of the BNSS. The court also asked him to cooperate with the investigation.

In another case, the Nampally court rejected the police remand plea of BRS MLCs T. Madhusudhan Reddy alias Tatha Madhu and N. Naveen Kumar Reddy, who had been arrested over alleged derogatory remarks against Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. The court granted them bail on personal bonds. The case was registered under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

For the BRS, the sequence has reinforced its allegation that the Congress government is using police cases, arrests and preventive action to put pressure on the Opposition. The party has also alleged that such action is extending beyond senior leaders to their aides, PROs and other functionaries.

Preventive action against BRS leaders has been reported at various points during 2026. In April, BRS cadres in parts of Adilabad and Nirmal were placed under house arrest ahead of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s tour. Similar preventive detentions were reported in Kumram Bheem Asifabad in June and Suryapet in August ahead of the Chief Minister’s visits. Police described the measures as preventive.

In August, BRS leaders T. Harish Rao, P. Sabitha Indra Reddy and Talasani Srinivas Yadav were placed under house arrest ahead of their proposed visit to the TIMS Hospital at Sanathnagar. Police said the action was precautionary and intended to prevent any untoward incident.

The pattern became particularly visible during the September 7-8 Assembly session. BRS legislators, including K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao, were arrested after a confrontation with police at the Assembly gate. Police subsequently registered multiple cases and took preventive measures against BRS leaders amid protests and tensions surrounding the session.

On September 8, police also prevented KTR, Harish Rao and other BRS leaders from proceeding towards K. Chandrashekhara Rao’s Erravelli residence. Police detained the leaders, while the BRS alleged that Congress workers were being allowed to proceed towards the same area.

Police have generally cited law-and-order concerns and the need to prevent untoward incidents while carrying out preventive measures. The BRS, however, has alleged that the actions amount to an attempt to restrict Opposition activity and dissent. Recent court interventions — including rejection of remand pleas and directions to follow statutory procedures before arrest — have added a legal dimension to the continuing political dispute.

Ganesh Idol Immersions Intensify Across Hyd

HYDERABAD: Ganesh idol immersions are picking up pace across Hyderabad and surrounding areas, with thousands of idols already immersed in lakes, ponds and designated water bodies as the city gears up for the main immersion procession on September 25. Cyberabad, Malkajgiri and Hyderabad police Commissionerate have reported steady immersion activity over the past week, with more idols expected to arrive at immersion points in the coming days.

At Tank Bund, immersion activity continued on Sunday despite boards displayed along the stretch stating that idol immersions are not allowed. A total of 17 heavy cranes were deployed at the site, including 10 on the NTR Marg side and seven along the People’s Plaza stretch. Traffic police regulated the movement of trucks and other vehicles carrying idols and guided them towards immersion points.

Four excavators were also deployed to clear the idols immersed in the water body. A police officer stationed at the site said personnel were closely monitoring vehicle movement and regulat-



ing traffic to prevent congestion. Another officer at the control centre set up at Tank Bund said the situation was being monitored continuously, with personnel coordinating with field teams to regulate traffic and crowd movement. The control centre was also tracking developments at immersion points and responding to traffic or crowd-related issues.

Across the city, GHMC, MMC and CMC, along with the police, have identified several alternative immersion locations, including lakes and baby ponds, to ease pressure on major water bodies and prevent overcrowding.

Localities such as Kukatpally, Moosapet, Old Bowenpally, Balanagar and Alwal have witnessed community and household idols being immersed through the week, with local police coordinating vehicle parking, traffic diversions and safety arrangements at the respective sites.

Security has been stepped up ahead of the main procession. Additional police personnel, traffic wardens, CCTV cameras, drones, and bomb and dog squads are being deployed at key immersion points. Control rooms have been set up in several zones to coordinate arrangements and address grievances.

Traffic restrictions are already in force around sensitive stretches, with diversions expected to intensify closer to September 25, when the principal Balapur–Hussain Sagar procession is scheduled to pass through Chandrayangutta, Falaknuma, Charminar and M.J. Market before reaching Tank Bund and Hussain Sagar.

Police have urged devotees to follow traffic advisories and use designated routes and parking areas to avoid congestion. Authorities expect immersion activity to increase sharply over the coming days as more community processions and household idols reach designated immersion points, with the largest idols expected on the main immersion day.

After damaged roads and power cuts, Congress MLAs complain about water supply issues

Hyderabad: Congress MLA from Manakondur K Satyanarayana has complained about damaged roads in his constituency, while Jadcherla MLA Anirudh Reddy has expressed concern over power outages.

A few other Congress MLAs also raised concerns over drinking water supply, particularly issues linked to Mission Bhagiratha. The complaints were made in the Assembly, in contrast to the Congress government’s claims regarding power and water supply to different sectors.

In Tandur constituency, people are facing hardships due to inadequate water supply. This was disclosed by Congress MLA B Manohar Reddy in the Assembly last week.

Apart from borewells drying up, inadequate



supply through Mission Bhagiratha has added to the problems, with people in several villages facing severe hardships.

“In Tandur town, about 14 MLD of water had to be supplied, but not even 10 MLD is being supplied. The same situation is prevailing in ev-

ery village. Our constituency borders Karnataka and, at times, water is supplied once in three to four days through Mission Bhagiratha,” Manohar Reddy said. Similarly, a few other MLAs complained that the Mission Bhagiratha scheme, which was launched by the previous government, was not functioning properly.

Congress MLA from Achampet C Vamshi Krishna said the Mission Bhagiratha scheme was not functioning properly in Nagarkurnool district. Referring to his constituency, he said people were facing drinking water problems even during the rainy season.

“The government should initiate measures to address drinking water issues in all villages,” Vamshi Krishna said.

TELANGANA POLICE ACADEMY SUCCESSFUL TRAINING PROGRAM 54 DSP OF BIHAR POLICE

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A successful 6-day in-service training program for 54 DSPs from the Bihar Police concluded at the RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy today. Led by Academy Director, Telangana Police Academy, the program focused on cutting-edge policing techniques and technological advancements.

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GHMC Urges Residents to Separate Flower Waste During Ganesh Immersion



Hyderabad: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) promotes eco-friendly measures during Ganesh Nimmajanam ritual and urged people to perform it at their houses if feasible, and make sure that the flowers and garlands used in the puja did not mix up regular household garbage. The corporation said the flowers and garlands could recycled to generate compost, or prepare natural dyes, incense and dhooop and value-added products. The GHMC urged people to hand over the floral waste separately to its staffers at immersion points and not to immerse it with idols.

