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Modi: Youth Key to Viksit Bharat by 2047



New Delhi: Reaffirming the BJP's resolve to focus on nation-building and development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the youth would play a major role in realising the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047.

Virtually interacting with participants of the Seva Sankalp Yatra from Vadnagar in Gujarat to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Modi said service had been at the core of the BJP's governance and values and asserted that the party would not deviate from this path irrespective of the political power it attained.

The yatra, involving youth from various states, is being organised to mark Modi's 76th birthday and his 25 years in public life as an elected representative. The participants were in Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday.

"Politics, elections and governance have their own place, but we have set out with the resolve to build the nation and develop India," Modi said.

Noting that Vadnagar was his birthplace and Varanasi his "karmabhoomi", Modi said service had remained central to his governance from Gujarat to Delhi.

"Our conduct should show people that no matter how much power we attain in politics, our fundamental path will remain service. We will never deviate from the path of service, no matter how high we reach," he said.

Modi said the spirit of service formed the foundation of government schemes for the poor, women, girls, the sick and tribal communities.

Emphasising the role of the younger generation in achieving the Viksit Bharat@2047 goal, Modi said, "Today's young generation is both the creator of a developed India and will also be a major beneficiary once this goal is achieved."

He urged the yatra participants to learn from traditional knowledge in villages and spread the message of India's "unity in diversity".

CM Revanth To Receive Aryadan Memorial Award In Kerala Today

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has been selected for the Aryadan Memorial Award 2026 for "Best Public Servant" for his public service and legislative contributions. He will receive the award at Nilambur in Keralam on Friday.

Instituted by the Aryadan Muhammed Foundation in memory of veteran Congress leader and Keralam former minister Aryadan Muhammed, the award carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a citation and a memento.

Foundation working chairman and Nilambur MLA Aryadan Shoukath said Revanth Reddy was selected for his initiatives for the welfare of farmers, Backward Classes communities and the com-



mon people in Telangana and his leadership. The jury comprised MP Benny Behanan, Keralam revenue minister A.P. Anilkumar and noted intellectual Kalpetta Narayanan.

The award will be presented at 10 am at a function marking Aryadan Mohammed's fourth death anniversary. AICC general secretary (organization) K.C. Venugopal will deliver the memorial lecture.

Aryadan Muhammed was an eight-time MLA and served as a minister in four Kerala governments. He was known for his parliamentary contributions, administrative acumen, secular values and advocacy of workers' welfare. Previous winners of the award include Keralam Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan and Venugopal.

Jantar Mantar 2.0 If Gyanesh Doesn't Resign: Dipke

New Delhi: The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Thursday demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar for "undermining" voter rights, and warned of a nationwide agitation, including "Jantar Mantar 2.0", if he does not step down within 48 hours. Speaking at a press conference here, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke alleged that the electoral process had been "rigged" and the right to vote was being taken away from citizens.

"If Gyanesh Kumar does not resign within 48 hours, we will start a nationwide protest, before coming for a protest in Delhi," Dipke said, adding that if the CEC doesn't resign, "Jantar Mantar 2.0



will definitely happen".

He also said opposition parties should not participate in polls if they believe they are being rigged.

"If you know elections are being rigged, you can-

not participate. You will have to take a stand," he said.

Dipke alleged that Kumar was the "biggest threat to Indian democracy" and accused the EC

of deciding who would be allowed to vote.

"Who is Gyanesh to revoke our right to vote?" he said, calling for criminal proceedings against him.

The remarks came a day after The Indian Express revealed that questions were repeatedly raised on issues related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls within the three-member Election Commission (EC) by two of the three election commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

The national rollout of the SIR has been under the supervision of all three commissioners. But Sandhu and Joshi have formally objected, on record, at least 14 times over the last 10 months four times on a single day to decisions taken and orders issued, they say, without their knowledge, according to the report in the English daily.

22-A Properties With Valid Approvals Get Registration Relief

Hyderabad: In a major relief to nearly one lakh property owners in and around the city, who were affected by Section 22-A, the state government on Thursday allowed registration of open plots, houses and flats included in the prohibited properties list, provided they were developed with valid approvals from competent government agencies. Applicants will have to submit at least one link document relating to a registration carried out after the property received the relevant statutory approval earlier.

The move is expected to provide relief to owners who had obtained government permissions legally but were subsequently unable to register them because the properties figured in the Section 22-A list.

The revenue department issued orders permitting registration of such properties subject to conditions. The orders covered properties for



which valid layout, building construction or apartment permissions were obtained from the GHMC, HMDA, municipalities, DTCP or other urban and rural local bodies.

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the government was resolving the 22-A problems in a phased manner instead of treating all properties in the prohibited list alike. The nature of the land, available records, statutory approvals and legal aspects would be examined before granting relief in eligible cases, he said.

The minister said the lat-

est orders followed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's assurance in the Legislative Assembly on September 16 that genuine 22-A issues would be resolved on a fast-track basis.

A district-level committee has also been constituted to examine and resolve difficulties arising during the registration process. The committee will comprise the district collector, additional collector (local bodies), the district registrar concerned and a representative of the HMDA, municipality or rural local body

concerned.

Srinivas Reddy said the latest decision was part of a series of measures being taken to resolve land and property issues that had remained pending for years. A memorandum had been issued for regularisation of houses in nearly 64 colonies in Rangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts in accordance with GO 118.

The government has also taken steps under GO 76 to resolve the long-pending regularisation issue concerning house sites of Singareni workers.

The minister said the government's objective was to end the practice of people having to make repeated visits to government offices and courts for years over land and property matters. Decisions were being taken to provide direct relief to eligible property owners rather than keeping long-pending issues confined to files, he said.

Congress CWC To Meet On Sep 29 Over CEC Gyanesh Kumar, SIR Row

The Congress Working Committee will meet on September 29 to discuss the party's roadmap for upping the ante against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the government in the light of reports of differences within the Election Commission over SIR, sources said. The meeting, chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, is likely to be attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi, Congress general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh, KC Venugopal, among others.

Sources said the party's highest decision-making body will strategise on ramping up pressure over its demand for Kumar's removal and cornering the government over the issue. They said preparations for the upcoming polls are also likely to be deliberated upon. The Congress on Thursday alleged that Gen Z is being targeted for exclusion and pressed for its demand that Kumar must resign immediately. The opposition party also said Prime



Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah will be held accountable for their "diabolical designs".

The Congress' attack comes a day after an Indian Express report said that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had objected on record at least 14 times over the last 10 months to decisions and orders they said were issued without their knowledge, even as the national rollout of the SIR was under the supervision of the full commission. Their objections covered the manner in which the statutory voter registration Form 6 was amended, the handling of additions and deletions from

voter lists, and centralised control over the electoral roll database, according to the report

Under fire over the red flags raised by two of its commissioners over the SIR process, the EC asserted on Wednesday that differing views and observations are a normal part of deliberations in any institution and all its orders carry full legal sanction and follow established statutory procedures. In a statement, the poll panel also said that not only the three commissioners, but every officer of the EC is fully authorised to give his suggestions to the commission for improving the electoral system.

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.

Rahul Gandhi Accuses Modi, Shah, CEC Of
Destroying India's Vote

New Delhi: While the Opposition parties plan on moving an impeachment motion notice against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in both Houses of Parliament, Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah and the CEC of “destroying” India’s vote. The former Congress president alleged that the 2024 Lok Sabha polls were “completely fake” and promised an investigation into “elections rigging”. Fired up by the alleged irregularities in carrying out the special intensive revision (SIR), Mr Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Mr Modi, Mr Shah and Mr Kumar, calling them “deshdrohis”. The former Congress president demanded an immediate resignation of the poll panel chief, who is under fire over the alleged irregularities in the SIR exercise. “This is ‘vote chori’. From it comes ‘kanoon chori’ and ‘sanstha chori,’” he said.

