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Chain of tanks restoration gets top priority under Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, June 13: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to accord top priority to the restoration and development of chain-linked irrigation tanks under the ongoing Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme. He also instructed authorities to complete the current phase of Jaladhara works by the end of this month.

The Chief Minister reviewed the progress of Jaladhara-Jalaharathi works through a video conference from the Chief Minister's Camp Office on Saturday. During the review, he emphasized the need to fully utilize funds available under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for water conservation and infrastructure development activities.

Chandrababu Naidu directed district collectors to ensure that employment guarantee funds are utilized effectively without delays or negligence. He also called for measures to connect water-surplus river basins with water-deficit regions to improve water availability across the state.

The Chief Minister stressed that there should be no delay in the restoration and



construction of check dams, percolation pits, farm ponds, contour trenches, and other water conservation structures under the Jaladhara initiative. He advised officials to study the Valmikipuram stream development model as an example for improving smaller watercourses and local irrigation systems.

Highlighting the importance of water security, the Chief Minister said every district should adopt innovative strategies for water conservation and groundwater recharge.

He instructed officials to ensure that structures such as check dams, farm ponds, and tanks remain durable and are protected

from breaches after the completion of the first phase of works.

The Chief Minister also directed authorities to strengthen canals and embankments and remove all obstructions that may hinder the natural flow of water. Field-level monitoring should be intensified to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the works being undertaken, he added.

He further instructed departments and technical agencies to regularly assess the benefits generated through the Jaladhara programme and prepare district-wise data on groundwater recharge and water resource enhancement.

Emphasizing community participation, Chandrababu Naidu called for the active involvement of local residents, farmers, and water users' associations in the implementation and monitoring of the programme. He urged public representatives and government officials to work together to ensure the success of the initiative.

The review meeting was attended by Nimmala Rama Naidu, district collectors, and senior officials from various departments.

MODI-TRUMP MEETING SET TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT G7 SUMMIT



New Delhi, June 13(GNS): A significant development in India-United States relations is set to unfold as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump prepare to hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the upcoming G7 Summit in France. The meeting will mark the first face-to-face interaction between the two leaders since Modi's visit to the United States in February 2025.

The White House has officially confirmed the meeting, with a senior U.S. official stating that the two leaders are

scheduled to meet on June 17 during the summit. The development has generated considerable interest, given the range of pressing global and bilateral issues expected to feature in the discussions.

Prime Minister Modi is currently on a visit to France and Slovakia. Ahead of his departure, he emphasized the importance of France in India's strategic vision and highlighted the growing partnership between the two nations. Modi noted that French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India earlier (Contd...P/6)

IAS Officer Kona heads to Mid-Career training amid ongoing DSC debate

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, June 13: Two senior IAS officers holding key positions in the Andhra Pradesh government, Kona Sasidhar and P.S. Pradyumna, will soon attend the prestigious Mid-Career Training Programme at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie. The Andhra Pradesh government has officially granted permission for their participation in the programme scheduled from June 15 to July 10 and issued G.O. Rt. No. 1163 through the General Administration Department.

The officers have been selected for the 21st Round of the Mid-Career Training Programme (MCTP) Phase-IV, a highly regarded capacity-building initiative designed for senior IAS officers preparing for higher administrative responsibilities.

Currently, Kona Sasidhar serves as Secretary for the School Education, Higher Education, and Skills Development & Training Departments, while P.S. Pradyumna is serving as Secretary to the Chief Minister. Given their significant roles in the state administration, their month-long absence for training has drawn attention within bureaucratic and political circles.

Kona Sasidhar's Exit Comes Amid DSC Controversy



Kona Sasidhar has recently emerged as a prominent figure in Andhra Pradesh's political and administrative discourse due to the controversy surrounding the state's Mega DSC teacher recruitment process.

The issue gained momentum after the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) alleged irregularities in the recruitment process and accused the government of malpractice. In response, Kona Sasidhar took the lead in presenting the government's position, offering a detailed, data-driven explanation to counter the allegations.

When former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy questioned the

transparency of the recruitment process, Sasidhar reportedly presented extensive details regarding merit rankings, selection procedures, and the implementation of horizontal reservations. His presentation was widely viewed by government circles as a strong defense of the recruitment exercise.

Officials noted that his ability to explain candidate-specific data and clarify why certain applicants were not selected helped address many concerns raised about the recruitment process. Political observers also acknowledged the depth of the explanations provided by the senior bureaucrat.

Political Debate Continues Despite the clarifications, the YSRCP has continued to criticize the recruitment process and has repeatedly targeted the government over the issue. The political battle surrounding the Mega DSC recruitment has therefore remained active even after the official explanations.

Against this backdrop, Kona Sasidhar's departure for a month-long training programme has generated fresh discussion. Questions are being raised in political circles about who will respond on behalf of the government if further allegations emerge during his absence and how the Education Department will handle (Contd...P/6)

CM's Singapore tour focuses on Amaravati, investments

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, June 13: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will visit Singapore from June 15 to 16 to attract investments and review collaborations related to the development of Amaravati and other key infrastructure projects.

As per schedule the Chief Minister will depart from Bengaluru for Singapore at 11:35 AM on June 14. On June 15, the Chief Minister will meet High Commissioner of India, Singapore, Shilpak Ambule, at 10:30 AM Singapore time. He will subsequently participate in a roundtable conference with startup venture capitalists and attend a luncheon meeting with Ms. Anacláudia Roszbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat. The Chief Minister will also hold discussions with Singapore Senior Minister of State Low Yen Ling. Later, he will meet Karan Bajwa, President, Google Meet Asia-Pacific; Lim Siang Guan, Advisor to the Executive Committee of GIC; Robert Yap, Executive Chairman of YCH Group; and

Professor Tan Eng Chye, President of the National University of Singapore.

During the visit, CM Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to meet Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and discuss various areas of cooperation. He will also meet Singapore Foreign Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan and interact with members of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Andhra Pradesh delegation. Meetings are also scheduled with Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam and Minister for Manpower Dr. Tan See Leng. On June 16, the Chief Minister will inaugurate the CBN@361 programme organized by the Kakatiya Cultural Association. He will participate in the APAC Semiconductor Roundtable and attend the Subana Jurong-Amaravati Planning Meeting. Later, he will hold discussions with a team led by Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong. The Chief Minister will also address the Leadership Plenary at the World Cities

Summit and subsequently visit the World Cities Summit Exhibition, where he will tour the Singapore Pavilion, Innovators Alley, and Google Technologies exhibits. He is also scheduled to participate in a meeting with Seatrump and later attend the CII Partnership Summit 2026 Business Roadshow, which forms a key component of Andhra Pradesh's investment outreach efforts. Minister for Municipal Administration P. Narayana, Industries Department Secretary N. Yuvaraj, Municipal Administration Special Chief Secretary S. Suresh Kumar, AP Economic Development Board (EDB) CEO M. Shanmohan and a team of CRDA officials will accompany the Chief Minister during the two day tour.

The visit is aimed at strengthening Andhra Pradesh's engagement with Singapore, attracting global investments and accelerating the development of Amaravati and other strategic projects in the state. The Chief Minister is scheduled to return to India at 10:00 PM on June 16.

Botcha Slams Naidu's Two-Year Rule

Visakhapatnam, June 13: Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council

Botcha Satyanarayana said the coalition government's Tirupati meeting was a "betrayal show" rather than a celebration of governance, reflecting its failure to fulfill election promises. Addressing the media alongside former minister Gudivada Amarnath and Visakhapatnam district president KK Raju, he said the government's claims of making the "Super Six" a success stood exposed by its failure to implement key promises such as Aadabidda Nidhi and Unemployment Allowance. He added that the massive response to YSRCP's statewide protests reflected growing public dissatisfaction

with the coalition's two-year rule.

Botcha said the government's failures were visible across sectors, particularly education, where the DSC-2025 recruitment process and the reopening of schools without uniforms, books, bags and student kits demonstrated administrative collapse. He said rising prices, poor returns for farmers, distress among aqua farmers and the failure to implement welfare schemes despite massive borrowings highlighted the government's poor performance.

On the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Botcha stated that the previous Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government prevented privatization and recalled Union Minister



H.D. Kumaraswamy's remarks acknowledging that fact. He announced that YSRCP leaders would meet the Steel Plant CMD seeking an inquiry into the series of industrial accidents that claimed several lives over the past two years.

Minister Nimmala honours MGNREGS workers for their hard work in Palakollu

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Palakollu, June 13: Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu paid tribute to the hard work of MGNREGS labourers by organizing a special appreciation programme in Palakollu constituency on Saturday.

The event was held at Chintaparru village in Palakollu Mandal, where labourers who had worked tirelessly under scorching summer conditions for more than 50 days were honoured. As a gesture of gratitude, the Minister arranged a community meal for the workers and personally participated in the arrangements by setting up dining tables and serving food.

During the programme, Nimmala spent time interacting with the workers and enquired about their welfare and working conditions. He acknowledged their contribution to rural development and appreciated their dedication despite challenging weather conditions.