Telangana: NIT Warangal Confers Degrees On 945 PG Students, 100 PHD Scholars

WARANGAL: The 24th convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal concluded on Sunday with degrees being conferred on 945 postgraduate students and 100 PhD scholars.

NIT Warangal Board of Governors chairperson Dr B.V.R. Mohan Reddy and director Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi presented the degrees and Academic Excellence Awards during the two-day convocation.

Director's Gold Medals were presented to Adepu Anjali, the overall postgraduate topper in engineering, and Jalumedi Bharani, who topped the sciences and management disciplines.

The Best PhD Thesis Award was presented to Dr Apoorva Bora of the Chemistry Department, while the Best M.Tech Dissertation Award went to Atkare Sarthak Vinod.

A total of 1,997 students from undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes received degrees during the two-day convocation. The event concluded with the national anthem and the exit of the academic procession.



Harish Rao Dares Cong MLAs To Visit Sub-Station at Night, Get Feedback From Farmers

Nalgonda: Alleging undeclared power cuts for agricultural connections, BRS MLA and former minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday challenged the Congress MLAs and MPs to visit the sub-stations and the villages in their constituencies to ascertain facts.

Speaking to the media after visiting the sub-station at Motakondur in Bhadradi-Kothagudem district, he said, "The officials hid log books of electricity supply ahead of my visit out of a fear that actual duration of power supply to the agricultural sector would be known to the opposition."

The log book records, he said, would contain the timings of power supply, tripping and three-phase supply to agricultural connections. He questioned as to why the Congress government was "afraid of showing him gthe log book, if it really supplies 24 hours electricity to the agriculture sector."

Harish Rao dared the Congress MLAs and MPs to visit sub-stations in their constituencies and get the feedback from the people on the power supply.

"I was told that farmers in Motakondur and surrounding areas were getting six hours' electricity supply with repeated interruptions and low voltage. This was affecting the cultivation of farmers using borewells," he said.

The former minister criticised the Congress government for blaming El Nino for the present plight of farmers. He said it was not providing



irrigation facility to the farmers even though water was available in the projects. He cited the Nagarjuna Sagar Project as an example.

Stating that the power generation was increased to 21,000mw during the BRS term in Telangana, he said the 3,500mw of power generation at Yadadri, Bhadradi and Kothagudem power plants was stopped on the pretext of shortage of coal.

Coming down heavily on the government over 22-A prohibited lands issue, he said the properties of farmers and the poor were also included in the prohibited lands list in Motakondur, Alair and Bhongir mandals.

Harish Rao made it clear that his family's assets were disclosed in election affidavits and income-tax returns. He urged the state government to take action on the properties of the Congress leaders, which fell in Full Tank Level areas.

Earlier, the BRS leader also attended a meeting of the party at Motakondur where several leaders from different political parties joined the BRS.

Jagadish Reddy slams Congress government over water, power shortage affecting farmers

BRS MLA G Jagadish Reddy criticised the Congress government over drying paddy crops in erstwhile Nalgonda district, questioning the availability of irrigation water and power. He rejected El Nino and coal shortage explanations and demanded immediate action

Nalgonda: BRS MLA and former Minister G Jagadish Reddy slammed the Congress government for neglecting farmers and questioned why paddy crops were drying up in erstwhile Nalgonda district despite adequate water availability in the Krishna River. He rejected the government's explanation that El Nino was responsible for the situation and termed the claim of a coal shortage equally unconvincing.

The Suryapet MLA inspected dried paddy fields at Telakantigudem in Kanagal mandal of Suryapet constituency and interacted with affected farmers. He later visited the Thimmanagudem sub-station and examined its power supply log book along with former MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy.

Speaking to mediapersons on Sunday, Jagadish Reddy demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Ministers explain why farmers were not being provided adequate water and power. He questioned why power generation at the Yadadri and Bhadradi plants was being stopped. He alleged that the government was offering different excuses for the shortage of power and water, but no solution.

The former Minister said farmers told him



that cultivation had improved during the K Chandrasekhar Rao government, but crops had been drying up again for the past three years. He also questioned Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka over the situation. He challenged them to visit the affected fields and answer the farmers.

"There is no need for politics here. Farmers need answers," he said, demanding immediate supply of adequate irrigation water and 24-hour power. He warned that the BRS would launch an agitation if the government failed to ensure adequate water and uninterrupted power supply to farmers.

Keralam CM Satheesan Stops Convoy To Help Accident Victim In Ernakulam

ERNAKULAM: Chief Minister VD Satheesan on Sunday stopped his vehicle after noticing a young man who had met with an accident on Container Road in Ernakulam and came to his rescue.

Satheesan immediately stopped his vehicle after noticing the accident and extended assistance to the young man.Later, Satheesan inaugurated the 89th Gothuruthu Boat Race organised by the Gothuruthu Sports and Arts Club in connection with the feast of the Holy Cross at Kadalvathuruth.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister remembered late journalist and his friend Jijo John Puthezhath, recalling his association with the Gothuruthu boat race.Satheesan said Jijo John Puthezhath had been a prominent presence at the boat race for nearly 25 years whenever the Chief Minister visited to watch the event.

He said Jijo would eagerly wait for the next boat race as soon as one race concluded and would proudly speak about the event to everyone.Meanwhile, Sports Department Minister O.J. Jeneesh congratulated Vidarsha K. Vinod, the first Malayali woman shooter to win a silver medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle team event.

The Minister said the government would pro-



vide government jobs to Asian Games medal winners.He said the rewards for medal winners had been announced even before the athletes leave for the competition, unlike in previous years. A cash reward of Rs 50 lakh has been announced for a gold medal, Rs 30 lakh for silver and Rs 20 lakh for bronze.

Special rewards will also be given to the coaches of the athletes.The Sports Department has also taken steps to provide an advance of Rs 1 lakh each towards travel expenses to the 29 Malayali athletes participating in the Asian Games.Jeneesh also highlighted the Gothuruthu boat race as a major example of religious harmony in the region.Hibi Eden MP, Paravur Block Panchayat President P.R. Saijan and others attended the programme.

Prannoy keeps LA 2028 hopes alive despite calling Aichi-Nagoya his likely last Asiad

Veteran Indian shuttler H S Prannoy says the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games is likely to be his last, but he will assess his chances of competing at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Chirag Shetty, meanwhile, targets team gold with India

Nagoya:: Veteran Indian shuttler H S Prannoy says the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games is most likely his last, but he will give himself another year to assess whether he has enough left to make a realistic bid for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Prannoy, a bronze medallist at the last edition, is part of India's 20-member badminton squad for the 20th Asian Games, which begins with the team championships on Sunday.