Meanwhile, according to reports, the Congress is reaching out to INDIA bloc allies to build a consensus on moving an impeachment motion notice against the Chief Election Commissioner in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. “On April 24, 73 Opposition Rajya Sabha MPs had submitted a new notice of motion in the House to remove the CEC. A new notice to impeach the CEC can also be brought in the Lower House,” Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said.

The Congress has already called a meeting of its working committee on Tuesday to chalk out a plan against Mr. Kumar, following which an INDIA bloc meeting will take place in early October.

As the Opposition parties stepped up their attack over the Election Commission’s special intensive revision of electoral rolls, Mr Gandhi said Mr Modi and Mr Shah would be investigated for their alleged role in what he described as a con-



spiracy to undermine democracy.

The Congress leader also urged Mr Kumar to turn approver, saying that doing so will be an act of nationalism. Addressing a press conference at Indira Bhawan, Mr Gandhi said the Election Commission was responsible for protecting the vote, which he described as the foundation of India’s democratic and constitutional system.

“This is an attack on the Constitution and the legal structure of the country. You were supposed to ensure that the vote was protected. We have enough information to prove this with certainty... There are going to be consequences to this. We are not going to let democracy be destroyed and sit silent. Those responsible will be punished,” he added.

“Mr Modi and Mr Shah are both going to be investigated for what is being done. They are at the top of this conspiracy, and they will be investigated for what they have done to this country,” Mr Gandhi said.

Mr Gandhi’s remarks came a day after he alleged that “vote chori” was a direct attack on the Constitution and accused the BJP, the RSS and the Election Commission of committing an act of treason.

Seeking to link the alleged manipulation of electoral rolls with the BJP’s continued electoral success, Mr Gandhi played videos of Mr Modi and Mr Shah at the press conference and asked people to listen to their tone.

In one video, Mr Shah was heard saying the BJP would remain in power for 30 years, while Mr Modi was heard raising the slogan “Abki Baar 400 Paar”. Mr Gandhi said no political leader operating in a democratic environment could make such statements, arguing that anti-incumbency was a fundamental force in Indian politics.

“Indira Gandhi wins Bangladesh war and within a year or

two, massive pressure mounts due to anti-incumbency. It happens to leader after leader. It does not happen to Mr Modi, Mr Shah and the BJP...now we know the answer to it,” Mr Gandhi said, asserting that he is “100 per cent certain” that Assembly elections and Lok Sabha polls had been rigged.

Earlier in the day, Mr Gandhi posted on X that the “enemies of the Constitution have been exposed” and “justice will be served”.

The five Left parties, meanwhile, announced weeklong protests against the SIR process and demanded the CEC’s removal, while the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) threatened a nationwide agitation and an indefinite sit-in in Delhi if Mr Kumar did not resign within 48 hours.

Besides demanding the removal of Mr Kumar, the CPI(M), CPI, CPI(ML)-Liberation, Revolutionary Socialist Party and the All India Forward Bloc sought an immediate halt to the SIR process.

At a meeting, CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby, CPI general secretary D. Raja and CPI(ML)-Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya announced a week-long nationwide protest from September 26 to October 2.

They demanded restoration of voting rights to those “wrongfully excluded” from electoral rolls and measures to restore the credibility and independent functioning of the Election Commission. “The report is an indictment of the office of the CEC, which stands compromised,” the Left parties said.

The Left parties demanded an alternative mechanism for appointing election commissioners, based on the Supreme Court’s proposed selection committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India.

G4 Ministers Push for Reform of UNSC

New Delhi: Strongly pushing for reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), India, Germany, Japan and Brazil — collectively known as the Group of Four (G4) — have said the council is currently unable to effectively discharge its core responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.

Foreign minister of Brazil Mauro Vieira, federal minister for foreign affairs of Germany Johann David Wadephul, minister of external affairs S. Jaishankar and minister for foreign affairs of Japan Motegi Toshimitsu met Tuesday on the margins of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The G4 Joint Ministerial Statement on the Reform of the UN Security Council, issued after the meeting, noted that the Security Council is currently unable to effectively discharge its core responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.

“The representativeness, legitimacy, credibility and efficacy of the UNSC are in question, the G4 statement said.

They assessed that one of the key underlying reasons was the eight-decade-old architecture, which did not reflect contemporary geopolitical



realities and hindered efforts to effectively address present and future challenges to peace and security.

The G4 ministers noted that the IGN framework has been largely “ineffective” in forging any concrete outcomes towards real UNSC reform despite 18 years of activities.

The G4 said they had “serious reservations” about the presentation of a so-called bridging proposal before the commencement of text-based negotiations. They regretted that the proposal does not take into account the views of a clear majority of member states in favour of expansion in both categories of membership. They also recalled that, under the UN

Charter and the IGN mandate, consensus is not the benchmark for decision-making on Security Council reform.

“Against this backdrop, the G4 ministers emphasised that it is crucial to implement UNSC reform at the earliest so that the council is fit-for-purpose, truly reflecting contemporary geopolitical realities. They underscored that expansion of the UNSC in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of membership is central to such reform and that this position is supported by a majority of member states,” it added.

“Moving forward, the G4 will further collaborate and identify synergies with other reform-oriented groups with a view to developing a consolidated model that properly reflects the voice of a majority of Member States and commencing text-based negotiations as a high priority, which is the key to realising the vision of real and impactful UNSC reform,” the joint statement added.

The G4 ministers underscored their continuing support for Africa’s compelling case for enhanced representation in the UNSC, including in the permanent category of membership.

Modi, Ministers Discuss 100% Reach of Welfare Schemes

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his council of ministers on Thursday discussed ways to ensure that government welfare schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries as the two-day Chintan Shivir concluded in New Delhi.

For the second consecutive day, the ministers were divided into eight groups, with Modi interacting with each group besides addressing them collectively, sources said.

With around 40-45 government welfare schemes under consideration, discussions focused on achieving saturation coverage and improving communication with citizens about welfare and development initiatives.

“Effective communication to the people is one area where the government will place stress in the coming days,” sources said.



The first day of the conclave discussed governance, reforms and outreach to women and youth. Ministers also

deliberated on improving delivery mechanisms through closer coordination among ministries and departments.

Modi took feedback from ministers and advised them on various aspects of governance, sources said.

The discussions also covered reforms, “Jan Vishwas Se Jan Aadhaar” and priorities for Viksit Bharat@2047.

The brainstorming session was aimed at taking stock of government programmes, improving coordination, setting the future agenda and reviewing welfare schemes and infrastructure projects.

Progress of government schemes, policy implementation, time management, inter-ministerial coordination and public service delivery were also on the agenda.

Town-Level Bankers Committee Meeting Held in Nirmal

Review of Banking-Related Schemes

Nirmal District : The Town-Level Bankers Committee meeting was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Nirmal Municipal Commissioner Ravi Babu and Lead Bank Manager Ram Gopal.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on bank linkages for self-help groups within the municipal limits and various banking-related schemes. The implementation of the PM SVANidhi scheme for street vendors in urban areas, the progress of the Indira Mahila Shakti programme, and other self-employment schemes were reviewed in detail.

The Municipal Commissioner urged bankers to extend their cooperation so that the benefits of various government schemes reach the beneficiaries at the earliest.

Lead District Manager Ram Gopal, Town-Level Coordinator Savithri, bankers, other officials, and staff participated in the meeting.

Jagan Mohan Goud Files Nomination for Red Cross Polls :

Nizamabad, September 24, 2026 : Advocate Malpeoola Jagan Mohan Goud filed his nomination on Thursday to contest for the post of Executive Member in the Nizamabad District Red Cross Society Management Committee elections scheduled to be held on October 4, 2026.

Jagan Mohan Goud submitted his nomination papers at the District Red Cross Society office in Nizamabad.

Speaking on the occasion, he said he was contesting the election with the objective of further strengthening the humanitarian services of the Red Cross Society in the district and expanding its service-oriented activities.

He said particular emphasis would be placed on ensuring the availability of blood to people whenever required and on undertaking several additional welfare and humanitarian initiatives across the district.

He expressed his commitment to contributing towards the further development of the Red Cross Society and strengthening its service network for the benefit of the public.