To make the occasion memorable, sarees were distributed to women workers through a lucky draw, bringing cheer to many families. The Minister noted that, with support from donors, a programme to distribute chilled buttermilk to MGNREGS workers has been running across villages in the constituency for more than 50 days to help them cope with the summer heat.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister



said the coalition government is implementing development and welfare programmes simultaneously and has succeeded in earning the confidence of the people.

He stated that citizens from all sections of society have expressed satisfaction with the government's performance over the past two years.

Nimmala criticized the opposition for what he described as misleading propaganda, asserting that people are not being influenced by such campaigns. He said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has fulfilled key election promises under the "Super Six" agenda and demonstrated the government's commitment to public welfare.

The Minister highlighted welfare

measures such as enhanced social security pensions for senior citizens, widows, and persons with disabilities, as well as schemes providing free LPG cylinders and free bus travel for women.

He appealed to the public to continue supporting the coalition government for its efforts in delivering good governance and welfare-oriented administration.

Among those present were MPDO Umamaheswara Rao, MEO Veeraswamy, and several local leaders, including Pamula Rajini Kumar, Penumatsa Srinivasa Raju, Veeramallu Srinivasa Rao, Andeswara Rao, Kuppala Satyanarayana, Ellapu Lokesh, Gudavalli Sanjeevudu, Velpuri Satish, Meripe Kishore, Motukuri Prasanna Kumar, Ande Koti Veerabhadra Rao, and Vendra Buddeswara Rao.

DALE STEYN'S SHOCKING PREDICTION!

JUST 15 YEARS OLD!

WILL VAIBHAV BECOME BIGGER THAN SACHIN & KOHLI?

DALE STEYN'S BOMBHELL COMMENTS ON 15-YEAR-OLD VAIRHAVI

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Trillion Dream

The global business world has once again turned its attention to Elon Musk. The entrepreneur behind Tesla, SpaceX, xAI, and several other ambitious ventures is now at the center of a historic financial conversation: the possibility of becoming the world's first trillionaire. The latest surge in SpaceX's valuation has reignited debate over the scale of Musk's wealth and influence. With investors pouring billions of dollars into the private space company's public offering, SpaceX has emerged as one of the most closely watched firms in the world. The company's successful share sale not only attracted institutional investors but also generated enormous interest among retail investors, reflecting growing confidence in the future of commercial space exploration. For years, Elon Musk has been viewed as a businessman willing to take risks that others considered impossible. Whether it was the electric vehicle revolution through Tesla, reusable rockets through SpaceX, satellite internet through Starlink, or artificial intelligence through xAI, Musk has consistently positioned himself at the forefront of transformative technologies. While many of his projects were initially met with skepticism, several have gone on to reshape entire industries. The extraordinary market response to SpaceX highlights a broader trend in global investing. Investors are no longer looking solely at current profits; they are increasingly betting on future potential. SpaceX represents more than a rocket company. It is viewed as a key player in satellite communications, national security infrastructure, deep-space exploration, and the rapidly expanding commercial space economy. These expectations have helped push the company's valuation to levels that only a few years ago seemed unimaginable. However, the excitement surrounding SpaceX also raises important questions. Critics argue that the company's valuation may be running ahead of its financial fundamentals. Some market analysts warn that investor enthusiasm can sometimes create pricing bubbles, especially in sectors driven by technological optimism. SpaceX has reported significant expenditures and operational challenges associated with developing advanced space technologies. For skeptics, the key question is whether future revenues can justify today's lofty valuations. Yet history has often favored visionaries who successfully identify the next major wave of innovation. The same doubts once surrounded the early internet industry, electric vehicles, and renewable energy. Today, many of those sectors are central to the global economy. Supporters of Musk believe space technology may represent the next frontier of economic growth, with SpaceX positioned to dominate that future. The conversation about Musk potentially becoming the world's first trillionaire is therefore about more than personal wealth. It symbolizes the increasing economic value of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in the modern era. It also reflects how capital markets are rewarding companies that aim to solve large-scale challenges and create entirely new industries. Whether Elon Musk officially crosses the trillion-dollar threshold in the near future remains uncertain. Market conditions, company performance, regulatory developments, and investor sentiment will all play important roles. What is clear, however, is that Musk's business empire has become one of the most influential forces in the global economy. As SpaceX continues to expand its ambitions—from launching satellites and astronauts to pursuing interplanetary exploration—the world will be watching closely. The race toward a trillion-dollar fortune may be unprecedented, but the larger story is about humanity's growing confidence in technology's ability to redefine what is possible. And in that story, Elon Musk remains one of the most fascinating and controversial figures of our time.

Yoga is the Key to a Stress-Free and Healthy Life, Says Bapatla Collector

Bapatla, June 13, 2026: District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar V. has said that yoga is an effective way to overcome mental stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. He made these remarks while participating in the Yogandhra Programme held on Saturday at the premises of the Addanki Nancharamma Temple in Parchur Mandal.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of people. The Collector, who attended as the chief guest, inspired participants by personally performing various yoga postures. His active involvement encouraged people, officials, and employees from both mandal and district-level departments to join the session with great interest.

Participants performed a series of yoga asanas, including Trikonasana, Bhadrasana, Vajrasana, Shashankasana, Mandukasana, Vakrasana, Makarasana, Bhujangasana, Setubandhasana, Padasana, Pawanmuktasana, Padmasana, along with breathing techniques such as Pranayama, Nadi Shodhana, Sheetal Pranayama, Bhramari Pranayama, and Shanmukha Mudra. They also took a pledge to incorporate yoga into their daily lives.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Vinod Kumar said the government's objective



is to ensure that people lead healthy and happy lives. He noted that yoga has enjoyed a special place in Indian culture since ancient times and has been widely recognized worldwide for its health benefits. Describing yoga as a remedy for numerous physical and mental ailments, he emphasized that it requires no financial investment while offering immense benefits for the body and mind.

Sharing his personal experience, the Collector revealed that he has been practicing meditation and yoga regularly for the past several years, dedicating about an hour each day to the discipline. He said the practice has helped him maintain mental clarity, improve overall health, and stay in control of his thoughts and emotions. He

also credited yoga as one of the reasons for maintaining his fitness and avoiding obesity.

The Collector further highlighted the rapid development of Bapatla district's tourism sector, attributing the progress to the collective efforts of various government departments. Tourist footfall has increased significantly over the past two months, he said, adding that tourism development would stimulate growth in several related sectors, including hospitality, restaurants, and real estate, ultimately boosting the district's per capita income.

Speaking on the occasion, Bapatla RDO A. Harikumar said yoga enhances concentration, self-confidence, determination, and helps individuals

pursue their goals with discipline and higher values. He added that yoga promotes peace, harmony, and a positive outlook on life.

Parchur Special Officer and Deputy Collector Lavanna described yoga as an integral part of India's ancient Sanatana Dharma, stating that a peaceful mind contributes to a healthier and more harmonious society.

District Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. Vijayamma said yoga is one of the best solutions for reducing mental stress. She advised people to practice yoga for at least 45 minutes every day to maintain good physical and mental health.

Among those present were Yogandhra District Nodal Officer Dr. D. Chandrasekhar, Tahsildar Brahmaiah, and other officials.

Nellore to host grand celebrations marking two years of state government

(By GMA Staff Reporter) Nellore, June 13, 2026: A grand public event will be organized at Kasturiba Gardens on June 16 to celebrate the completion of two years of the State Government, said Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu.

On Saturday, the Joint Collector, along with MLC Beeda Ravichandra and Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy, inspected the venue and reviewed arrangements for the district-level celebrations.

Speaking after the inspection, Venkateswarlu said Kasturiba Gardens had been selected as the venue for the large-scale programme. He stated that beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes would be invited to interact directly with officials and public representatives, enabling the administration to gather feedback on the implementation and impact of welfare initiatives.

Around 5,000 people are expected to participate in the event. The programme will be attended by In-charge Minister N. M. D. Farooq, Ministers Ponguru Narayana and Anam Ramnarayana Reddy, Members of Parliament, MLCs, MLAs, political leaders, party workers, and government officials.



The Joint Collector said that several government departments would set up exhibition stalls showcasing welfare and development programmes. Beneficiaries will also be given an opportunity to share their experiences and opinions regarding the schemes implemented over the past two years. Addressing the media, MLC Beeda Ravichandra said the event is intended to assess public opinion on the governance, development initiatives, and welfare programmes implemented under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu during the last two years.

He noted that the programme would also highlight major welfare and develop

ment initiatives undertaken by both the State Government and the NDA-led Central Government, which recently completed 12 years in office. Ravichandra claimed that Andhra Pradesh had secured a significant share of investments attracted to the country and said feedback from beneficiaries regarding pre-election promises would be collected during the event.

He further stated that discussions would be held with District Collector Himanshu Shukla regarding developmental priorities for the next three years, and that the government's future plans would be presented to the public.

Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy said the

celebrations would focus on reviewing the achievements of both the Central Government's 12-year tenure and the State Government's two-year administration. The programme is scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will include discussions on governance, development, and welfare initiatives undertaken over the past 24 months. Among those present during the inspection were Revenue Divisional Officer Naga Anusha, CPO Narasimha Rao, DRDA PD Nagaraju Kumari, ICDS PD Hema Sujana, District Educational Officer Balaji Rao, SSA Officer Venkatappaiah, State leader Giridhar Reddy, and officials from various departments.

Economic Independence is the Foundation of Women's Empowerment: NTR District Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter) Vijayawada, June 13: NTR District Collector G. Lakshimisha has said that a family becomes stronger when women are financially empowered, and a strong family ultimately contributes to the development of society. He emphasized that economic independence enhances women's confidence and enables them to play a greater role in social and economic progress.

The Collector made these remarks while inaugurating an

awareness programme on Solar Drying Powder Processing for women at the RISE Centre in Guntupalli village of Ibrahimpatnam Mandal on Saturday.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Lakshimisha stated that skill development and self-employment opportunities are crucial for achieving women's empowerment. He noted that the growing demand for natural and value-added food products in the market has created significant opportunities for women

entrepreneurs. The Collector explained that solar drying technology can be used to process agricultural and horticultural produce, including fruits and vegetables, into value-added products such as powders with longer shelf life. This process can help generate additional income and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for women.

He encouraged women to make full use of such training programmes and explore self-employment ventures. The

Collector highlighted that the government is implementing several initiatives to promote women's economic development and urged members of self-help groups to take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

According to him, the training programmes being conducted through the RISE Centre will enhance entrepreneurial skills among women and open up new avenues for employment and income generation.

Parvin Banu Inspects Solid Waste Management Project Works



Palamaneru June 13 (Our Reporter): N. Parveen Banu, Director of Swachh Andhra Corporation, visited the compost yard under the jurisdiction of Palamaneru Municipality and inspected various works related to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plant.

During her visit, she reviewed the organic manure production unit that processes wet waste, the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) shed, and the proposed site for the establishment of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). She

also conducted a review meeting with officials to assess the progress of the ongoing works. Parveen Banu provided several suggestions regarding scientific waste management, improvement of sanitation standards, and environmental protection measures. Municipal Deputy Executive Engineer D. Suresh Babu, Manager S.M. Khader Mohiuddin, Assistant Engineer Sirisha, Sanitary Inspector Babu Reddy Naik, and sanitation secretaries participated in the inspection.

Blood Donation Camp at Sairam Multi Speciality Hospital Today

Palamaneru June 13: On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, a blood donation camp will be organized on Sunday under the auspices of Sairam Multi Speciality Hospital in Palamaneru town. The organizers stated that the camp aims to create awareness about blood donation in society and ensure the timely availability of blood for those in need. The program will be attended by Palamaneru DSP Prabhakar, Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Mamatha Rani, and Indian Medical Association (IMA) Palamaneru.



President Dr. Yugandhar as chief guests.

The organizers appealed to youth and voluntary donors to participate in large numbers and make the blood donation camp a grand success.

Palamaneru Bullet Train Station is the Goal - Railway Ministry's Positive Response Gives Fresh Momentum to the Movement



Palamaneru June 13 (Our Reporter): A protest was organized today by the Palamaneru Protection Society (PPS) in front of the NGO Home at Mitta, Palamaneru, demanding the establishment of a Bullet Train Station in Palamaneru as part of the proposed Chennai-Bengaluru High-Speed Rail Corridor.

Speaking on the occasion, PPS President T.L. Narasimhulu said that the positive response received from the Railway Ministry regarding the memorandum submitted by PPS to the Prime Minister is an encouraging development. He stated that the official communication indicating that the proposal for a Palamaneru station would be forwarded to the Railway Headquarters for further examination is a positive sign for the movement.

He also mentioned that a PPS delegation recently met State BJP leader and Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav in Dharmavaram and submitted a

representation. According to Narasimhulu, the minister responded positively and assured his support in pursuing the matter. PPS once again urged the Central Government to establish a Bullet Train Station in Palamaneru, highlighting the town's geographical importance, industrial and commercial potential, and its strategic location near the borders of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The protest was attended by PPS Secretary V. Narayana, leaders Vijay Kumar Reddy, Ponmudi, Ramachandra, Venkat, Segu Raghavayya, Veerabhadraiah, Nagappa, Vijay Kumar, and Reddeppa Naidu, along with several PPS members, social activists, and local residents who extended their support to the movement. PPS leaders reiterated their commitment to continue the campaign until the demand for a Bullet Train Station in Palamaneru is achieved.



representatives of self-help groups, RISE Centre officials, and women participants from various communities.

Arimilli Slams Former Minister Karumuri, Highlights Rs.2,082 Crore Development in Tanuku

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Tanuku, June 13: Tanuku MLA Arimilli Radhakrishna on Saturday criticized former minister Karumuri Venkata Nageswara Rao, stating that leaders who allegedly failed to deliver during the previous government have no moral right to criticize the present coalition administration.

Addressing a media conference in Tanuku, the MLA said the coalition government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh, with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is implementing its election promises in a phased manner.

Radhakrishna said welfare schemes such as Thalliki Vandanam, Annadata Sukhibhava, NTR Bharosa, and the free bus travel scheme for women, along with several development initiatives, are being implemented across the state. He added that the government is committed to balancing welfare and development to improve the lives of citizens.

Highlighting achievements in his constituency, the MLA stated that development and welfare works worth ₹2,082 crore have been undertaken in the Tanuku Assembly segment over the past two years. These include



investments in panchayat roads, drinking water infrastructure under the Jal Jeevan Mission, drainage systems, power infrastructure, and temple development projects.

Throwing a challenge to Karumuri, the MLA asked him to list at least five major achievements accomplished during his decade-long political tenure. He remarked that leaders who could not ensure significant development even in their own villages should refrain from making baseless allegations against others.

Referring to allegations relating to land issues and the alleged intimidation of officials, Radhakrishna

said such matters are under the purview of investigative agencies and courts, which will determine the facts based on evidence.

The MLA also noted that he had recently been ranked third among the state's top-performing legislators, describing it as recognition of his work by the people. He reiterated his commitment to accelerating the development of Tanuku constituency and ensuring the continued success of the coalition government in the years ahead.

Several coalition leaders and party workers were present at the media interaction.

APCOS employees demand regularisation, 12th PRC and Increase in Retirement Age

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, June 13: The district convention of APCOS employees has demanded the immediate regularisation of all APCOS personnel, implementation of the 12th Pay Revision Commission (PRC) for government, contract and outsourcing employees, and enhancement of the retirement age for APCOS employees to 62 years.

The convention was held on Saturday at Sri Kasi Visweswara Kalyana Mandapam in R.R. Peta, Eluru, under the chairmanship of Laveti Krishnarao, Relangi Nagaraju, and T. Nageswara Rao. Several leaders from employee, teacher and workers' unions participated and expressed support for the demands.

Addressing the gathering, District JAC Chairman and APNGOs District President Chodagiri Srinivas alleged that the state government was neglecting employee welfare and urged it to regularise APCOS, contract and outsourcing employees in accordance with High Court directions. He assured full support from the APNGOs Association for future agitations aimed at resolving employees' issues.

Former APTF State leader B. Salman Raju said engaging APCOS, contract and outsourcing employees on low wages amounted to labour exploitation. He urged the government to regularise all such employees and provide them with legally entitled salaries and service benefits.

Speaking at the convention, IFTU State Assistant Secretary U. Venkateswara Rao cited the example of Punjab, where thousands of



contract and outsourcing employees were reportedly regularised. He called on the Andhra Pradesh government to take similar measures and gradually eliminate the contract employment system.

AP Municipal Employees Federation State Vice-President B. Somayya said many APCOS, contract and outsourcing employees had been working for two decades or more without benefits such as pay scales, dearness allowance (DA), house rent allowance (HRA), annual increments, gratuity and pension. He urged employees to remain united and intensify their struggle for regularisation and service benefits.

Other speakers included K. Venkataramaiah, K. Sambasiva Rao, G. Venkateswara Rao (Balu), Kothuru Srinu, and Badda Venkata Rao, who highlighted the challenges faced by outsourcing and APCOS workers

across various government departments.

The convention passed resolutions demanding:

Immediate regularisation of all APCOS employees.

Implementation of the 12th PRC for employees.

Increase in the retirement age of APCOS employees to 62 years.

Extension of service benefits such as DA, HRA, increments, gratuity and pension.

A phased agitation programme in the coming months to achieve these demands.

A large number of APCOS employees working in municipal administration, Oil Federation, Pollution Control Board, Animal Husbandry Department, Health Department and various other government sectors participated in the convention.

Government giving top priority to public grievances: Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, June 13: District Telugu Desam Party President and Badeti Chanti has said that the government is giving utmost importance to resolving public grievances and ensuring that people's concerns are addressed promptly.