"This is probably my last Asian Games. I don't think I will be able to play at this level after four years. I only want to play at that level, not lower," Prannoy told PTI.

Prannoy, who competed at the Vietnam Open last week, said he was in good physical and mental shape as he prepared for what could be his final appearance at the continental showpiece.

"I am in a good place physically and mentally. I played the Vietnam Open last week and had a decent run after some time," he said.

Prannoy, who was part of India's silver-medal-winning team at the previous Asian Games in Hangzhou, said the narrow miss would serve as motivation as the team targets gold in Nagoya.

"We missed gold by a whisker last time. Hopefully, we can reach the final and win gold this time," he said.

The former world No. 6, however, has



not completely closed the door on another major assignment, with the Los Angeles Olympics still a possibility if he feels he can remain competitive.

"My aim is LA 2028. I will push for the next one to one-and-a-half years. If I feel there is a realistic chance of making it to LA, I will continue. Otherwise, I will decide later," he said.

Prannoy's preparations for the Paris Olympics were disrupted after he contracted chikungunya around 15 days before the Games.

The veteran also credited fellow senior shuttler Kidambi Srikanth with giving him the motivation to continue playing at the highest level, describing him as "probably the best men's singles player" India has produced.

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"Seeing him still play is encouraging and motivating. His results have given me confidence that if he can play, so can I," Prannoy said.

He added that Srikanth's commitment to training, irrespective of outside opinions, was something younger players could learn from. Chirag urges India to be 'raging tigers' while chasing Asiad team gold

Doubles specialist Chirag Shetty has called on the Indian men's badminton team to go all out for gold at the Asian Games and "be raging tigers on the court" as it looks to improve on its silver-medal finish in Hangzhou.

India had taken a 2-0 lead against China in the previous edition's final before losing 2-3, but Chirag said the team is ready for another shot at the top prize.

"We want to win a medal. Last time we won silver and we were so close to winning gold. We were leading 2-0 against China," Chirag said.

The Indian team has retained much of its core over the past few years, with several players having featured together at major team competitions.

"We have been playing together for quite some time now. We have had the Thomas Cup gold, Asian Games silver and the Thomas Cup bronze this year. We know each other well, so hopefully we can do well."

Chirag, who partners Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, said the team is not dwelling on the result at the previous edition.

"It's a new tournament. Whatever happened last time is done and dusted. We have to go all out and be raging tigers on the court."

The Indian shuttler said competing at a multi-sport event carried a special significance, particularly because of the opportunity to represent the country and wear the national colours.

"Multi-sport events are always special. Donning the Indian tricolour feels special, and I am looking forward to the next 10 days."

Chirag and Satwik head into the Asian Games high on confidence after winning the China Open earlier this month.

"What worked was that we were able to come back when we were down and execute in the crucial stages, even when we were not playing our best," he said

Mansukh Mandaviya Meets World Aquatics Prez To Develop Aquatic Sports In India

Nagoya: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday met World Aquatics president Husain Al-Musallam with the focus on developing aquatic sports in India. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Asian Games here. Husain Al-Musallam is also the director general of Olympic Council of Asia. The Sports Ministry wants India to become a sporting powerhouse and that cannot happen without investment in aquatics which offer a bagful of medals at the Olympics.

Aquatics offered a total of 49 medals in Paris Olympics. India won a mere six medals overall at the 2024 Games. "Held a meeting with Capt. Husain Al-



Musallam, Director General of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and President of World Aquatics, on the sidelines of the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 in Nagoya, Japan," wrote Mandaviya on X. "We discussed strengthening cooperation between India's National Sports Federations and their respective Asian federations, and explored ways to further develop aquatic sports in India, with a focus on grassroots participation and nurturing young talent.

"OCA welcomed India's readiness to host various Asian-level championships, reflecting our shared commitment to strengthening sporting cooperation and development across the continent," he added. India has also submitted an expression of interest to host the 2038 Asian Games. The world's most populous nation is also targeting to host the 2036 Olympics as well.

SPORTS



Rohit and Kohli's experience crucial ahead of 2027 World Cup: Aakash Chopra

Aakash Chopra says Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's primary task ahead of India's ODI series against the West Indies is to keep scoring runs. He also backed India's squad and highlighted Nitish Kumar Reddy's role ahead of the 2027 World Cup

New Delhi:Former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra believes the only expectation from Indian batting stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli ahead of the upcoming ODI series against the West Indies is for the two experienced campaigners to keep scoring runs, with the 2027 ODI World Cup now less than a year away.

Speaking ahead of the three-match series, Chopra said Rohit and Kohli's experience could be crucial for India as they build towards the next World Cup in South Africa.

"The World Cup is just one year away now, and I know that if Rohit and Kohli get in, they'll score runs, win you matches, and possibly win you trophies. So, looking at it from this perspective, the only expectation from Rohit and Kohli is just this: keep scoring runs," Chopra told Jio Star.

Rohit and Kohli have both been named in India's 15-member ODI squad for the three-match home series against the West Indies, with Shubman



Gill set to lead the side. KL Rahul has been appointed vice-captain, replacing Shreyas Iyer, who will be part of India's Asian Games campaign.

Chopra also backed the overall composition of the ODI squad, pointing to the changes made due to player availability and the inclusion of Dhruv Jurel as the second wicketkeeper.

"With the available players, you try and make the most of what you have. The biggest change you notice is that KL Rahul has been made vice-captain in place of Shreyas Iyer because Shreyas Iyer will be at the Asian Games. There was certainly a question mark over Rishabh Pant, but I also liked Dhruv Jurel's selection. So, considering all of that, a very good team has been picked, and full marks to the Indian team selectors," he said.

Ravindra Jadeja has also returned to the ODI setup, while Nitish Kumar Reddy has been brought into the ODI squad after being withdrawn from India's Asian Games contingent.

Chopra feels the all-rounder's position will be another area to watch closely as India continue to assess their options ahead of the 2027 World Cup.

"One big highlight, in my opinion, was pulling Nitish Kumar Reddy out of the Asian Games and playing him here. So, if Hardik Pandya isn't available someday, they really want somebody who can bowl pace and bat as well. Ravindra Jadeja will have to, of course, take wickets and score runs. Fielding has always been his strong suit. But from a World Cup point of view, you have Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja, and Washington Sundar, and not all of them will go to South Africa. So, someone will be left out, and therefore, every time you get an opportunity, you have to grab it with both hands," he said.