Appealing to the members of the Red Cross Society, Jagan Mohan Goud requested them to extend their support and cast their valuable vote in his favour in the October 4 election.

CHANCHALGUDA JAIL VISITED BY SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum SECRETARY DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY NAMPALLY HYD



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF :
Hyderabad, September 24: Ms. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sessions Division, Nampally (Hyderabad), visited and inspected the men's jail, legal aid clinic, de-addiction center, and women's jail at Chanchalguda.

During the visit, she inquired about the legal assistance and free legal services being provided to the inmates. She directed officials to take measures to ensure that inmates requiring legal aid receive free legal services through the District Legal Services Authority.



After inspecting the legal aid clinic, she advised that legal services be made accessible in a manner that allows inmates to freely share their legal issues. She also assessed the condition of individuals undergoing treatment at the de-addiction center and discussed the necessary support and assistance with the officials.

Subsequently, she visited the Chanchalguda women's jail and inquired about the legal services, healthcare, and welfare measures provided to the female inmates. Ms. A. Sridevi emphasized the need to ensure that every inmate requiring legal aid receives appropriate assistance.

Jail Superintendents Mr. Shivakumar Goud and Ms. Amaravathi, along with other jail officials, participated in the program.

Nizamabad Tourism Development Focus :

Nizamabad, September 24, 2026 : Nizamabad district is set to receive greater attention in the promotion and development of its tourism potential, Zilla Parishad CEO Sai Goud said.

Addressing a World Tourism Day programme organised for school and college students, Sai Goud said the district possessed several historically and culturally significant tourist destinations. The administration was working towards their protection and development and had submitted a report to the government in this regard, he said.

He called upon the public and younger generation to actively participate in initiatives aimed at promoting tourism and preserving the district's heritage and tourist attractions.

The programme featured a series of competitions for students enrolled in Youth Tourism Clubs, attracting nearly 250 participants. Competitions were conducted in elocution, essay writing, painting, reels and skits, encouraging students to express their ideas on tourism, heritage and local attractions.

District Tourism Officer Pavan Kumar said the winners would be given an opportunity to represent the district at the State-level competitions in Hyderabad. Kokila Nagaraju and Polytechnic College lecturers Raghavendra, Lalitha,



Suresh and Ganga Das were among those who attended the programme.



AMEER HUSSAIN,, CRIME BEURO CHIEF
Continuation of Searches in the Disproportionate Assets case registered against Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police Computer Ser-

Government of Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau

vices O/o the DGP, Telangana State, Hyderabad Earlier, Disproportionate Assets case vide Cr.No.21/RCA-CR-2/2026, dated 27.06.2026, under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018), was registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, City Range-II, Hyderabad, against Sri Sankireddy Bheem Reddy, DSP, Police Computer Services, O/o the DGP, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

In continuation of the earlier searches, and in pursuance of the search warrants issued by the Hon'ble Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad, searches were conducted

today, i.e., 24.09.2026, at 10 different locations in Hyderabad and Zaheerabad limits, including the residences of suspected benamis who are alleged to have financial and other transactions with the accused officer.

During the searches, several documents and other items forming part of the evidence relating to the suspected benami assets were seized from the residences of the suspected benamis. Further, an amount of Rs. 1.35 crore in cash was found at the residence of Sri Bomma Venkatesh. In addition, foreign currency and approximately 14 litres of foreign liquor were also found. An intimation regarding the foreign liquor

was given to the Excise Department for taking necessary action, and a case is likely to be registered by the concerned Excise authorities as per law.

The case is under investigation.

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7 in 10 Urban Indians Aspire to Retire Early, yet 82% of Gen X+ Fear They May Need to Keep Working: Axis Max Life's Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Retirement ambition is being redefined: 7 out of 10 urban Indians aspire to retire before the traditional retirement age if financially prepared, with 1 in 2 wanting to achieve Financial Independence and Retire Early (FIRE) before 50.
- But the reality closer to retirement is stark: 82% of Gen X+(aged 45+) feel they may never be able to retire from work/business as they would need a steady regular income, while 91% of respondents aged 45+ regret not starting retirement investments earlier.
- The corpus gap remains significant: urban Indians have accumulated just 28% of their target retirement corpus on average; only 11% believe their corpus will last their lifetime, while 39% believe it may not last even five years.
- Gen Z could be changing the retirement trajectory: 62% have already started investing for retirement, while Gen Z believes retirement planning should begin at an average age of 29. Overall, 1 in 2 urban Indians believes planning should begin with the first paycheck.
- The ₹1 crore retirement benchmark is losing conviction: the proportion believing ₹1 crore or less is sufficient to retire comfortably has declined from 77% to 70%, falling to 51% among respondents with household income above ₹15 lakhs. Retirement readiness is broadening beyond metro cities: Tier II cities' Bharosa Talks IRIS score has climbed from 44 to 48, while in metro cities it remains at 50, signalling a narrowing preparedness gap.
- Overall retirement preparedness remains resilient: the Bharosa Talks IRIS score stands at 49 in 2026, compared with 48 in 2025 and 44 in 2022, supported by improving financial confidence while health and emotional preparedness remain broadly steady.



New Delhi, September 22, 2026: Axis Max Life Insurance Limited ("Axis Max Life" / "Company") today unveiled the findings of the sixth edition of its annual Bharosa Talks India Retirement Index Study (IRIS 6.0), conducted in partnership with Kantar. The study reveals a fundamental shift in how urban India is imagining retirement: Indians increasingly want to retire earlier and are beginning to think about retirement sooner, but the financial journey from aspiration to preparedness remains substantial.

India's overall retirement preparedness remained resilient this year, with the Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 score of 49 in 2026, compared with 48 in 2025 and 44 in 2022. Financial preparedness score improved marginally to 52 from 51, health preparedness score remained unchanged at 46, while emotional preparedness score stood at 57 compared with 58 last year.

The sixth edition of Bharosa Talks IRIS finds that 7 out of 10 urban Indians would like to retire

before the traditional retirement age of 58–60 if their financial needs are fully taken care of. Half of those who want to retire, aim to achieve Financial Independence and Retire Early (FIRE) before the age of 50. However, respondents have accumulated only 28% of their target retirement corpus on average, highlighting the distance between retirement ambition and financial readiness for retirement.

Sumit Madan, MD & CEO, Axis Max Life Insurance, said, "One of the clearest messages from Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 is that retirement remains a financial challenge for many Indians. The finding that 82% of Gen X+ respondents expect to continue working for a steady income highlights a critical reality: retirement is not about reaching a certain age, but about having the financial freedom to choose what comes next. True retirement readiness should empower individuals to work because they want to, not because they need to. Encouragingly, younger Indians are beginning their retirement journey much earlier, signalling a welcome shift from reactive planning to proactive preparation. The task ahead is to convert this intent into sustained action across finances, health and emotional wellbeing, because a secure retirement is ultimately about independence, choice and peace of mind."

Soumya Mohanty, Managing Director & Chief Client Officer, South Asia, Kantar, said, "Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 shows retirement planning evolving across generations and geographies. Younger Indians are starting the retirement planning process earlier. Health is also becoming an important part of retirement preparation, with 59% claiming to undertake regular or occasional health check-up. Additionally, out of those who regularly take part in physical activities, 44% engage daily. Tier II cities have also strengthened their retirement preparedness, pointing to a broader retirement conversation across urban India."

Collector Bhavesh Mishra Offers Special Prayers to Karra Vinayaka in Bosi



Nirmal District : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra offered special prayers to the renowned Karra Vinayaka at Bosi village in Tanur Mandal on Thursday.

Upon his arrival at the temple, the Collector was accorded a warm welcome by the priests and villagers. He performed special rituals to Lord Ganesha and Lord Shiva at the local Shiva temple. Subsequently, the temple priests presented him with Theertha Prasadam.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Bhavesh Mishra urged devotees to conduct the Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities with utmost devotion, spiritual fervour and religious decorum. He called upon people to celebrate all festivals in a spirit of communal harmony, mutual respect and fraternity.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar and other officials were present on the occasion.