On Saturday, residents from various parts of the constituency visited the MLA Camp Office in Eluru and submitted petitions seeking solutions to a range of issues. The MLA personally interacted with the visitors, listened carefully to their grievances, and gathered detailed information regarding each matter.

After reviewing the petitions, Badeti Chanti directed the concerned officials to take appropriate action and expedite the resolution process. He assured citizens that every genuine issue brought to his attention would be taken up with the relevant departments for prompt redressal.

Speaking on the occasion, the



MLA encouraged people to approach him directly with any problems they face and reiterated his commitment to public service. He said the coalition government is working with the objective of ensuring the welfare and development of all sections of society.

Badeti Chanti stated that several welfare schemes are being implemented across the state to improve the living standards of citizens and provide assistance to deserving beneficiaries. He added that

the government remains committed to introducing more welfare initiatives in the future to benefit people from all walks of life.

The MLA emphasized that public welfare remains the government's primary focus and that efforts are being made to ensure that development and welfare programmes reach every household.

TDP leaders, party workers, and supporters were also present during the grievance redressal programme.

Eluru Police Conduct Capacity-Building Workshop on AI and Advanced Technology in Policing

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, June 13: In a significant step toward modernizing policing through technology, Eluru District Superintendent of Police K. Pratap Shiva Kishore, IPS, organized a one-day capacity-building workshop on the use of advanced technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in police administration. The workshop was held at the Godavari Conference Hall in the Eluru Collectorate and was attended by police officers from all districts under the Eluru Range.

The programme was inaugurated by Ashok Kumar, who attended as the chief guest. Police officers from Eluru, West Godavari, East Godavari, Kakinada, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema districts participated in the training programme aimed at enhancing digital investigation skills and promoting AI-driven policing.

DHARMA App: A New Era in Smart Policing

During the workshop, K. Pratap Shiva Kishore explained the features and benefits of the DHARMA (Digital Holistic AI-Driven Response Management Assistant) App, a specialized AI-powered platform developed by the Eluru Police.

According to the SP, the app has significantly strengthened policing and criminal investigations through technology-driven solutions.

Key achievements highlighted include:

Improved Conviction Rates: Cases resulting in prison sentences exceeding five years increased from 18 to 38, reflecting better-quality investigations.

Increase in Life Imprisonment Convictions: Life imprisonment verdicts doubled from 12 to 24, demonstrating stronger prosecution outcomes.

Faster Case Disposal: Efficient workflows contributed to a 20 percent increase in case disposal, with resolved cases rising from 1,943 to 2,344.

AI-Based Drafting and



Documentation: Automated drafting, vetting, and documentation tools help officers save valuable time.

Advanced Evidence Analysis: AI-assisted examination of photographs, witness statements, evidence records, and charge sheets has improved the accuracy and comprehensiveness of investigations.

Vernacular AI Bot: Statements from citizens and witnesses can be recorded in a structured and error-free manner using local-language AI support.

Faster Justice Delivery: Technology-assisted investigations enable quicker case resolution and help ensure appropriate punishment for offenders.

The SP said training was provided to officers with the objective of expanding the use of AI tools and the DHARMA platform across all police stations in the region.

AI Transforming Modern Policing
Addressing the gathering, IG Ashok Kumar said Artificial Intelligence has evolved rapidly and is now capable of assisting in a wide range of professional tasks, including preparing reports, drafting official communications, and supporting investigations.

He observed that AI can help police personnel overcome challenges faced during investigations and court proceedings by handling a substantial portion of

routine documentation and data analysis, thereby saving time and improving efficiency.

The IG also emphasized the growing importance of AI in investigating complex financial and white-collar crimes. He noted that Eluru Police have already achieved encouraging results through the use of AI tools under the leadership of SP Pratap Shiva Kishore.

He urged police officers across all districts in the Eluru Range to make effective use of AI-powered applications such as DHARMA to improve service delivery and operational efficiency. At the same time, he advised officers to verify AI-generated information carefully, noting that while AI can provide highly accurate results, human oversight remains essential.

Strengthening Digital Policing

The workshop concluded with a call to expand the use of technology across the police department and provide citizens with faster, more transparent, and higher-quality services. Officials said the initiative would strengthen digital policing capabilities, improve investigative standards, and enhance public trust in law enforcement.

Among those present were DSP D. Sravan Kumar, inspectors, sub-inspectors, IT personnel, RSI Narendra, and police officers from various districts of the Eluru Range.

Balakrishna's Birthday Celebrations Grandly Organized in Kuwait with a Touch of Social Service

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kuwait, June 13: The birthday celebrations of renowned film actor, Hindupur MLA, Padma Bhushan awardee, and Natasimham Nandamuri Balakrishna were grandly organized in Kuwait under the auspices of the NTR Seva Samiti. During the event held on Friday, the auditorium reverberated with enthusiastic slogans of "Jai Balayya." On this occasion, fans cut a cake and extended their warm birthday wishes to Balakrishna.

The event was attended by chief guests including Gulf Council member Venkat Koduri, Janasena Kuwait President Yerramsetti Hari Royal, and Pravasandhra Telugu Desam Founder-President Mulakala Subbarayudu, who addressed the gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, Venkat Koduri stated that Balakrishna is not just a film actor but a great individual with a profound inclination toward public service. He noted that providing medical services to thousands of people through the Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute stands as a testament to his humanitarian perspective. He also lauded Balakrishna's distinct identity and dedication to public service.

Janasena Kuwait President Yerramsetti Hari Royal remarked that Balakrishna serves as an ideal role model in both the film industry and social service initiatives, adding that his philanthropic work is an inspiration to the youth.

Pravasandhra Telugu Desam Founder-President Mulakala Subbarayudu highlighted that Balakrishna has earned a special place as a legendary actor the Telugu community is proud of, and as a leader who has won the love of the people. He further mentioned that Balakrishna is successfully carrying forward the glorious legacy of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao while earning the appreciation of the public.

The President of the NTR Seva Samiti expressed that they consider it a privilege to organize the birthday celebrations of Balakrishna, who holds a permanent place in the hearts of the Telugu people. He wished for



Balakrishna to serve the public with good health and longevity for many more years to come.

As a special highlight of the celebrations showcasing Balakrishna's spirit of charity, financial assistance was announced for an ailing individual in Kuwait. The Lokesh Yuvasena Kuwait Committee members announced a financial aid of 25,000 Rupees, while Minority leader Gohar Ali contributed 5,000 Rupees.

The event saw large-scale participation from key NRI representatives, community leaders, and fans. Among those present who extended their wishes were NRI TDP Kuwait Treasurer Mohan Rachuri, Asma, Farwaniya and Hawally

Governorates President Mushtaq Khan, Reddeiah Chowdhury, Ravi Maliseti, NTR Seva Samiti Vice Presidents C.R. Ramesh Naidu and Gude Shankar, Nestam Foundation President Nagesh, Minority leader Arshad, Telugu Yuvatha President Murali Duggineni, Lokesh Yuvasena Kuwait President Srinivasulu, Janasena leaders Prasad, Mallikarjuna, and Settipalli Prasad.

Women's wing representatives Narayanamma, Devi Chowdhury, Vijaya, Saroja, Shashi, along with social workers Kannaiah, Mohan Reddy, and a vast number of Telugu diaspora representatives and fans also attended the program to make it a grand success.

TDP cadre must remain vigilant during voter list revision process: MLA Nakka

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vemuru, June 13: Vemuru MLA Nakka Anand Babu has urged party workers to remain alert and actively participate in the ongoing voter list revision process to ensure that all eligible voters are properly enrolled.

Addressing an extensive meeting of Telugu Desam Party activists at Padmavathi Kalyana Mandapam on Saturday, the MLA reviewed the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme and explained the importance of maintaining accurate electoral rolls.

Anand Babu stated that the Election Commission of India periodically undertakes comprehensive revisions of electoral rolls and that the current voter verification and revision exercise has commenced across the state. He said Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are conducting door-to-door verification

of voter details and updating electoral records.

The MLA advised party representatives appointed at the booth level to coordinate closely with BLOs and monitor the revision process carefully. He stressed that party leaders at the block and local levels should guide volunteers and assistants involved in the exercise and ensure that genuine voters are not left out of the electoral rolls.

He called upon party workers to assist eligible citizens in completing the required procedures so that every qualified individual is able to obtain voter registration and exercise their democratic right.

Anand Babu emphasized that vigilance during the voter revision process is essential to maintain accurate electoral records and ensure fair representation.

Vijay deverakonda and vikram K. Kumar set for an exciting new collaboration

Hyderabad, June 13 (GNS): Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda appears to be gearing up for an exciting new chapter in his career, with reports suggesting that he may soon join hands with acclaimed filmmaker Vikram K. Kumar. While an official announcement is yet to be made, industry buzz indicates that discussions are progressing positively, and the project could become one of the most talked-about collaborations in Telugu cinema.