The ODI series will begin in Thiruvananthapuram on September 27, with the second match in Guwahati on September 30 and the third in Chandigarh on October 3.

Indians Living in Japan on Stand-By to House Asian Games Athletes

New Delhi: Indians living in Japan are standing by to house the country's athletes at the Asian Games if accommodation shortages continue, officials said Saturday.

Asia's biggest sporting spectacular opens officially in Nagoya and Aichi prefecture on Saturday night, but the build-up to the event has been dogged by problems.

To save money, Japan decided against having an athletes' village, with organisers choosing to put up competitors in a combination of hotel rooms, temporary wooden container-style huts and on a cruise ship.

But many of the 17,000 athletes and officials descending on Japan for the Games have been unhappy with their allocated temporary accommodation, saying rooms



have no storage space for kit and the beds are too small.

India, who are sending almost 500 athletes to the Asian Games, have moved some from the huts into hotels and have put in place contingency plans should the shortage of suitable rooms get worse as more competitors and support staff arrive in the coming days.

"We have booked hotels for our athletes here," Sahdev Yadav, India's chef de mission at Asian Games and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)'s treasurer, told AFP.

"But if the hotel rooms fall short then yes, we have Indian households here on standby to accommodate the athletes.

"They are all more than happy to welcome the stars at their homes." Reports said the Indian embassy in Japan had helped reach out to around 2,000 families in Nagoya, some of whom are prepared to help.

Organisers said the accommodation was safe, cost-effective and comfortable and Japan should be applauded for trying to do something different.

Harish Rao alleges undeclared power cuts for farmers, targets Congress government

Bhongir: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Sunday accused the Congress government of imposing undeclared power cuts on farmers and diverting attention from its poll promises by targeting the Opposition.

During a visit to the Motakondur sub-station in Yadadri-Bhongir district, Harish Rao alleged that officials had removed the sub-station's log book ahead of his visit to prevent the actual duration of power supply from coming to light. The log book records the timings of power supply, tripping and three-phase supply to agricultural connections, he said. "If the Congress government is really supplying 24-hour power, why is it afraid of showing the log book?" he asked, demanding that local MLA Beerla Ilaiiah and Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy visit sub-stations and explain the power situation to farmers.

Harish Rao claimed that farmers in Motakondur and surrounding areas were receiving only six to seven hours of power, with repeated interruptions and low voltage affecting irrigation. He alleged that supply was being provided mainly during the day and was inadequate to cover all fields.

The BRS leader rejected the government's attribution of water and power shortages to El Nino, saying the situation was the result of administrative failures. He alleged that several irrigation pumps were not being operated despite water being available in the Krishna river. He also pointed out that around 3,500 MW of generation capacity at the Yadadri, Bhadradri and Kothagudem power plants had been shut down on the pretext of a coal shortage.



Officials Prepared Notices to Govt Land Encroachers in Erravalli

Siddipet:Revenue officials began issuing notices to some persons who had allegedly encroached on government land near former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse in Erravelli of Siddipet's Markook mandal. Sources said around 180 notices had been drafted and 25 were issued to those cultivating on the government land in Survey No. 325 in the vilage.

The cultivators claimed that they were assigned the land by previous governments, some as far back as in the 1970s and 1980s. The notices asked the farmers to show documents to back their claims. Officials have not yet surveyed the former chief minister's farmhouse, which is in the centre of the controversy.

Survey No. 325 in Erravelli is spread across



388 acres and five guntas of government land. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had announced in the Assembly that an inquiry would be conducted into encroachment of government land in the village, where Chandrashekar Rao has developed a farmhouse. Grabbed land would be taken over and assigned to Dalits who

had staged a protest outside Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse recently.

Land and survey department used Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) to mark the government land holding. Land and survey department assistant director Rathod Sudarshan, Gajwel revenue divisional

officials will verify the possession of government land. On the other hand, a few farmers said they were worried as they did not have documents to prove their claim.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, a senior officer said on condition of anonymity that anyone encroaching on even one square yard of government land would be served notice, and action initiated after analysing their reply. Siddipet collector K. Haimavathi confirmed to Deccan Chronicle that officials had prepared notices, and about 25 notices would be issued daily to farmers who were cultivating on government land in Survey No. 325. The notices would be served after tallying the details of survey and position, she explained. "Within 10 days, the process of issuing notices will be completed," she said.

Ponguleti Says Orders on Section 22A Issues to Be Issued Within a Week



Hyderabad: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday said the state government would issue orders within a week to address long-pending Section 22A land and registration issues, facilitating an early resolution to problems affecting several colonies in Hyderabad and neighboring districts.

He said the government had issued GO 118 for regularization of houses in certain colonies and GO 76 for regularisation of house sites in the Singareni areas, out of the 12 land-related issues identified by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Srinivas Reddy said the government was working on the remaining issues in phases and that the Chief Minister would soon announce further measures.

He was speaking at a programme at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium where he distributed regularisation certificates to beneficiaries from 44 colonies in the LB Nagar Assembly constituency.

He said the government had resolved the issues concerning 44 of the 64 colonies in the constituency and assured residents that their houses would not be demolished.

The remaining cases would be addressed within a month, he said.

GO 118 would also help resolve similar issues in parts of Medchal and Rangareddy districts within a month.

He said many of the colonies had remained under the Section 22A prohibited list for a long time and reiterated that the government would soon announce a solution.

Srinivas Reddy said the proposed orders would cover registration-related problems and cases involving people who had not submitted applications for regularization.

Section 22A had been in force since the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh and needed to be reviewed, he said.

On the Singareni region, he said GO 76 on regularization of house sites would be implemented and a three-member committee had been constituted.

The process would be completed within 45 days, he said.

Trump Signs Russia Sanctions Bill Allowing 100% Tariffs on India

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump signed a bill Friday authorizing new sanctions designed to pressure Russia over its war in Ukraine, shortly after it received congressional approval this week. The legislation takes aim at Russia's energy and defense sectors, alongside President Vladimir Putin and other senior officials. It also targets Moscow's so-called shadow fleet of tankers used to evade Western sanctions, and allows Trump the authority to impose tariffs of up to 100 percent on major buyers of Russian oil and gas.