Medical Camp Held in Kappanpally Village

Nirmal District : Mamada Mandal Nirmal District: A medical camp was conducted Forest Department, at Kappanpally village in Mamada Mandal with the participation of medical and health department officials.

Dr. Rajendra – DMHO, Dr. Rajashekar Reddy – UPHC, Mamada, and Dr. Swathi – PHC, Mamada attended the camp and provided medical services to the villagers. Health check-ups were conducted and necessary medical advice was given to the people.



FDO Nagini Bhanu, FRO T. Srinivas Rao, Sarpanch Shankar, Linganna, Upa-Sarpanch Pudriya Sai Reddy, BJP Mandal President Bathula Ranjith, along with ASHA workers, ANMs and other staff, participated in the medical camp.

The organisers advised villagers to make use of government health services and take necessary precautions for maintaining good health.

Students Participate in NSS Day Service Activities



Nagarkurnool : NSS Day was observed at the Government Science Degree College in the district headquarters, with students participating in various service activities. The programmes were organised under the guidance of Principal Madan Mohan and NSS Programme Officer Dr Uma Devi.

As part of the celebrations, students planted saplings and took part in Swachh Bharat and health awareness activities. Principal Madan Mohan called upon students to actively participate in social service activities and contribute to creating awareness on cleanliness, health and community welfare.

Faculty members Anjaiah, Vanitha, Kodanda Ramulu, Ramakrishna, Raghavender, Muzaffar, Shobharani, Naresh, Pooja and others participated in the programme.

All department officials should be alert until the immersion is complete

Warangal CP, GWMC Commissioner inspect Ganesh immersion process

Warangal, Bureau; : Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha IPS and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Commissioner T. Venkanna inspected the ongoing Ganesh immersion process at Chinnawaddepalli lake in Warangal city on Thursday morning. They inspected the ongoing immersion process, the movement of devotees, security and sanitation arrangements.

On this occasion, the number of Ganesh idols that have been immersed so far and the details of the idols that still need to be immersed were inquired from the concerned officials and staff. In the backdrop of the rain,



the officials were instructed to instruct the festival committees and organizers to bring the Ganesh idols to the immersion centers as soon as possible and complete the immersion.

He advised that all necessary precautions be taken at the immersion centers to ensure that devotees, organizers and motorists do not face any problems due to the rain. He ordered that the conditions in the immersion areas be constantly monitored and immediate action be taken wherever necessary.

CP Shwetha and Commissioner Venkanna advised that the officers and staff of all departments should remain alert and carry out their assigned duties effectively until the immersion process is completed. He asked officers of the police, municipal, irrigation,

medical and health, revenue and other departments to work in coordination with each other and ensure that the immersion program is completed peacefully and safely.

Similarly, Commissioner Venkanna ordered that sanitation staff should be constantly available to remove the remains of idols and other waste immediately after the immersion is completed and to keep the surroundings clean.

Baldia Superintendent Engineer Rajkumar, MHO Dr. Rajesh, Irrigation Executive Engineer, officials and staff of the concerned departments participated in this inspection.

UGD land acquisition process should be completed quickly

District Collector, Baldia Special Officer Chahat Bajpai

Hanumakonda : Hanumakonda District Collector and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Special Officer Chahat Bajpai has instructed the officials to take steps to complete the land acquisition process related to Underground Drainage (UGD) in Greater Warangal city expeditiously.

On Thursday, the Collector held a review meeting with officials of Revenue, Municipal and other departments on the progress of the land acquisition process related to UGD in the Collector's Chamber of Hanumakonda District Collectorate.

On this occasion, the Collector reviewed the land acquisition issues required for the establishment of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Sewage Pumping Stations and Lifting Stations.

The Collector asked the officials about the progress of the land acquisition process related to government and private lands in a total of 23 areas in the district.

Speaking at the meeting, District Collector and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Special Officer Chahat Bajpai said... The officials should complete the land acquisition process in a coordinated manner. He instructed the officials to



complete the relevant process without any delay in land acquisition for the implementation of UGD works.

Additional Collector N. Ravi, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Commissioner Venkanna, Hanumakonda RDO Venkatesh, SE Raj Kumar, EE Ravikumar, Tehsildars, and officials of the Land Acquisition Department participated in the meeting.

Nizamabad Launches Senior Citizens Welfare & Empowerment Week :

Nizamabad, September 24, 2026 : A week-long programme aimed at promoting the welfare, dignity and empowerment of senior citizens was inaugurated in Nizamabad on Thursday as part of the International Day of Older Persons celebrations.

The “Senior Citizens Welfare and Empowerment Week-2026” was formally launched at the chamber of the Additional Collector (LB), Nizamabad, with officials, members of the district-level Senior Citizens Committee and representatives of various senior citizens’ organisations taking part in the programme.

The inaugural event placed emphasis on strengthening awareness among elderly persons regarding the



welfare measures, support schemes and legal protections made available to them by the government. Informational pamphlets containing details of various government initiatives for senior citizens and the laws designed to safeguard their interests were formally unveiled during the programme.

Additional Collector (LB) Sri Bhujanga Rao attended the programme along with District Welfare Officer Smt. D. Soundarya, supervisors Sri Srinivas and Ms. Rekha, and Police Department representative SI Sri Raju.

Members of the district-level Senior Citizens Committee, including Anjaneyulu, Mayawar Rajeshwar, Narayana Reddy and Fayazuddin, besides Vasavi Club representative Ravi, participated in the programme.

Representatives of Senior Citizens Forums, Associations, Trusts and Foundations functioning in different parts of Nizamabad district were also present.

tatives and senior citizens’ organisations also reflected the importance of coordinated efforts in addressing issues concerning the elderly.

The week-long observance is intended to promote greater public awareness about the rights, welfare and empowerment of senior citizens and to encourage community participation in creating a secure, respectful and supportive environment for the ageing population.

The programme was organised under the Department for the Welfare of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons, Nizamabad, under the coordination of District Welfare Officer Smt. D. Soundarya.

BRS Welcomes Verdict On Danam, Says One Down More To Go



HYDERABAD: The BRS on Thursday welcomed the Supreme Court’s verdict upholding the Telangana High Court order disqualifying Danam Nagender from continuing as MLA. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao called it a “supreme slap” to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He said Nagender’s attempt to escape disqualification under the anti-defection law was now fully rejected. Alleging that Rahul Gandhi and Revanth Reddy believed they could “steal a mandate through defections and hide behind

the Speaker,” Rama Rao said the verdict also exposed the attempt to protect defections through the office of the Speaker. “The people of Khairatabad will soon give their verdict on three years of betrayal, broken promises and misrule,” Rama Rao said adding that the Nagender episode could have wider political implications. “One wicket down — more to follow soon. This has proved that Rahul Gandhi is a ‘MLA chor’,” he said. Joining Rama Rao, BRS Assembly deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao said Thursday’s judgment should be viewed in the context of Constitutional principles governing defections, and the role of the Speaker. “The Supreme Court verdict is a strong message on the importance of Constitutional values. If those in power believe they can act as they wish simply because they have political power, the courts will not remain silent,” he said. “After the Supreme Court verdict, the government should ask the remaining defected MLAs to resign as well. Let them go before the people and seek a fresh mandate. The people should have the final say,” Harish Rao said.

BRS Leaders Protest at KTPP Over Coal Supply, Power Generation

Bhupalpally:BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and former ministers Errabelli Dayakar Rao and Satyavathi Rathod alleged that inadequate coal supplies to thermal power plants were affecting power generation in Telangana. The BRS leaders visited the Kakatiya Thermal Power Project (KTPP) at Bhupalpally on Thursday as part of the party’s agitation over the power situation. Police initially stopped the delegation from entering the plant, following which the leaders staged a protest at the main gate. They were later allowed inside on their own recognisance. Speaking during the protest, the leaders alleged that KTPP, Yadadri and Bhadradi power stations were being affected by inadequate coal supplies. They demanded that dues to Genco be cleared and coal supplies



to the plants restored. The leaders recalled that the previous BRS government had provided 24-hour power supply to farmers and alleged that the present situation was affecting the power and irrigation sectors. They also criticised the government over the utilisation of Godavari waters and demanded uninterrupted electricity and irrigation facilities for farmers.