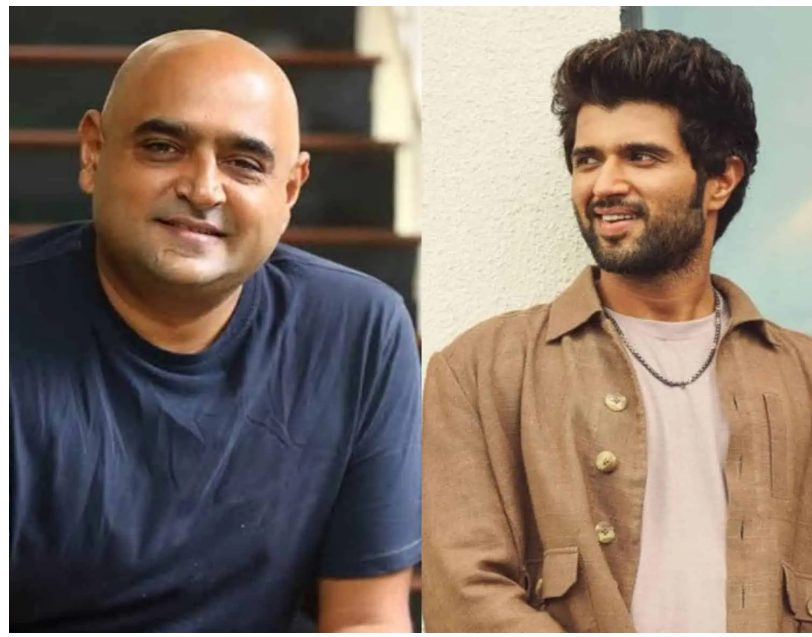
Vijay Deverakonda, known for his energetic screen presence and unconventional choice of roles, is currently occupied with multiple projects. The actor is working on Rowdy Janardhana and Ranabaali, while also preparing for another film under the direction of Shouryuv. Amid these commitments, the prospect of teaming up with Vikram K. Kumar has generated considerable excitement among movie lovers and industry observers alike.

Vikram K. Kumar enjoys a reputation for delivering unique and intellectually engaging films. Over the years, he has established himself as one of the few directors capable of blending commercial entertainment with innovative storytelling. Some of his most notable works include

Manam and 24, both of which earned critical acclaim for their fresh narratives and emotional depth. In particular, 24 stood out for its time-travel concept and technical brilliance, winning appreciation from audiences across India.

The filmmaker was last seen directing the web series Dootha for Amazon Prime Video, which received praise for its gripping narrative and supernatural elements. His previous theatrical release, Thank You, however, failed to make a significant impact at the box office. Despite that setback, Vikram continues to command respect within the industry because of his creative vision and ability to experiment with different genres.

According to reports circulating in film circles, a prominent Bollywood production house is interested in backing the Vijay-Vikram project. This development has added another layer of intrigue to the collaboration. If finalized, the film could be mounted on a large scale, potentially appealing to audiences beyond the Telugu-speaking market. What makes this combination particularly exciting is the possibility of Vikram crafting a distinctive role and story for Vijay Deverakonda. The actor has often thrived in characters that challenge



conventions, and Vikram's storytelling style could provide the perfect platform for him to showcase a new dimension of his talent. Fans are hopeful that the director will come up with a concept as innovative and impactful as 24, creating a memorable cinematic experience. For Vijay, this project could also represent an important opportunity to strengthen his position at the box office. While the actor remains one of Telugu cinema's most popular stars, some of his recent releases have not achieved

the desired commercial success. A strong collaboration with a visionary filmmaker like Vikram K. Kumar could help him bounce back in a big way.

Although details about the story, cast, and production schedule remain under wraps, reports suggest that the film could go on floors by the end of 2026. Until an official confirmation arrives, fans can only wait and hope that this promising combination becomes a reality. If it does, Telugu cinema may be in for something truly special.

Karuppu faces fresh criticism on OTT over questionable VFX usage



Chennai, June 13 (GNS): Suriya's fantasy-action drama Karuppu, which enjoyed a highly successful theatrical run earlier this year, is once again making headlines following its debut on OTT. The film, directed by RJ Balaji and released in Telugu under the title Veerabhadru, emerged as one of the biggest commercial successes in Suriya's career. However, its arrival on Prime Video has sparked a new wave of discussion, with viewers now pointing out technical flaws that largely escaped attention during its theatrical release. While the film was widely appreciated in cinemas for its engaging storyline, emotional moments, and powerful performances, OTT audiences have been taking a closer look at its visual presentation. One aspect that has attracted significant criticism is the use of face-swapping visual effects in several action sequences. Many viewers have expressed disappointment over the quality of these effects, arguing that they appear unnatural and distracting on smaller screens where details are easier to notice.

According to audience reactions on social media, the face-swap technology used during certain fight scenes has negatively affected the viewing experience. Instead of enhancing the action, some believe the visual effects make the scenes look artificial and reduce their impact. As clips from these sequences continue to circulate online, the film has become the subject of memes and trolling, with many users questioning why such effects were used in routine action moments.

Interestingly, these concerns were

not widely discussed during the film's theatrical run. The excitement surrounding the movie, combined with its strong story and star power, may have helped audiences overlook certain technical shortcomings. Industry observers note that if the criticism surrounding the visual effects had gained traction during the theatrical release, it could have influenced audience perception and potentially affected the film's box-office performance.

Despite the current criticism, Karuppu remains a significant success. The film tells the story of a lawyer who becomes possessed by a powerful deity and uses supernatural abilities to fight injustice faced by marginalized communities. The unique blend of fantasy, action, and social themes resonated strongly with audiences, helping the film achieve impressive commercial results.

Apart from Suriya, the film features Trisha and RJ Balaji in important roles, with both actors receiving appreciation for their performances. The project was produced by SR Prabhu and SR Prakash Babu under the Dream Warrior Pictures banner.

The ongoing debate surrounding Karuppu highlights how audience perception can change once a film reaches digital platforms. While the movie's success remains unquestioned, its OTT release has opened the door for viewers to re-examine certain aspects of its execution, particularly its visual effects. Even so, the film continues to be widely watched, proving that strong storytelling can often outweigh technical imperfections.

Deewana creates strong buzz ahead of release with emotion-packed trailer

Hyderabad, June 13 (GNS): The upcoming romantic drama Deewana has emerged as one of the most talked-about Telugu films in recent weeks, thanks to its impressive promotional campaign and highly impactful trailer. Starring Harshith Reddy in the lead role and directed by debutant filmmaker Sreekanth Sangishetty, the film is all set for a grand theatrical release on June 19. Backed by the prestigious Geetha Film Distributors, Deewana has steadily gained momentum and is now attracting significant attention from audiences, trade analysts, and industry insiders alike. What makes the film's growing popularity particularly noteworthy is the competition it faces at the box office. Deewana is scheduled to release alongside Samantha's much-anticipated Maa Inti Bangaaram, a film that many expected would dominate pre-release discussions due to its star power. However, the emotionally charged trailer of Deewana has managed to carve out its own space, generating widespread interest, especially among young moviegoers.

The recently held trailer launch event at AAA Cinemas further amplified the excitement surrounding the project. The event was attended by prominent personalities from the Telugu film industry, including veteran producer Allu Aravind, actor Vishwak

Sen, and several successful filmmakers. Their presence added credibility to the project and highlighted the confidence the industry has in the film. Following the trailer screening, many guests expressed their appreciation for the film's emotional depth, realistic storytelling, and heartfelt performances. One of the biggest strengths of Deewana appears to be its relatable narrative. Director Sreekanth Sangishetty has chosen to explore the theme of one-sided love, a subject that resonates strongly with younger audiences. Rather than presenting a conventional romantic story, the trailer suggests a deeply emotional journey filled with longing, heartbreak, and personal growth. The sincerity with which the story has been portrayed has struck a chord with viewers, leading to overwhelmingly positive reactions across social media platforms.

Trade experts are particularly impressed by the film's ability to generate such strong anticipation despite featuring a relatively young cast and crew. In an industry often driven by star power, Deewana has managed to stand out based on the strength of its content and promotional strategy. Many believe that the support of Allu Aravind and the involvement of Geetha Film



Distributors have played a crucial role in increasing the film's visibility and creating trust among audiences.

The trailer's success has also sparked discussions about the film's commercial prospects. Several industry observers feel that Deewana has the potential to surprise at the box office if the emotional impact seen in the trailer is maintained throughout the film. Some have even suggested that it could evolve into a cult romantic drama, remembered for its heartfelt storytelling and strong emotional connect.

As the release date approaches,

expectations continue to rise. The positive word of mouth generated by the trailer has placed Deewana firmly on the radar of movie lovers across Telugu-speaking regions. With growing excitement, strong industry backing, and an emotionally engaging premise, the film enters its final promotional phase with considerable momentum.

All eyes are now on June 19 to see whether Deewana can convert its impressive pre-release buzz into a successful theatrical run and establish itself as one of the standout romantic films of the year.