This could potentially cover China and India, and furthers efforts to cut off



revenue financing Moscow's war. The Republican-led House of Representatives passed the package by a 262-159 vote on Wednesday. The bill would also target companies and foreign

actors supporting Russia's military, and extend sanctions involving Iran. But the broad powers to impose tariffs sparked an unusual split among Democrats, who largely support Ukraine but have resisted handing Trump wider authority over trade. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky earlier said the legislation's passage was symbolic and thanked US lawmakers. India said on Thursday it would continue buying oil "through diversified sourcing." Trump's signing of the bill also comes a week before he is due to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Washington.

Modi: Rich Nations Emit 6X More

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's development was both rapid and sustainable as he highlighted the country's progress in renewable energy, nuclear power and environmental protection.

Inaugurating a two-day international conference on environment and climate in New Delhi, Modi flagged global climate inequality, saying developed countries produced six times more carbon emissions per capita than India, though developing nations were often unfairly blamed for climate

change.

"India's per capita carbon emissions are less than half the global average," Modi told the gathering of environmental experts, Supreme Court judges, legal experts and senior government officials. He said India consistently presented this fact at international forums and urged citizens to highlight it as well.

Modi said India was the only G20 country to have met its Paris Agreement commitments ahead of schedule. Its performance in expanding non-fossil-fuel and solar energy capacity and preventing car-

bon emissions was being discussed worldwide, he added.

The Prime Minister said India was rapidly expanding nuclear power generation and opening the sector to private participation. He criticised environmental campaigners who, he said, approached courts to halt nuclear projects despite advocating clean energy.

India's non-fossil energy capacity had increased by 400 per cent, he said. Solar power capacity had risen from 2 GW about 12 years ago to more than 160 GW,

while wind energy capacity had tripled and hydro-power capacity had also recorded strong growth.

Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, more than 50 lakh houses had installed rooftop solar panels, Modi said. The government had provided assistance of nearly ₹80,000 to each participating household.

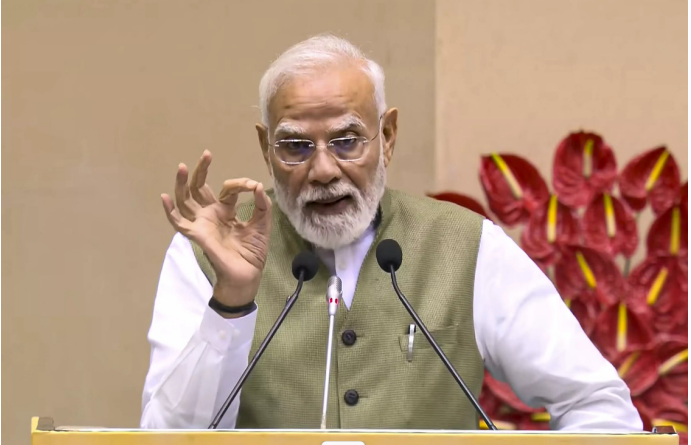
Highlighting advances in clean mobility, Modi said India had recently launched its first hydrogen-powered train, which he described as the world's longest, marking the beginning of a new era

in green transport.

Annual electric vehicle sales had risen from about 3,000 before 2014 to nearly 25 lakh last year, he said. FASTag had reduced waiting time and fuel wastage at toll plazas.

Modi said the country's Metro network had expanded from less than 250 km across five cities before 2014 to more than 1,000 km in 20 cities. The complete electrification of the railway network had also saved crores of litres of diesel, he added.

Referring to conservation initiatives, Modi said



more than 70,000 Amrit Sarovars had been constructed. Natural farming clusters had been created across 12.5 lakh hectares, while about 3,000 climate-resilient crop varieties had been developed.

He said India was also reducing its carbon footprint through agroforestry and that its very dense forest cover had increased by 22 per cent over the past 12 years.

Describing plastic waste as a major environmental challenge, Modi said India had banned single-use plastic and was promoting a circular economy based on the principle of "reduce, reuse and recycle".

Revanth Reddy invites suggestions for naming Mamnoor Airport



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday invited suggestions from the public for a name for the long-pending Mamnoor airport in Warangal. Revanth Reddy said the project had moved closer to reality after the completion of land acquisition and its handover to the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

In a post on X, Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government allocated ₹295 crore for land acquisition for the airport. He described the handing over of the land to the AAI as a major step towards fulfilling the long-pending demand for an airport in Warangal.

The Chief Minister said the proposed airport would serve as a gateway for industry, tourism, education, employment and investment in the Warangal region. He said improved air connectivity would contribute to the region's economic

development and help create new growth opportunities beyond Hyderabad.

Revanth Reddy said the airport project was now taking shape on the ground and expressed hope of flying from Mamnoor airport in the future. He also asked people to suggest a suitable name for the airport as part of its new identity.

The Chief Minister, while highlighting the progress made by the Congress government, also criticised the previous BRS government over the delay in realising the airport project. He said the project remained pending despite the BRS being in power for a decade.

New Delhi: Telangana is ready to play a key role in achieving the Viksit Bharat-2047 goal, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said.

He stated that Telangana views the ambitious economic targets set by the country not as distant aspirations, but as an immediate responsibility requiring concrete action.

The Deputy Chief Minister addressed the conference on "Mobilising Financial Resources for India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat", held in New Delhi on Saturday under the leadership of Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers of various states, senior officials of the Union and state finance departments, and economic experts participated in the conference.

From Telangana, the Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Dr. Gaurav Uppal, Secretary, Finance and Planning Department.

Bhatti Vikramarka said that the major challenge was to mobilise the financial resources required to achieve unprecedented levels of development while maintaining fiscal stability, enhancing productivity, and ensuring that the benefits of development reach every citizen and every region.

He said that the goal of building Viksit Bharat cannot be achieved by the Centre or the states independently and stressed the need for the Centre and states to move forward together in the spirit of cooperative federalism.

He emphasised the need for effective mobilisation of both public and private resources, along with strong institutions and

Telangana to Play Key Role in Achieving Viksit Bharat Goal: Bhatti



policies based on mutual cooperation. He said Telangana was participating in the discussion not merely to seek funds, but with a clear development plan, a defined strategy for mobilising financial resources, and a long-term vision.

Target is a \$3 Trillion Economy

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana was ready for the next phase of growth with strong economic foundations. He stated that the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) reached ₹17.82 lakh crore in 2025-26, registering 10.7 per cent growth at current prices. At constant prices, real GSDP growth was estimated at 8.5 per cent.

He said Telangana's per capita income had risen to ₹4,18,931, nearly twice the national average of ₹2,19,575. The services sector recorded growth of 13.5 per cent, while the secondary sector grew by 9.4 per cent, he said.