Master Plan Proposed For Mallur Temple Development

MULUGU: State minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka directed officials to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the development of the Sri Hemachala Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple at Mallur while preserving its natural surroundings and spiritual significance. Seethakka, accompanied by district collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeo, visited the temple in Mangapat mandal on Thursday and offered special prayers. She later reviewed the proposed development works and master plan with officials. The minister said the dense forests, centuries-old trees, natural water sources and environment around the temple were valuable assets that should be protected. She directed officials to ensure that development works did not damage the natural ecosystem. In view of the expected rush of devotees, she asked officials to give priority to drinking water, sanitation, resting areas, parking, access roads,



accommodation and a Kalyana Mandapam. She also suggested installing sculptures and idols depicting the temple’s history, mythology and religious significance. Ahead of the Godavari Pushkaralu, Seethakka directed officials to prioritise expansion of the temple mandapam. Later, Seethakka and the Collector performed a bhoomi puja for construction of a new cowshed.

Political Visits Disrupt Patient Care At RIMS After SNCU Fire

Adilabad: A steady stream of political leaders and party workers visiting the RIMS, Adilabad, after the fire in its Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) is disrupting patient care and inconveniencing families. According to attendants of the patients, police restrictions during the high-profile visits have caused them trouble. Police have also struggled to control the crowds accompanying leaders. A large number of party workers, accompanying the leaders, have entered the SNCU and other wards, raising concerns about infection control. Medical experts said visitors have been entering wards without following proper sanitisation protocol, putting patients at risk. A senior political leader from Adilabad criticised the visits, alleging that parties were seeking political advantage from the tragedy while overlooking the disruption to medical services. RIMS director Dr Jai Singh Rathod has had to spend considerable time briefing visiting leaders and coordinating official visits without attending to patients. Similar visits have taken place at a private hospital in Adilabad where infants are receiving treatment.



Telangana to be Developed as an International Tourist Destination: Bhatti



Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, directed officials to formulate a comprehensive action plan to further develop the tourism sector in Telangana and establish the state as a prominent tourist destination at the national and international levels. The Deputy Chief Minister said that tourism development is not limited to developing tourist destinations alone, but also involves showcasing the Telangana brand to the world. He directed officials to take the tourism sector to a new level by increasing investments, employment and revenue opportunities through public-private partnerships.

A review meeting with senior officials of the Tourism and Culture Departments was held at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday under the chairmanship of Bhatti Vikramarka. Krishna Rao attended the meeting. The meeting discussed various issues, including tourism projects across the state, utilisation of departmental assets, budget allocations, private investments, protection of heritage structures and tourism branding. The Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to expand private-sector participation along with government investments in the tourism sector and develop new projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. He stressed the need to utilise tourism department assets efficiently rather than relying solely on government funds.

He instructed officials to prepare a special list identifying properties with existing buildings, vacant lands and other locations that have potential for development under the PPP model. He also directed them to develop these assets in a manner that generates revenue and take steps to attract private investments.

Global Recognition for Telangana through Tourism Bhatti Vikramarka called for the integrated development of various tourism segments in Telangana, including temple tourism, eco-tourism and hill tourism. He suggested undertaking extensive branding and marketing initiatives to place the state’s historical, cultural, spiritual and natural tourism destinations on the global tourism map. He said special tourism circuits should be developed to encourage domestic and international tourists visiting Hyderabad to explore other parts of Telangana. The private sector should be encouraged to participate in developing ho-

tels, resorts and other infrastructure facilities in tourism destinations, he said. **Government Support for Protection of Heritage** The Deputy Chief Minister said protecting the state’s historical monuments and heritage assets is an important responsibility of the government. He assured that necessary government support would be provided for conservation, maintenance and infrastructure development at historical sites such as Ramappa. At the same time, he directed officials to explore avenues for increasing revenue through new tourism projects. He stressed the need to maintain a balance between conservation activities that must be undertaken by the government and development projects that can be implemented through private participation.

Priority to ‘Telangana Darshini’ The meeting also discussed the effective implementation of the ‘Telangana Darshini’ programme aimed at creating awareness among students about the state’s history, culture and tourist destinations. Officials were directed to facilitate visits by students to historical monuments, museums and prominent tourist destinations so that they could gain a better understanding of Telangana’s heritage.

Officials explained that the programme aims to generate interest in tourism from a young age and introduce future generations to the historical and cultural heritage of Telangana. **Investment-Friendly Environment** Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to identify and resolve issues hindering private investments in tourism projects. He suggested conducting a comprehensive review of lease policies, financial viability of projects and investor interest, and preparing proposals for necessary changes. He also directed officials to conduct joint meetings with representatives of all concerned departments wherever necessary to resolve issues related to the development of the tourism and cultural sectors. The Deputy Chief Minister called upon officials to work in coordination with one another and take forward the action plan within the stipulated timelines in accordance with the government’s objectives. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government’s objective is to develop the tourism sector in a manner that showcases Telangana’s history, culture and natural wealth to the world while increasing investments, employment and revenue opportunities.

Quit Politics if Government Land Found in Farmhouses, Minister Tells BRS Leader



Karimnagar: Welfare minister Adluri Laxman Kumar has demanded that BRS leader Koppula Eashwar quit politics if it is proven that government land was used for the farmhouses held by BRS leaders K. Chandrashekhara Rao, T. Harish Rao, K.T. Rama Rao and others. Speaking to the media at Dharmaram on Thursday, the minister said legal action would be taken against such BRS leaders if evidence surfaced that they occupied government land. Laxman Kumar alleged that the BRS was anti-Dalit and criticised KCR and Eashwar for not responding to the incident of purification with turmeric water at the Erravalli farmhouse after a Dalit protest. He urged BRS SC cell leaders to put pressure on KCR to apologise for the incident. He said that during KCR’s tenure as chief minister, BRS president K. Chandrashekhara Rao had not ordered a review of the attacks on Dalits reported in the

state after 2013. “Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had recently held a high-level meeting on SC and ST atrocity cases, he noted. On the occupation of assigned lands in Dharmaram mandal, Laxman Kumar said some people had illegally purchased lands assigned to the poor and were occupying them. The assigned lands under occupation would be taken over after an inquiry and subsequently distributed to the poor. He said the inquiry into lands in survey number 676 was continuing. Officials were examining as to when occupancy rights certificates (ORCs) were issued, how many people had Inam rights and how prohibited land had been converted into patta land. The minister said some people were trying to acquire the lands by approaching the court and assured the people that steps would be taken to return the lands to the poor. He also said house sites would be provided to eligible poor people by making plots out of lands at Jakkanapalli etc. Irrespective of political and caste affiliations, all deserving people would be provided house sites through a draw of lots. Laxman Kumar said an ATC (ITI) would be established at Erraguntapalli in Dharmaram mandal and that labour minister G. Vivek would lay the foundation for the works.

Service Will Remain BJP's Guiding Principle: Modi

NEW DELHI: Reaffirming the BJP's resolve to focus on nation building and the country's development over politics and elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday emphasised that the spirit of service is at the foundation of the schemes implemented by his government. The Prime Minister also said that the youth will play a major role in realising the resolve to make India a developed nation by 2047.

Virtually interacting with participants of the "Seva Sankalp Yatra" being held from Vadnagar in Gujarat to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Mr Modi said that service has been the core of the BJP's governance and values, affirming that they will never deviate from this path regardless of how much political power they may attain.

"Politics, elections, and governance have their own place, but we have set out with the resolve to build the nation and develop India," Mr Modi said, interacting via video conference with participants of the Seva Sankalp Yatra.

The yatra, involving youth from various states, is being organised to mark Mr Modi's 76th birthday and his 25 years of public life as an elected representative. The participants of the yatra were currently in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas district.