Devi sri prasad's musical brilliance elevates sing geetham to a unique cinematic experience

Hyderabad, June 13 (GNS): Sing Geetham, directed by veteran filmmaker Singeetam Srinivasa Rao, is winning praise from audiences for its unique storytelling style and emotional depth. While the film itself has been appreciated for its innovative concept, music director Devi Sri Prasad (DSP) has emerged as one of the biggest heroes behind its success.

The film stands out because it completely avoids conventional dialogues. Instead, every conversation between characters is presented through songs. This unusual format placed a huge responsibility on DSP, who had to compose music that not only entertained but also carried the narrative forward. Creating melodies that function as dialogues while maintaining emotional impact is a difficult task, making his achievement even more remarkable.

Known for delivering chartbusters in films like Pushpa, DSP has once

again showcased his versatility. In Sing Geetham, he moved away from commercial formulas and embraced a fresh creative challenge. His music seamlessly bends storytelling, emotions, and character development, ensuring that audiences remain engaged throughout the film's runtime.

Director Singeetam Srinivasa Rao himself praised DSP's contribution, stating that very few composers could have done justice to such an ambitious project.

The filmmaker believes DSP's understanding of the concept and willingness to experiment played a crucial role in bringing the film's vision to life. Particularly noteworthy are the musical themes in the second half and climax, which elevate the emotional intensity of the story. The background score and songs work together perfectly, creating a rich cinematic experience.

The support of Nag Ashwin and the team at Vyjayanthi Movies also



helped transform this dream project into reality. However, it is DSP's musical brilliance that forms the backbone of the film.

At a time when many films rely on loud and formula-driven music, Sing

Geetham offers something refreshingly different. Through his innovative work, Devi Sri Prasad has not only enhanced the film but also demonstrated how music can become the soul of storytelling itself.

June 15 hearing crucial in vijay divorce case



Chennai, June 13 (GNS): Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and actor-turned-politician Vijay is currently enjoying a successful political journey after achieving a historic victory in his first electoral attempt. However, attention is now shifting to a significant development in his personal life.

The divorce proceedings involving Vijay and his wife, Sangeeta, are scheduled to come up for hearing at a family court in Chennai on June 15. The hearing is expected to be crucial, as it could provide greater clarity on the future of their relationship.

In recent weeks, speculation has been growing about a possible reconciliation between the couple. Several media reports have suggested that Vijay and Sangeeta may be considering withdrawing their separation and reuniting for family reasons. However, none of these reports have been officially confirmed

by either side.

At the same time, public discussions have also focused on Vijay's recent appearances alongside actress Trisha, leading to further speculation about his personal life. Despite the rumors circulating on social media and in entertainment circles, there has been no official statement regarding the matter.

As the June 15 hearing approaches, public interest in Vijay and Sangeeta's divorce case continues to grow. While rumors of a reconciliation have for now, all eyes remain on the upcoming court hearing. The arguments and decisions made during the proceedings could play a key role in determining the direction of the case. Until then, reports about a possible reunion remain speculative, and only official developments from the court are likely to provide a clear picture of what lies ahead for Vijay and Sangeeta.

Dr. Reddy's secures major U.S. milestone with generic bosutinib launch

Hyderabad, June 13 (GNS): Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical giant Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has achieved a significant milestone in the U.S. healthcare market with the launch of Bosutinib Tablets 400 mg, a generic version of Bosulif, the cancer treatment originally developed by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Pfizer. The launch marks another important step in the company's strategy to strengthen its presence in the highly competitive generic medicines segment in the United States. The company announced that it has introduced the product as a first-to-market generic alternative, giving it a notable advantage in the marketplace. Bosutinib is used in the treatment of certain forms of leukemia, a type of blood cancer that affects thousands of patients worldwide. By offering a generic version of the medication, Dr. Reddy's aims to improve access to treatment while also helping reduce healthcare costs for patients and providers.

One of the most significant aspects of this launch is Dr. Reddy's first-to-file status. In the U.S. pharmaceutical industry, a company that is the first to file an abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) for a generic version of a branded medicine may qualify for a 180-day period of market exclusivity. During this period, no other generic competitor can enter the market with the same product strength, providing the company with a valuable commercial opportunity.

According to Dr. Reddy's, Bosutinib Tablets 400 mg qualifies for this exclusivity benefit in the United



States. This gives the company a temporary competitive edge and allows it to establish a strong presence in the market before additional generic manufacturers can launch similar products.

The development and manufacturing of the product were carried out by MSN, which partnered in bringing the medication to market. The collaboration reflects the growing role of Indian pharmaceutical companies in developing affordable alternatives to complex and high-cost medicines. The U.S. remains one of the most important markets for generic drug manufacturers worldwide. Successful product launches in the country not only generate significant revenue opportunities but also enhance a company's reputation for regulatory compliance, manufacturing quality, and innovation. For Dr. Reddy's, the Bosutinib launch adds to a long list of generic medicines introduced in the U.S. market and reinforces its position as one of India's leading pharmaceutical exporters.

Industry experts believe that demand for affordable cancer treatments will continue to rise as healthcare systems seek cost-effective solutions without compromising quality. Generic medicines play a crucial role in this effort by making life-saving therapies more accessible to patients.

With the launch of Bosutinib Tablets 400 mg, Dr. Reddy's has strengthened its oncology portfolio while demonstrating its ability to successfully navigate the complex regulatory and competitive landscape of the U.S. pharmaceutical market. The achievement is expected to contribute positively to the company's growth prospects and further establish its reputation as a key player in the global generics industry.

As healthcare costs remain a major concern worldwide, initiatives such as this underscore the importance of affordable medicines in improving patient access to critical treatments and advancing global healthcare outcomes.

Anthropic restricts access to new AI models following U.S. national security directive

California, June 13 (GNS): Artificial intelligence company Anthropic has announced the suspension of access to its recently launched AI models, Fable 5 and Mythos 5, after receiving a directive from the U.S. government citing national security concerns. The move comes just days after the public release of Fable 5 and has sparked discussions across the technology industry about the growing role of government oversight in advanced AI development.

According to the company, the decision was made in compliance with an official order that prohibits all foreign nationals from accessing the two models. The restriction applies not only to external users but also to foreign employees working within Anthropic itself. The announcement marks one of the most significant government interventions in the deployment of advanced artificial intelligence systems to date.

In a statement published on its official blog, Anthropic revealed that it received the directive only three days after launching Fable 5. While the government order did not specify the exact technical concerns behind the decision, the company indicated that officials believe a method may have been discovered to bypass or "jailbreak" the model's safety mechanisms.

A jailbreak refers to techniques that allow users to circumvent built-in safeguards designed to prevent AI systems from generating harmful, restricted, or dangerous outputs. Anthropic stated that its understanding is that government



authorities are concerned that such a vulnerability could potentially enable the models to assist in cyberattacks or other malicious activities.

The restrictions also extend to Mythos 5, another advanced AI model released alongside Fable 5. Although details regarding the capabilities of the models remain limited, both systems were introduced as powerful next-generation AI platforms intended to support a wide range of applications, including research, business operations, software development, and content creation. The development highlights the increasing tension between rapid advancements in artificial intelligence and concerns surrounding national security. Governments around the world have been exploring ways to regulate highly capable AI systems amid fears that they could be misused for cybercrime, disinformation campaigns, or other harmful purposes

if adequate safeguards are not maintained.

For Anthropic, the decision represents a significant challenge. The company has positioned itself as a leader in AI safety and responsible development, emphasizing rigorous testing and security measures before releasing its models. Nevertheless, the government's action demonstrates that concerns about advanced AI capabilities remain high, even among organizations that prioritize safety.

As AI technology continues to evolve rapidly, the balance between innovation, accessibility, and security is likely to remain a central issue. Anthropic's suspension of access to Fable 5 and Mythos 5 serves as a reminder that advanced AI development is increasingly becoming a matter not only of technological progress but also of national and global security considerations.

Wall street rallies as spaceX makes historic stock market debut

New York, June 13 (GNS): U.S. stock markets ended the week on a strong note, driven by investor optimism surrounding potential diplomatic progress between the United States and Iran and the blockbuster stock market debut of SpaceX. The aerospace company's long-awaited initial public offering (IPO) became the dominant story on Wall Street, attracting massive investor interest and helping lift overall market sentiment. Shares of SpaceX began trading on the Nasdaq on June 12 and immediately captured the attention of investors worldwide. The stock closed its first trading session at \$160.95 per share, representing a gain of 19.2% from its IPO price of \$135. The impressive debut pushed the company's market capitalization to approximately \$2.1 trillion, making it one of the most valuable publicly traded companies in the world. The successful listing marked a historic moment for financial markets. SpaceX's IPO is being viewed as one of the largest and most significant public offerings ever witnessed on Wall Street. Investor enthusiasm reflected confidence in the company's leadership position in the space industry, including satellite communications, rocket launches, and

future space exploration initiatives.