At the current growth trajectory, Telangana's economy is estimated to reach \$1.21 trillion by 2047, he said. However, the state government has set a much more ambitious target of transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

He said the objective was also to increase Telangana's share in the national economy from the

present level of around five per cent to 10 per cent.

Focus on Mobilising Private Investments

To build a \$3 trillion economy, Telangana needs to change the way infrastructure is financed, Bhatti Vikramarka said. He stressed the need to gradually move away from excessive dependence on government borrowing to finance roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

He said Telangana was moving towards a model that would mobilise larger investments from private investors, institutional funds and sovereign funds, while using government resources strategically.

The Government funding would play a key role in reducing investor risk, bridging viability gaps and building confidence among private investors, he said. To achieve this, the state was strengthening mechanisms such as Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), green bonds and blended finance, he added.

Statewide Development Through CURE-PURE-RARE

Development should not be confined to a single city, while rural areas should not be left behind, the Deputy Chief Minister said. With this objective, Telangana has developed a distinctive development model based on three

interconnected economic regions — CURE, PURE and RARE.

The CURE (Core Urban Region), centred around Greater Hyderabad, is being developed as a hub for high-end services, artificial intelligence, global capability centres, fintech, life sciences and knowledge-based industries, he said.

The PURE (Peri-Urban Region) along major transportation corridors will be developed as a hub for industrial and manufacturing activities, he said.

Through RARE (Rural Agricultural and Resource Economy), the state aims to provide a new impetus to the rural economy. Digital technology in agriculture, expansion of food-processing clusters and development of cold-chain infrastructure will connect rural producers with domestic and international markets that offer higher-value opportunities, he said.

Bharat Future City Spread Across More Than 30,000 Acres

Bhatti Vikramarka said Bharat Future City, spread across more than 30,000 acres, was being developed as a model for the cities of the future in India.

He said the city was being envisioned as the country's first net-zero, AI-enabled green megacity. It would include world-class universities, international research

centres, clean technology parks and environmentally sustainable residential areas, he explained.

The Regional Ring Road (RRR) would be one of the key infrastructure projects connecting the CURE, PURE and RARE regions, he said.

Youth Are Telangana's Greatest Strength

The Deputy Chief Minister said that along with infrastructure and investments, human resources are the real foundation of a \$3 trillion economy. Telangana's youth are the state's greatest strength, he said.

To bridge the gap between higher education and the requirements of industry, the government has established the Young India Skill University in partnership with leading international organisations, he said.

Bhatti Vikramarka stressed that the benefits of economic growth should reach every family and that inclusive development was the government's objective. He said the government was committed to ensuring that everyone becomes a participant in the development process through social security, accessible healthcare, quality housing, and support for women entrepreneurs and self-help groups.

He stated that Telangana's goal of becoming a \$3 trillion economy is not merely a target for the state, but its contribution towards building a prosperous and self-reliant Viksit Bharat by 2047.

If the financial systems of the Union and state governments work in coordination, with priority given to investments, sustainable financial resources and human capital, the goal of Viksit Bharat can be achieved, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said.

Telangana: Character, Integrity Key To Success, Says TI India MD



WARANGAL: Character, integrity and credibility are as important as technical skills in shaping a career, Texas Instruments India managing director Santhosh Kumar told students at the 24th convocation of NIT Warangal on Friday.

He urged students to remember the principle of "Character is Fate" throughout their lives.

The two-day convocation began at the Ambedkar Learning Centre, with 930 undergraduate and 22 exit-degree students receiving their degrees on the first day. Postgraduate and PhD students will receive their degrees on Saturday.

Santhosh Kumar was the chief guest, while NIT Warangal Board of Governors chairperson Dr B.V.R. Mohan Reddy was the guest of honour. NIT Warangal director Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi presented the institute's annual report.

Dr Mohan Reddy, speaking on "The Role of the Engineer in the AI Era", stressed the need for engineers to develop expertise in their fields while cultivating lifelong learning. He urged them to use technology to address real-world problems and emphasised trust, values and learning from failures.

Prof. Subudhi said the institute had prioritised research and innovation. It had secured around ₹53.63 crore for 162 research projects and published 1,771 research papers, 617 conference papers and 123 book chapters during 2025-26. Thirty-six patents were granted and 98 were filed, he said.

Infrastructure projects worth around ₹900 crore are under way, including new hostels, lecture hall complexes, an academic block, a 2,500-seat open-air amphitheatre, a 500-seat cafeteria and a north-south underpass.

Subudhi said 93.94 per cent of undergraduate and 80.78 per cent of postgraduate students secured placements. The average salary for undergraduate students was ₹18.54 lakh, while the highest domestic package was ₹1.27 crore.

From the 2026-27 academic year, the institute introduced M.Tech programmes in Quantum Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Electric Vehicles and Materials Science and Technology. B.Tech in Electric Mobility and an MA in English Language and Literature were also launched. AI and Machine Learning have been made compulsory for B.Tech students, he said.

Siddhi Barpute, a Chemical Engineering student, received the Director's Gold Medal for outstanding undergraduate performance. Roll of Honour Gold Medals were also presented to toppers from various B.Tech programmes.

The Best B.Tech Project Award went to Mechanical Engineering student Budda Jeshwanthi for her project on a compact dual-cell passive DMFC and stack design for power generation.

Two honorary degrees were also conferred. Dr P.K. Menon received an honorary Doctor of Science for his contributions to the use of automatic control technologies in aviation and aerospace engineering. Anand Ramamurthy, managing director of Micron India, received an honorary Doctor of Philosophy for his contribution to India's semiconductor sector.

Santhosh Kumar urged students to learn from failures and develop technology-based solutions to social challenges, including microgrids, agricultural sensors and safe drinking water.

He said graduation marked the beginning of a lifelong journey of learning and growth. The first day concluded with graduates taking the pledge led by the gold medallist. Postgraduate and PhD students will receive their degrees and awards on September 20.

KTR comments on Danam Nagender's disqualification

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao urged the Congress government to make all MLAs who defected from the BRS resign and face elections, citing the Telangana High Court's judgment disqualifying Danam Nagender and calling for the same legal principle to be applied.



Wanaparthi: BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Saturday urged the Congress government to take note of the Telangana High Court's judgment disqualifying Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender and apply the same legal principle to the remaining MLAs who defected from the BRS to the Congress.