"Varanasi and Vadnagar are ancient cities that have remained vibrant," Mr Modi noted, adding that one is his birthplace and the other his "karmabhoomi" (land of duty).

"From Gujarat to Delhi, service has been the core of our governance system and values. When service is at the core of governance, the resolve of 'Nagrik Devo Bhava' (citizen is God) is at the heart of every policy," Mr Modi said, adding, "Our conduct should show people that no matter how much power we attain in politics, our fundamental path will remain service. We will never deviate from the path of service, no matter how high we reach."



The Prime Minister asserted that people remember works done with a spirit of service and bless those who serve. "My entire life has been driven by the blessings of the people. Their blessings have been the greatest energy in my life," he said, adding that "serving the nation through serving the people" has been the core mantra of his life.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the spirit of service is at the foundation of the schemes implemented by his government for the benefit of various sections of society, including the poor, women, girls, the sick, and tribals. He pointed out that when the spirit of service is applied to the country's policies, service itself becomes the "biggest driving force" for the country's progress.

Highlighting the role of youth in nation building, Mr Modi emphasised that the young generation will play a crucial role in fulfilling the resolve to build a developed India by 2047 and that the youth must strongly connect with this goal. "Today's young generation is both the creator of a developed India and will also be a major beneficiary once this goal is achieved," he said.

The Prime Minister also stated that both travel and service have been deeply rooted in social values in India, and he himself has led many yatras during his long political career. He told the youth participating in the Seva Sankalp Yatra that serving the people should be their primary objective.

"You have to give the message of service while serving. You don't have to preach service. We will convey the message of service not through words, but through service," Mr Modi remarked.

The Prime Minister called upon the participants of the yatra to learn from the rich treasure of traditional knowledge and solutions of the villagers and spread the message of the Indian philosophy of 'unity in diversity' across the country. He also asked the participants to talk to people about the "Shakti ki Sapta Dhara" (seven streams of power) during the yatra.

Earlier in his Independence Day address on August 15, Mr Modi laid out a seven-point reform framework "Sapta Dhara". The framework aimed at accelerating India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047 focusses on manufacturing, agro-food production and food processing, technology and innovation, logistics, defence, green and blue economy, and soft power.

Participants in the Seva Sankalp Yatra also shared their experiences with the Prime Minister.

Rayalaseema To Be Transformed Into A Global Fruit Bowl: CM

AMARAVATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced plans to transform Rayalaseema into a global fruit bowl by developing it as a world-class horticulture hub. The Integrated Horticulture Hub programme will be launched on October 2 at Madanapalle in Annamayya district, where the foundation stone will also be laid for the Indian School of Agriculture. The Chief Minister directed officials to transform the drought-prone Rayalaseema region into a global centre for horticultural crops. He said the Rayalaseema Integrated Horticulture Hub would be developed across 10 districts, including erstwhile Prakasam district, through 201 clusters.

Reviewing the proposed horticulture hub and the impact of El Niño at Secretariat today, the Chief Minister said development works involving nearly Rs 1 lakh crore would be taken up under a public-private partnership model. Of this, the government would invest ₹40,000 crore and the private sector ₹60,000 crore.

Recalling the severe drought and rainfall deficiency that had affected Rayalaseema in the past, the Chief Minister said several initiatives had now created a more favourable environment for agriculture. Water was being brought to the drought-prone region through micro-irrigation, Handri-Neeva and Galeru-Nagari projects, besides the construction of farm ponds and check dams. He said water had been taken through the Handri-Neeva canal for nearly 660 km up to Kuppam.

With industries ranging from Kia to AMCA defence projects coming up in the region, Rayalaseema had witnessed industrial transformation, and the horticulture sector should now drive the next phase of economic transformation. The region, he said, was turning its drought into an opportunity and moving from distress towards development.



The Chief Minister directed officials to integrate horticultural crops, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), food-processing industries and marketing systems across 201 clusters in 10 districts. He called for strengthening FPOs at cluster, constituency, district and State levels. Farmers should be encouraged to form FPOs and collectively market their produce, following a model similar to the cooperation seen among DWCRAs groups.

Farmers should be given awareness about new crop varieties, food-processing opportunities and marketing avenues. They should be encouraged to focus on crops with strong international demand and tap global market opportunities for the wide variety of fruits produced in Rayalaseema. The Chief Minister set a target of taking Rayalaseema to the next level through the Integrated Horticulture Hub over the next five to six years.

The Chief Minister said it was particularly significant that the Integrated Horticulture Hub would be launched on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti. The foundation stone for the Indian School of Agriculture would also be laid on the occasion. He said the objective was to create a horticulture ecosystem capable of taking Andhra Pradesh's horticultural produce to international markets. Farmers from all 201 clusters across Rayalaseema and erstwhile Prakasam district should participate virtually in the launch programme, he directed.

Exhibitions and cluster-level programmes should be organised at more than 3,000 Rythu Seva Kendras to mark the launch in a festive atmosphere. Cultural programmes reflecting Rayalaseema's heritage, workshops and tractor rallies should also be organised at the cluster level. The Chief Minister asked officials to highlight the transformation in farmers' lives brought about by horticulture cultivation, including increased incomes and improved living standards resulting from the adoption of new crops.

The Chief Minister also reviewed measures to reduce the impact of El Niño on agriculture and directed officials to prepare an alternative crop plan based on production, consumption and trade opportunities. It was decided to approach the Centre on cultivation and procurement of crops such as chickpea, black gram, green gram, red gram, ragi, maize, jowar and onion, as well as on Minimum Support Prices.

He directed the Agriculture Department to use AI-based analytical systems to identify which crops would provide maximum benefit to farmers and consumers in different regions. He also called for advance measures to prevent inflation. Prices of 14 categories of crops, including pulses and millets, should be continuously monitored. A balanced approach should be adopted to ensure remunerative prices for farmers while protecting consumers from excessive price burdens. The Chief Minister reviewed rainfall and crop cultivation with the Collectors of Nandyal, Kurnool, Annamayya, Chittoor, Markapuram, Sri Sathya Sai, Anantapur and Kadapa districts.

Lokesh Pitches AP As Hub For Electronics, Tech, Pharma And Green Industries

Education and IT minister N. Lokesh held a series of meetings with senior executives of global companies in New Delhi on Thursday, pitching Andhra Pradesh as a destination for investments in electronics manufacturing, technology, healthcare, agriculture and green energy.

In a meeting with Vivo India president Arijit Sen, Lokesh sought a mobile-components manufacturing facility in Tirupati and proposed a dedicated components manufacturing park for Vivo's suppliers. He also suggested a supply-chain meeting involving the company and its vendor ecosystem.

Sen said Vivo manufactures 154.2 million mobile units annually and that more than 99 per cent of the phones sold in India, including motherboards, batteries and chargers, are manufactured at Greater Noida. He said the proposals would be discussed with the



company's senior team.

Cisco India and South-East Asia MD Harish Krishnan met Lokesh, who sought a manufacturing facility for unified computing system (UCS) servers, switches and routers in AP and an engineering centre or global capability centre (GCC) in Visakhapatnam.

Krishnan said Cisco had more than 16,000 employees in India, including over 8,000 engineers, and more than 1,000 patents. The company has partnered with AP to skill 50,000 youth through NetAcad and other programmes.

Lokesh also invited Abbott India MD Isteayak Anjad to establish a medical devices or diagnostics unit at an AMTZ/EMC location and a generic medicines facility at the upcoming bulk drug park at Nakkapalli. He also sought a global capability centre in Visakhapatnam.

In talks with Mastercard vice-president Abhishek Lahiri, Lokesh sought a GCC or technology centre in Visakhapatnam and invited the company to join the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub as a fintech advisory member. He also sought its participation in skill development and P4 programmes.