Market participants closely monitored the stock throughout the day, with trading volumes remaining exceptionally high. Analysts noted that the strong debut demonstrated the continued appetite among investors for innovative technology and aerospace companies, particularly those led by high-profile entrepreneur Elon Musk. In addition to the excitement surrounding SpaceX, investors were encouraged by developments on the geopolitical front. Reports suggested that the United States and Iran were moving closer to an agreement that could help end ongoing hostilities between the two countries. According to senior U.S. officials, a draft proposal had been prepared and was reportedly viewed favorably by both sides. The possibility of a diplomatic breakthrough improved market confidence, as investors generally favor stability in global affairs. Reduced geopolitical tensions often lower concerns about disruptions to international trade, energy markets, and economic growth. U.S. President Donald Trump has repeatedly indicated since March that a deal with Iran was within reach, and recent developments appeared to reinforce



that expectation. The combination of positive geopolitical news and the successful SpaceX debut created a favorable environment for equities. Major U.S. stock indexes finished the session higher as investors embraced a more optimistic outlook. Technology and growth-oriented stocks were among the strongest performers, benefiting from the enthusiasm generated by SpaceX's public listing. Financial experts believe the IPO could have a lasting impact on market trends. The strong performance may encourage other high-profile private companies to consider going public, potentially opening a new chapter for the IPO market after a period of caution and

uncertainty. While investors remain attentive to economic data, interest rates, and global developments, the day's trading highlighted the influence that major corporate events and geopolitical progress can have on market sentiment. SpaceX's successful market debut not only created history for the company but also provided a powerful boost to Wall Street. As trading moves into the coming weeks, investors will continue watching whether SpaceX can maintain its momentum and whether diplomatic efforts between the United States and Iran translate into a lasting agreement. Both developments are likely to remain key drivers of market attention in the near term.

DOJ clears paramount-warner bros. mega merger



Washington, June 13 (GNS): In a landmark decision for the global entertainment industry, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has approved Paramount Skydance Corp's proposed \$110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery. The clearance removes one of the biggest regulatory hurdles facing the deal and paves the way for the creation of a media powerhouse that could significantly reshape the competitive landscape of film, television, and streaming services. The DOJ's Antitrust Division announced that, after an extensive review process lasting eight months, it concluded that the transaction was unlikely to harm competition or negatively affect consumers. The agency stated that it carefully examined the potential impact of the merger across multiple segments of the entertainment industry, including streaming platforms, traditional television networks, film production, and content distribution. The review involved consultations with a broad range of stakeholders from across the media and entertainment sectors. Regulators assessed whether the combined company would gain excessive market power, limit consumer choices, raise prices, or create barriers for competitors. After evaluating the evidence, the DOJ determined that the merger would not substantially reduce competition in the markets under consideration. The approval marks a major victory for both Paramount Skydance and Warner Bros. Discovery. Together, the companies possess some of the most recognizable brands and intellectual properties in the entertainment world. The combined portfolio is expected to include a vast collection of film franchises, television networks, streaming content, and production studios, giving the merged entity a

stronger position in the increasingly competitive media market.

Industry analysts believe the merger reflects the ongoing transformation of the entertainment business. As streaming services continue to dominate audience consumption habits, media companies have been under pressure to expand their content libraries, strengthen their global reach, and improve operational efficiency. Consolidation has become a common strategy for achieving these goals. Supporters of the transaction argue that combining resources will allow the new company to compete more effectively against major streaming giants and technology-driven entertainment platforms. They believe the merger will create opportunities for larger investments in content production, innovation, and international expansion. However, some observers remain cautious about the growing concentration of media ownership. Critics of large-scale mergers often warn that industry consolidation could eventually reduce diversity in content creation and limit opportunities for smaller competitors. Despite these concerns, regulators concluded that the specific circumstances of this deal did not justify blocking the transaction. The approval also highlights the evolving approach of antitrust authorities toward mergers in the digital era. Rather than focusing solely on traditional market share metrics, regulators increasingly examine how transactions affect competition across streaming, advertising, content licensing, and emerging entertainment technologies.

With regulatory approval secured, attention will now turn to how effectively the merged company leverages its vast collection of assets to compete in a rapidly changing global media environment.

SpaceX IPO makes Elon musk the world's first trillionaire

New York, June 13 (GNS): Elon Musk achieved a historic financial milestone on June 12 as the successful public debut of SpaceX propelled his net worth beyond the trillion-dollar mark, making him the world's first trillionaire. The landmark achievement followed the largest initial public offering (IPO) in history, with SpaceX attracting enormous investor interest on its first day of trading. Shares of SpaceX surged 11% to close at \$150, significantly above their IPO price. The company's blockbuster listing raised more than \$75 billion, highlighting strong market confidence in SpaceX's future prospects in space exploration, satellite communications, and advanced aerospace technologies. The IPO quickly became

one of the most talked-about events on Wall Street. Investors viewed the company as a leader in the rapidly expanding space industry, with ambitious plans that extend far beyond Earth. During the launch celebrations, Elon Musk reiterated his long-term vision of making humanity a multi-planetary species, emphasizing SpaceX's goal of establishing a human presence on Mars. The remarkable rise in SpaceX's valuation significantly increased Musk's wealth, pushing him past the trillion-dollar threshold. The achievement further cements his position as one of the most influential figures in technology and business, with interests spanning electric vehicles, artificial intelligence, social media, and space

exploration. Market analysts believe the success of the SpaceX IPO could trigger a new wave of major public offerings in the technology sector. Several artificial intelligence companies are reportedly preparing for stock market listings in the coming months, encouraged by the overwhelming investor demand seen during SpaceX's debut. The strong performance also reflects growing investor enthusiasm for innovative companies operating in emerging industries. As governments and private enterprises increase investments in space technology, many analysts expect SpaceX to remain at the forefront of the sector. With a record-breaking IPO, a soaring share price, and a historic



personal wealth milestone for Musk, SpaceX's market debut has become one of the defining business stories of 2026 and may signal the beginning of a new era for technology and aerospace investments.

Is Indian cricket looking at its next superstar?

(Our Special Correspondent)

New Delhi, June 13: Former South African fast-bowling legend Dale Steyn has done exactly that with his latest comments on teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. The legendary pacer, who has seen generations of cricketers come and go, believes the young Indian prodigy could one day surpass even the achievements of icons like Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli. Such a statement would be remarkable if it were made about an established international star. What makes it extraordinary is that Steyn was speaking about a player who is just 15 years old.

"This kid could end up being bigger than Sachin and Virat combined by the time his career is over," Steyn reportedly said, sending shockwaves through cricket circles and sparking widespread debate among fans and experts alike.

The player at the center of this excitement is Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, the latest wonderkid to emerge from India's seemingly endless production line of cricketering talent.

By the end of IPL 2026, Sooryavanshi had become a household name. Fearlessly taking on some of the world's best bowlers, the young left-hander produced a stunning season that earned him the Orange Cap. His tally of 776 runs not only established him as one of the tournament's biggest stars but also secured him a place in India's T20 squad for the upcoming tours of Ireland and England.

However, according to Steyn, the numbers tell only part of the story.

What truly stands out is Sooryavanshi's fearless approach. Despite his age, he displays remarkable confidence under pressure. His ability to strike the ball cleanly, dominate bowling attacks, and play with maturity beyond his years has convinced many that he possesses something special. Yet amid all the praise, Steyn offered a significant

Dale Steyn's Prediction About Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Has Everyone Talking

Some compliments are routine. Others leave the cricketering world stunned



warning. The former fast bowler believes Indian cricket must be extremely careful in managing the teenager's development. History has shown that extraordinary talent alone does not guarantee a legendary career. Young stars often face immense pressure from expectations, media attention, and the weight of public scrutiny.

According to Steyn, nurturing a player of Sooryavanshi's potential requires patience, protection, and long-term planning.

His concern is understandable. Cricket has witnessed numerous prodigies whose careers never reached the heights predicted for them. The challenge is not merely identifying talent but ensuring it flourishes over the years.

Steyn also pointed out that despite all the hype, Sooryavanshi remains a young player with areas that opponents can target. He suggested

that fast bowlers could test the youngster with aggressive short-pitched bowling and psychological pressure.

"Fear is part of cricket," Steyn noted, emphasizing that the mental battle often plays as big a role as technical skill. Experienced bowlers, he believes, will attempt to challenge Sooryavanshi's temperament as much as his technique. Interestingly, Steyn also took time to praise Virat Kohli, highlighting the veteran's ability to remain motivated and competitive despite the arrival of a new generation of stars. Maintaining hunger and consistency for nearly two decades, he said, is one of Kohli's greatest achievements.

The timing of Steyn's comments is significant. Cricket currently finds itself at a fascinating crossroads. While legends such as Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli continue to

inspire millions, a new generation is beginning to capture the spotlight.

Among them, no name is generating more excitement right now than Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

The teenager's rise has been rapid, but the journey ahead remains long. Talent has never been in doubt. The bigger question is whether he can handle the enormous expectations that now surround him.

Can he truly become the global superstar that Dale Steyn believes he can be? Can he live up to comparisons with some of the greatest players the sport has ever seen?