He demanded that all MLAs who defected from the BRS to the Congress resign and face the people's verdict. If the Congress government was confident of people's support, it should ask the defected MLAs to resign and seek a fresh mandate, he said.

Speaking to media persons at Pebbair here on Saturday, the BRS working president said the High Court had set aside the Speaker's decision in Nagender's case. The same legal principle should be applied to the remaining cases, he stressed.

"We challenge the Congress government to make the remaining defected MLAs resign and face elections," Rama Rao said.

Karnataka raising Almatti height by five metres, could impact Palamuru in future: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government had failed to safeguard Telangana's Krishna water interests and accused it of neglecting farmers' power and irrigation needs. He raised concerns over Almatti, Jurala and Kalwakurthy projects

Wanaparthi: BRS working president KT Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government had failed to safeguard Telangana's interests in Krishna waters, allowing Karnataka to consider raising the height of the Almatti Dam, which he said could affect water availability to Palamuru in the future.

Taking advantage of what he described as the Congress government's lack of planning to safeguard Telangana's interests in Krishna waters, the Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh governments were drawing up plans accordingly, he alleged.

The Karnataka government was spending ₹1 lakh crore to raise the height of the Almatti Dam by five metres. "Why is Chief Minister Revanth Reddy not questioning Karnataka and protecting Telangana's interests?" he asked at Pebbair on Saturday.

While Karnataka was spending such a huge amount on one project, Congress leaders in Telangana were finding fault with BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao for spending ₹88,000 crore on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and misleading people, he said.

Rama Rao visited the Gummadam and



Pebbair power stations. While officials claimed that 12 hours of power were being supplied, farmers complained that they were not receiving a steady supply for even five or six hours a day. On some days, power supply was disrupted 10 to 12 times, he charged.

"This is the plight of farmers in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's native district. Farmers are taking to the streets due to the lack of electricity," he said, alleging that farmers were suffering because of the government's failure to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

Expressing concern over the Jurala project's command area being on the verge of ruin, the BRS working president said 248 TMC of water had flowed into the Krishna river. Andhra Pradesh was siphoning off Krishna water, while only 18 TMC had been released to the Jurala ayacut during the entire season, he alleged.

Similarly, the Kalwakurthy pumps had not been operated properly and the Congress government had failed to operate even three pumps, he said. Less than 10 TMC of water had been supplied to the Kalwakurthy command area, he added.

"There is about 150 TMC of water in the Almatti and Narayanpur dams in Karnataka. Why cannot the Congress government in Telangana seek 5 TMC for farmers in our State?" Rama Rao asked, alleging that Revanth Reddy was offering Guru Dakshina to Chandrababu Naidu in the form of Krishna water.

Nearly 10,000 acres were under the Jurala ayacut and the Congress government would not be spared even if crops on a single acre withered, he warned.

A rally was conducted from the Pebbair town substation to Subhash Crossroads. Along with the BRS working president, former ministers Niranjan Reddy, Laxma Reddy and Srinivas Goud and others participated in the rally.

"Revanth Reddy is an honest politician. He promised to bring back the old days and has delivered exactly that, with farmers struggling for water and power to save their crops," he said.

Rama Rao charged that the Congress government had failed to implement its promises on Rythu Bandhu and had caused hardship to farmers by not paying the Rythu Bima premium on time.

The BRS working president said the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme was nearly 90 per cent complete under the previous BRS government. The balance works were being delayed because the Congress government did not want BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao to get credit for the project, he alleged.

Cong Govt Engineered Drought In State, Not El Nino: Harish

HYDERABAD: Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao slammed the Congress government for blaming El Nino for the crisis that he said Telangana was facing on the irrigation and power supply fronts. The debate on Friday in the Legislative Assembly on El Nino conditions "made one thing clear," he said, that the Congress government "is trying to blame nature for its own failures."

Speaking to mediapersons, Harish Rao said: "This is not a drought brought by nature. It is a drought created by the Congress government and the failures of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Instead of accepting responsibility for the shortage of water and power, the government is blaming El Nino."

Harish Rao demanded that the government start operating the Kannepalli pumps and use available Godavari water, lift water from Medigadda towards Yellampalli wherever technically and legally permissible, operate available pumps at Kalwakurthy, Palamuru, Nettampadu, Bhima, Koilsagar and other irrigation projects so standing crops could be protected.

He also demanded that the government provide uninterrupted power to farmers and protect standing crops.

On power shortages, Harish Rao said, "Farmers are being forced to use diesel generators and spend around ₹1,500 a day to protect their crops." Generation at the Yadadri Thermal Power Station was only around 1,500 MW against its 4,000 MW capacity because of coal shortages, while output at the thermal plant at Bhadradi was down by 540 MW due to technical problems. Another 800 MW at Kothagudem was also not being generated, he said.

Harish Rao also criticised irrigation minister Uttam



Kumar Reddy's statement in the Assembly that Telangana had used 84 tmc ft of water from Srisailem this year. Telangana, Harish Rao said, drew from the Krishna River from Srisailem, and the Kalwakurthy and Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation schemes. The facts were that while Andhra Pradesh had utilised around 83 tmc ft, Telangana, including the needs of Hyderabad's drinking water, had used only around 43 tmc ft from Krishna, he added.

He said crops in nearly 3 lakh acres of ayacut under Nettampadu, Bhima, Koilsagar and Jurala were at risk. "The Revanth Reddy government could have requested the Congress government in Karnataka to release water from Almatti for a month and save the crops, but it has not done so," he said.

FTAs Opening New Career Doors: Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the free trade agreements (FTAs) signed by India with various countries were opening new career opportunities for the youth.

Addressing a Rozgar Mela virtually, Modi said the talent and skills of India's youth had earned global trust and that the world had high expectations of the country's innovators, entrepreneurs and young workforce.

"India has signed 40 free trade agreements. These FTAs are opening new doors of opportunity for our youth. Such agreements create new partnerships for entrepreneurs, provide access to new markets and generate new career opportunities for young people," he said.

At the event, Modi virtually distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited candidates joining various government departments and organisations.

Referring to the recently concluded BRICS Summit, the Prime Minister said India was working to ensure that cooperation among member countries was not confined to governments.

"Our entrepreneurs, farmers, women and youth should all become active partners in



this cooperation," he said.

Highlighting India's startup ecosystem, Modi said it reflected the strength of the country's youth and was no longer confined to major cities.

"India is now the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. Its startup story is no longer restricted to big cities. Nearly half of the recognised startups are in Tier-II and Tier-III cities," he said.