Jobs For Youth Coalition's Nature, Rowdiness Jagan's Nature: Anitha

State home minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Thursday said providing jobs to youth was the coalition government's "nature", while "rowdiness" represented the politics of former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Speaking at the Telugu Desam central office in Mangalagiri, she alleged that the previous YSRC government's "destruction" began with the demolition of Praja Vedika and continued with the arrest of N. Chandrababu Naidu and the weakening of institutions. She said the coalition government had reduced crime by 14 per cent and improved law and order, attracting investments worth thousands of crores and creating lakhs of jobs.

Anitha praised minister N. Lokesh for overcoming legal hurdles and filling more than 16,000 teacher posts transparently, as promised during his Yuva Galam padayatra. She said Lokesh had explained the recruitment process in the Assembly and challenged Jagan three times to an open debate.

She alleged that more than 350 sports-quota candidates from Kadapa, who approached the SAAP office in Vijayawada with certificates seeking protection, were attacked by YSRC supporters who arrived in 50-60 cars carrying stones, glass bottles and iron rods.

Displaying photographs and case details, she alleged that 60-70 per cent of those involved had criminal backgrounds, including rowdiness, Posco and attempted murder cases. She accused the YSRC of portraying them as "Gen Z" youth and urged parents to keep students away from political violence.



Naidu Tells Collectors To Stay Alert As Rains Continue

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday directed collectors of rain-affected districts to remain alert as rains were expected to continue on Thursday and Friday.

During a teleconference with the collectors, Naidu asked officials to immediately visit affected areas and address rain-related problems. He directed them to restore roads damaged by strong water flows if traffic was disrupted.

Naidu instructed officials to alert residents in landslide-prone areas and shift them to safer locations if necessary. He also stressed that there should be no disruption to power supply. Collectors were asked to set up control rooms and continuously gather information from the field.

The Chief Minister directed district administrations to focus on filling tanks while taking advance measures to prevent breaches. He asked officials to respond immediately to requests for assistance from the field and collect feedback from people through the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) to assess the situation and address their concerns.

Naidu also directed officials to immediately remove trees that had fallen due to strong winds and ensure that transportation was not affected. He asked authorities to continuously assess the flood situation and take precautionary measures accordingly.



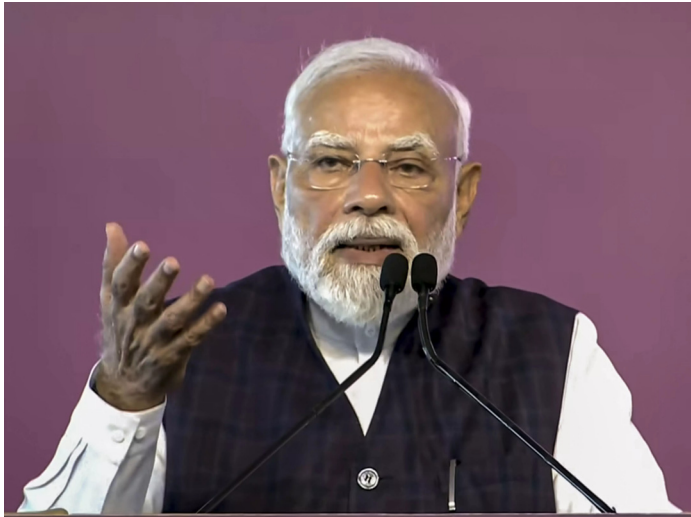
Balka Suman alleges power cuts due to government's inefficiency in Telangana

Mancherial: BRS district President Balka Suman charged that farmers and people of Telangana were facing interruptions in power supply due to the inefficiency of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. He, along with Asifabad MLA Kova Laxmi, Boath legislator Anil Jadhav, former Minister Jogu Rammanna, former MLAs Koneru Konappa and Durgam Chinniah, visited a SCCL-owned thermal plant in Jaipur on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, Suman alleged that farmers were struggling due to undeclared power cuts. Farmers were not getting power for four hours a day, while power was not being supplied for domestic needs for at least nine hours a day. The plight of industries cannot be imagined as power disruptions were being reported at least 20 times a day. Suman said that farmers and people were experiencing the situation due to the inefficiency of Revanth Reddy. He claimed that his research and news reports indicated that SCCL was not supplying coal to thermal power plants, following a delay in clearing arrears of Rs 52,000 crore that needed to be cleared by GENCO. As a result, interruptions had become a routine affair. The BRS leader further shared that their visit revealed that only one of the two units at the thermal plant was producing power. He disclosed that officials of the thermal company did not allow them to inspect the coal storage, fearing that the failure of the government would be exposed. The government was not supplying coal to the thermal plant owned by SCCL.

He regretted that the Chief Minister was weakening thermal power plants, causing unprecedented injustice to farmers, people and industries. He demanded that the government take steps to ensure production of 1,200 MW of power by the thermal power plant. He cautioned that they would intensify the stir if the demand was not addressed. Khanapur segment BRS in-charge Johnson Naik, BRS leaders Raji Reddy, Dr Raja Ramesh, Kaushik Hari and others were present.



Modi, Ministers Review Schemes, Plan Fresh Reforms



New Delhi: A two-day Chintan Shivir of the Union council of ministers began on Wednesday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairing discussions on work under way across ministries, future plans and the next round of reforms.

Sources said the brainstorming session would review welfare schemes and infrastructure projects, improve co-ordination between ministries and help shape the government's future agenda. A further review exercise is expected next week.

"The 'Chintan Shivir' being held on Wednesday and Thursday will identify the next set of ideas, reforms and priorities towards a 'Viksit Bharat@2047'," the sources said.

Work on the Viksit

Bharat vision began in 2021, when 10 sectoral groups of secretaries were formed to prepare a roadmap for 2047, covering short- and long-term goals. The exercise also involved consultations with stakeholders.

"Since then, there have been eight presentations and discussions before the council of ministers on different aspects of 'Viksit Bharat@2047'. The present 'Chintan Shivir' takes this process forward," the sources said.

The conclave brings together work by the groups of secretaries, ministries and departments, the Cabinet Secretariat and NITI Aayog. Its agenda includes reforms, ease of living, reducing compliance requirements, implementation of government schemes, time management, coor-

dination between ministries and public service delivery.

Around six groups of eight ministers each were formed to discuss time-bound implementation of programmes and other governance issues. "These groups have already held a number of meetings where they discussed the presentations to be made at the conclave. Some ministers are mandated to make presentations on policies and measures undertaken by their respective ministries to advance reforms in various sectors," the sources said.

The Prime Minister has previously told ministers that addressing people's problems and improving ease of living should be central to the government's work.

A similar exercise was held on October 21, 2021, with discussions focused on governance and policymaking. Ministers have since been asked to maintain live dashboards of their ministries' activities, review progress and seek feedback and ideas from staff. Earlier this month, the Prime Minister asked ministers to make ministry and department websites more user-friendly.

Revanth Reddy reviews power crisis after BRS thermal plant inspection call

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy convened a high-level review on Wednesday amid a prolonged power shortage, directing officials to ensure full-capacity generation at Yadadri Thermal Power Station before Dasara festival. With two units shut due to critically low coal stocks and farmers staging protests, the government has decided to source coal from Mahanadi Coalfields and Coal India to stabilise supply.

Hyderabad: Hours after the BRS announced visits to thermal plants to assess the power crisis, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday held a high-level review of the power situation and directed officials to ensure full-capacity generation at Yadadri Thermal Power Station before Dasara festival.

The timing of the review comes against the backdrop of a power shortage persisting for nearly three months, with industrialists seeking uninterrupted and quality supply and farmers staging protests at substations. The government had not held a similar high-level review despite these warning signs, including declining coal production from Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Yadadri has also remained only partially operational during the Congress government's tenure. Though designed for 4,000 MW in five 800-MW units, only two of its four commercially operational units are currently gener-



ating power, with Units 3 and 4 shut due to critically low coal stocks. The fifth unit is still under commissioning.

Ironically, Revanth Reddy questioned the officials on G-9 grade coal required for operating the thermal plant nearly 33 months after the Congress government assumed office and more than a year after Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka launched generation from Unit-1 in August last year.

Officials told the Chief Minister that Yadadri plant

requires G-9 coal under its long-term linkage arrangements, while Singareni does not have coal blocks capable of producing the grade. The government has now decided to source coal from Mahanadi Coalfields and Coal India. Bhatti was asked to meet union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy on the issue.

Revanth Reddy also questioned the decision to locate Yadadri plant away from coal mines and claimed that coal transportation would impose an additional financial bur-

den of Rs 40,000 crore on the State.

However, official sources at the Yadadri plant said the plant was not exclusively dependent on G-9 coal and could use lower-grade coal such as G-13. They said such coal required higher quantities to generate the same output.

While the government should maintain coal reserves for 21 days, the directions were issued for alternate measures only after two units were shut down and coal stocks reportedly sufficient for only about four days.

Telangana Govt Offers 2 DAs, Puts Off PRC Decision

Hyderabad: The state government on Wednesday offered to clear two of the six pending dearness allowance (DAs) instalments for employees and pensioners, one during Dasara and another during Ugadi, but did not give firm timelines on the new Pay Revision Commission (PRC), pending bills or removal of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju held discussions with employees' unions at the Secretariat on their long-pending demands. The government indicated that it would propose the DA arrear payments during the Cabinet meeting.

The response led to differences among the unions. The TGEJAC led by chairman Maram Jagadishwar said the talks failed to yield concrete, time-bound decisions on their four major demands and expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome. He stated that the TGEJAC would announce its next course action on Thursday. The other JAC led by chairman V Lachi Reddy did not announce any plans.

On pending bills, the TGEJAC sought restoration of monthly payments of around Rs 2,000 crore. The government said it could presently clear around Rs 1,000 crore a month. On the PRC, it said the commission's report was expected in another one or two months, after which a political decision would be taken.

On abolition of Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), the government proposed constituting a committee of employees and officials to study the issue and submit a report at the earliest. However, no timeline was given for the committee or report, while there was no clarity on employees appointed on or before September 1, 2004, the TGEJAC said.

Jagadishwar announced an emergency state-level meeting of affiliated associations on Thursday to decide the future course of action.

Meanwhile, another JAC led by chairman V. Lachi Reddy took a relatively positive view of the government's response and urged it to prioritise the problems of employees and pensioners.

Lachi Reddy said Jaju had responded positively to their demands and indicated that the government was favourably considering two DAs. He also said the proposed CPS committee would study the issue and submit its report at the earliest.



KTR lauds farmers for forcing Congress govt to release Jurala water

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday lauded farmers for their inspiring fight to secure water from the Jurala project, stating that their protest had forced the Congress government to act. He reminded them that those fighting for a cause have nothing to lose but getting rid of the chains of slavery.

Reacting to the release of water from the Jurala project, Rama Rao said farmers launched the agitation when their fields



were completely drying up and fought for their rights. "For prodding this Kumbhakarna government with a thorny stick and making it run, my heartfelt thanks to you," he said, thanking the farmers

for their struggle. He also appreciated BRS leaders who joined the farmers' agitation and stood with them.

He said the BRS will take responsibility for fighting to ensure the govern-

ment meets the basic needs of people in Telangana for the remaining two years of the Congress government's term. "Questioning, fighting and, if necessary, fighting with anyone for our Telangana rights is our only goal," he said.

Earlier, the government rejected the farmers' requests for irrigation water, stating that about 3 TMCft of silt accumulated in the project and the remaining water must be reserved to avert a severe drinking water crisis in the coming months.

Kavitha Seeks Rs.50 Lakh Compensation For Fire Incident Victims

ADILABAD: Former MLC and Telangana Rakshana Samiti (TRS) chief K. Kavitha on Wednesday visited RIMS, Adilabad, following the fire incident at the SNCU ward and demanded that the state government provide ?50 lakh compensation each to the bereaved families. Kavitha alleged that negligence in maintenance by the state government had resulted in the fire incident. She also alleged that the government had neglected Rims and that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had not visited the hospital following the incident.

She said Rims did not have a sufficient number of electricians and staff to provide medical services to patients. She also alleged that the state government had failed to provide sufficient funds for the development of Rims, Adilabad. Kavitha later visited Ginnersa village in Indravelli and consoled Kumra Shekubai and Dinesh, who lost their infant in the fire incident.





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Satyadev's Samavarthi teaser Promises A Wild Forest Actioner

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The teaser of Samavarthi has finally been unveiled, giving audiences their first complete glimpse into Satyadev Kancharana's next action-packed entertainer. In the teaser end, Satya Dev promises "Eesari Miss Avvadhu" dialogue says "This time blockbuster is guarantee."

Satyadev transforms into Mahadev, a fierce protector with an intense screen presence. The teaser stands out with powerful dialogues throughout the teaser, adding authenticity and emotional power. The teaser balances suspense, action, and mystery without revealing the complete storyline.

The narrative hints at a forest under attack through deforestation and dangerous predators, while a tribal community becomes the heart of the conflict. Mahadev's mission to protect the forest creates a gripping setup, and the tiger's final appearance adds another layer of mystery and excitement.

The teaser is visually spectacular, with real forests becoming one of its biggest strengths. Every location looks untouched and immersive, proving the effort the team invested while shooting across multiple forests. Samavarthi now looks like another powerful content-oriented action thriller in Satyadev's career.

Directed by Ajay Nag V. and produced by Shivacharan Reddy Jakkidi and Shashidhar Reddy Padamati, the multilingual thriller looks grand in both scale and execution.



Itllu Arjuna Teaser: Creative and Impressive Cut

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Director Venky Kudumula has turned producer with this creative love story and Mahesh Uppala is directing it. The makers have unveiled the teaser now and it is highly impressive. Using the premise of a mute person falling in love and then staying close to her to protect her is said in a matured manner.

People are not well equipped in sign language and his gestures are tough to catch on. But his love Keerthy catches on them quickly and he is delighted to be around her. As the couple get close, the problems around Keerthy multiply and Aniesh as Arjun needs to fight out his own Kurukshetra to win against all odds.

Aniesh is superb as Arjun and his body language,



dancing skills and expressions are spot on. He pulled off comedy, romance and action with very good ease even though it is his debut film. Anaswara Rajan is another highlight and Mahesh Uppala indicated a lot of comedy of errors and lively narrative. Thaman's BGM and production values are top notch too. The teaser increases excitement and curiosity to watch the film in theatres from 30th October.

Sigma Trailer: Sandeep excels in this all-round entertainer

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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 regarded 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.



Keerthy Suresh Shares BTS Pics From Nani's The Paradise Song

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Keerthy Suresh began as a child artist in Malayalam cinema and made her lead debut with Geethaanjali (2013). She rose to national fame with the National Award-winning biopic Mahanati (2018). She has delivered hits across languages including Nenu Local, Dasara (with Nani and director Srikanth Odela), Sarkaru Vaari Paata, Maamannan and Baby John.

In 2026 her slate includes the special song in The Paradise, the Tamil film Dorothy, Sathyavan Savithri, and other projects such as Rowdy Janardhana.

Manasa Varanasi comes on board for Sharwa-SV's George Krish!

Sharwanand is all set to entertain the audience in his upcoming family entertainer, George Krish. Srinu Vaitla is directing the film after a gap and he is joining hands with Sharwa for the first time too. Now, the makers have officially announced that the beautiful Manasa Varanasi will be playing the female lead opposite him. This refreshing pairing has already generated a lot of excitement among movie enthusiasts, promising a vibrant on-screen chemistry.

The movie team is now ramping up the promotional activities and preparing a massive surprise for the fans. A highly anticipated first booster update is officially arriving on September 24th. This early promotional drop is expected to give audiences an exciting glimpse into the world of this out-and-out family entertainer.

Director Sreenu Vaitla is collaborating with the actor for the very first time, bringing his signature style and grand scale to the project. The combination is already making waves, as fans are eager to see how the director presents this fresh lead pair in a festive backdrop.

George Krish is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on 14th. Backed by Anil Sunkara, the film is poised to be a major Sankranti special.