Modi said India was working towards the major goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047 and that young people had a crucial role in achieving it.

"While serving in the government, you must ensure that every decision strengthens the campaign for a developed and self-reliant India. As young people, you have a special responsibility, particularly towards other youngsters," he told the recruits.

The Prime Minister said Nagrik Devo Bhava — citizens are like gods — should be the guiding principle of public service.

As many as 45 Rozgar Melas were organised across the country. The recruits will join several Union government ministries and departments, including revenue, railways, home affairs, health and family welfare, financial services and defence, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

An official statement said the Rozgar Mela reflected the government's continued focus on creating employment opportunities for the youth and increasing their participation in the country's development.

With the 20th Rozgar Mela, 12.75 lakh young people have received appointment letters to various government departments and organisations, it added.

Danam Nagender seeks SC stay on Telangana HC disqualification order

Khairtabad MLA Danam Nagender has reportedly approached the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the Telangana High Court order disqualifying him from the Assembly. The High Court had declared his disqualification effective from April 23, 2024

Hyderabad: Khairtabad MLA Danam Nagender on Saturday reportedly filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court, seeking a stay on the Telangana High Court judgment delivered on Friday disqualifying him from the Assembly. He urged the apex court to grant him time to appeal against the High Court judgment. He also sought a stay on the High Court order declaring the Khairtabad Assembly constituency vacant, according to reports.

However, BRS MLA from Huzurabad Padi Kaushik Reddy and BJP Floor Leader Aleti Maheswar Reddy are learnt to have already filed caveat petitions in connection with the Khairtabad MLA case. They had earlier approached the High Court over Danam Nagender filing his nomination as the Congress candidate from Secunderabad in the 2024



Lok Sabha elections while continuing as the BRS MLA from Khairtabad.

After hearing the arguments, the High Court declared that his disqualification would take effect from April 23, 2024. It directed that copies of the order be sent to the Election Commission of India and the Telangana Speaker's office.

Interestingly, after the High Court judgment on Friday, Danam Nagender had said he had not considered approaching the Supreme Court. The MLA had also categorically said he welcomed the High Court judgment. The High Court had rejected an appeal by Danam Nagender's counsel seeking time to approach the apex court against the judgment.

Srihari Questions KCR Family's Assets

STATION GHANPUR: Former deputy chief minister and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari questioned the assets of the KCR family, alleging that BRS leaders had amassed properties worth thousands of crores by exploiting Telangana's resources.

Speaking at a programme at the Rythu Vedika in Dharmasagar mandal on Friday, where Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak and Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques were distributed, Srihari demanded that the Kalvakuntla family disclose the value of its assets before 2014 and their current value.

Referring to election affidavits, he questioned how those who had declared that they did not own even an acre of land in 2014 had subsequently acquired hundreds of acres.

Srihari alleged that BRS leaders were launching counterattacks instead of explaining how assets worth thousands of crores were



accumulated during their decade in power. He also questioned whether the BRS government had provided even an acre of land or a single job to activists who had spearheaded the Telangana movement.

He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had disclosed details of BRS leaders' assets on the Assembly floor and said those facing allegations over their assets had a responsibility to respond.



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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.

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

Actress Anupama Parameswaran reflected on life and memories in a new Instagram post, saying that every moment matters and "today is really all we have." Her latest message comes months after a cryptic post about finding peace, freedom and herself.

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 spot-



light.

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, Sometimes, 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.



Bandhavi Sridhar Looks Radiant in a Graceful Saree With Red Roses

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In a graceful recent photograph, Bandhavi Sridhar looks over her shoulder while holding two vibrant red roses. She wears a pale yellow sleeveless blouse with subtle embroidery paired with a soft green floral saree. Her dark hair is tied in a sleek ponytail, complemented by traditional gold jewellery and a bindi, creating a classic and charming appearance against a blurred outdoor backdrop.

Bandhavi Sridhar is an Indian actress and model primarily working in Telugu cinema. Born and raised in Hyderabad, Telangana, she began her career as a child artist, appearing in popular films such as Mr. Perfect, Rabhasa, Mogudu, Ramaiya Vastavaiya, and Majnu.

In 2019, she won titles including Miss India Andhra Pradesh and Miss India Fashion Icon. She made her adult acting debut in the 2022 Telugu horror thriller Masooda, directed by Sai Kiran, where she played the memorable role of Nazia and earned recognition for her performance.

She has since appeared in Light House (2024) and the Hindi film Jaat (2025). Upcoming projects include Peddi (2026) and Sairabanu. Alongside acting, Bandhavi continues modeling and brand work, steadily building her presence in the industry with a blend of traditional charm and modern versatility.

Vijay Sethupathi's 'Baththa' glimpse promises a gritty 1980s story

The makers of Vijay Sethupathi-starrer 'Baththa' have released a glimpse titled 'The World of Baththa'. Set in the 1980s, the film portrays Sethupathi as a feared ruffian. Directed by Balaji Tharaneetharan, it releases worldwide on October 1



Chennai: The makers of director Balaji Tharaneetharan's eagerly awaited Tamil film 'Baththa', featuring Vijay Sethupathi and Lijomol Jose in the lead, have released a glimpse video from the film titled 'The World of Baththa', much to the delight of fans and film buffs.

Actor Vijay Sethupathi took to X to share the link to the glimpse video and wrote, "Experience the power-packed #WorldOfBaththa now. Written & Directed by #BalajiTharaneetharan. A @SaiAbhyankkar musical. #BaththaFromOct1."

The glimpse video opens with those close to Baththa eagerly awaiting his return. It is evident that the film is set in the 1980s. While Baththa's daughter says she is scared and wants her father to return, his brother is seen exuding confidence that he will return.

A small child is heard saying, "Everybody is scared of him but he isn't scared of anything." The glimpse video also shows that people expect a major crime to take place, while the police are seen asking people if they suspect anyone.

Throughout the glimpse video, Baththa

comes across as a ruffian who keeps bashing people. The video also gives the impression that he is not an ideal husband. In one scene, he is seen spitting out the food served to him by his wife.

In another sequence, his wife, played by Lijomol Jose, asks him where he was and says that they had been searching for him. He replies in an arrogant tone, "You shouldn't search for me. I will be found by myself."

Starring Vijay Sethupathi and Lijomol Jose in the lead roles, 'Baththa' has been directed by Balaji Tharaneetharan, who is best known for the superhit film 'Naduvula Konjam Pakkatha Kaanom', and presented by well-known director Atlee.