Only time will provide those answers.

For now, one thing is clear: Indian cricket may have discovered another rare gem. The challenge is ensuring that this extraordinary talent is guided carefully enough to fulfill its immense promise.

MODI-TRUMP MEETING SET TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT G7 SUMMIT

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this year had further strengthened ties, elevating the relationship to a new level of strategic cooperation.

Trade Deal Likely to Dominate Discussions

According to diplomatic sources, a long-pending India-U.S. trade agreement is expected to be one of the central topics of discussion during the Modi-Trump meeting. Despite several rounds of high-level negotiations, the two countries have yet to finalize a comprehensive trade pact.

India is likely to seek relief from certain U.S. tariffs and raise concerns regarding market access and trade barriers. Officials believe both sides will explore ways to accelerate negotiations and address outstanding issues that have delayed the agreement.

H-1B Visas and Technology Cooperation

The H-1B visa programme, which is of critical importance to Indian technology professionals working in the United States, is also expected to feature prominently in the talks. India has consistently advocated for a stable and transparent visa framework to facilitate the movement of skilled professionals.

In addition, discussions are likely to cover cooperation in emerging technologies, digital innovation, artificial intelligence, and semiconductor manufacturing, areas where both countries have been seeking deeper collaboration.

Energy Security and Middle East Tensions

The meeting comes amid heightened tensions in the Middle East, particularly

involving the United States and Iran. The ongoing uncertainty has increased pressure on global energy markets and raised concerns about oil supply stability.

As one of the world's largest energy consumers, India is expected to emphasize the importance of energy security and stable global oil prices. The leaders may also exchange views on regional security developments and their potential impact on the global economy.

Maritime Security on the Agenda

Another key issue expected to be discussed is maritime security. Recent attacks on commercial vessels operating in the Gulf region have heightened concerns about the safety of international shipping routes. Given India's significant dependence on maritime trade and the presence of Indian sailors on commercial ships, safeguarding sea lanes has become a strategic priority.

Strengthening a Strategic Partnership

Although differences have emerged between the two countries on certain issues in recent months, analysts believe the Modi-Trump meeting will focus on strengthening cooperation in areas such as trade, defence, technology, security, and energy. The upcoming talks are being viewed as an important opportunity for both nations to reaffirm their commitment to a long-term strategic partnership and address challenges through dialogue and cooperation.

With several global issues demanding coordinated responses, the Modi-Trump meeting at the G7 Summit is expected to play a crucial role in shaping the next phase of India-U.S. relations.

MLA JC Asmith Reddy Distributes Modern Equipment to Handloom Weavers

(Our Reporter)

Tadipatri, June 13: As part of the Sri Chintala Venkataramana Swamy Cluster Development Scheme, MLA JC Asmith Reddy distributed modern handloom equipment worth ₹49 lakh to 180 handloom weavers at his residence in Tadipatri on Saturday. Beneficiaries from Gannevaripalli Colony, Erraguntapalli, Chinna Polamada, Pedda Polamada, and Akkampalli villages received the equipment. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the government is giving priority to the development of the handloom sector and the welfare of weavers. He advised handloom artisans to adopt modern technologies in line with changing times and produce higher-quality products. He expressed hope that by weaving



innovative and attractive handloom sarees, the weavers would bring recognition to the cluster and strengthen their economic position. The MLA stated that the modern equipment provided by the government would reduce the physical strain on weavers, increase productivity, and remain useful for a long period. He emphasized that the handloom sector is the backbone of the rural economy and assured continued support for the welfare and development of weavers in the future. TDP leaders, party workers, handloom weavers, and others participated in the program.

IAS Officer Kona heads to Mid-Career training amid ongoing DSC debate

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the continuing debate.

Temporary Administrative Arrangements

To ensure continuity in governance, the state government has assigned additional charge of the departments currently handled by Kona Sasidhar to J. Syamala Rao, Principal Secretary (Political).

Similarly, the government has directed officials to make suitable in-charge arrangements for the responsibilities currently handled by P.S. Pradyumna as Secretary to the Chief Minister. Temporary arrangements are also being made for the position of Joint Director General of the Andhra Pradesh Human Resource Development Institute (APHRDI), another responsibility currently held by Pradyumna.

Why the Training Matters
The Mid-Career Training Programme conducted by LBSNAA is considered one of the most prestigious professional development programmes for IAS officers in India. It focuses on leadership development, policy formulation, governance reforms, and advanced administrative skills.

While the programme itself is an important milestone in the careers of senior civil servants, this year's training has attracted additional attention because of the ongoing political debate over the Mega DSC recruitment process and Kona Sasidhar's prominent role in defending the government's position.

As the officer heads to Mussoorie for the month-long programme, observers will be closely watching how the political discourse surrounding the DSC issue evolves in his absence.

GILL LEADS INDIA TO COMFORTABLE WIN OVER AFGHANISTAN

India chase down 195, win by 7 wickets with 13 balls remaining in ODI opener at Dharamsala

Dharamsala, June 13:

India began their ODI series against Afghanistan in style, securing a convincing seven-wicket victory in the first One-Day International at Dharamsala on Friday.

Chasing a target of 195 runs, the hosts reached 195/3 in 22.5 overs, thanks to an unbeaten half-century from captain Shubman Gill and a fiery finish by KL Rahul.

India now lead the three-match series 1-0.

GURBAZ'S TON IN VAIN

Put into bat, Afghanistan were powered by a brilliant century from opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who smashed 102 off 51 balls, including 8 fours and 8 sixes. However, regular wickets at the other end restricted them to 194 all out in 24.5 overs.

Apart from Gurbaz, Azmatullah Omarzai (26) and captain Hashmatullah Shahidi (27) offered useful contributions, but the rest of the batting line-up failed to fire.

DEBUTANTS MAKE IMPACT

Gurnoor Brar impressed on his ODI debut with 3 wickets, while Harsh Dubey also picked up 3 crucial wickets.

SOLID START FOR TEAM INDIA

The all-round performance with both bat and ball gives India a perfect start to the ODI series against Afghanistan.

NEXT MATCH

The second ODI between India and Afghanistan will be played on June 16 at the same venue.



Shubman Gill scored an unbeaten 84 off 66 balls to guide India home.

AFGHANISTAN INNINGS 194 (24.5 OVERS)

Rahmanullah Gurbaz	102 (51)
Azmatullah Omarzai	26 (16)
Hashmatullah Shahidi (c)	27 (30)

BOWLING (INDIA)

Gurnoor Brar	3/27
Harsh Dubey	3/47
Arshdeep Singh	2/28
Nitish Kumar Reddy	2/31

INDIA INNINGS 195/3 (22.5 OVERS)

Shubman Gill (c)	84* (66)
KL Rahul	39* (19)
Ishan Kishan	34 (22)

BOWLING (AFGHANISTAN)

Rashid Khan	1/20
Azmatullah Omarzai	1/28
Ziaur Rahman	1/50

INDIA WON BY 7 WICKETS (WITH 13 BALLS REMAINING)

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Rahmanullah Gurbaz scored a superb 102 off 51 balls but lacked support.
- India bowlers shared wickets to restrict Afghanistan to 194.
- Shubman Gill anchored the chase with a calm and composed unbeaten 84.
- KL Rahul's unbeaten 39 off 19 balls ensured a comfortable finish.

TOP PERFORMERS

Rahmanullah Gurbaz (AFG)

102 (51)
8 Fours | 8 Sixes

Shubman Gill (IND)

84* (66)
11 Fours | 2 Sixes

Gurnoor Brar (IND)

3/27
4 Overs

Complete health and fuel savings through cycling: DRO Gangadhar Goud's Call

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, June 13: District Revenue Officer (DRO) G Gangadhar Goud said that cycling contributes greatly to environmental protection as well as mental and physical fitness.

Responding to the call of State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, and as the District Collector has been attending programs by bicycle, DRO Gangadhar Goud is also attending the 'Yogendra 2026' programs on a bicycle.

Speaking on the occasion, DRO Gangadhar Goud stated that in today's mechanical living conditions, using a bicycle provides complete health. He explained that besides personal health, it saves fuel, thereby giving the satisfaction of indirectly contributing our part to environmental



protection.

Taking inspiration from DRO Gangadhar Goud, Gurajala Srinivasa Rao, General Secretary of the Manavata Voluntary Service Organization and Headmaster of a Government School, attended the 'Yogendra 2026' programs on a bicycle. Speaking on the matter, he expressed happiness

that he came by bicycle and did yoga following the district officer's call, and that it not only saves fuel but also gives immense physical satisfaction.

On this occasion, many appreciated District Revenue Officer G. Gangadhar Goud for inspiring everyone by coming on a bicycle despite being a senior official...

HIV and AIDS Act 2017 Provides Protection and Support for Affected Individuals

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kakinada, June 13: A workshop on the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 was organized on Saturday at the Tallarevu headquarters of Bhimabai Mahila Mandali. The programme was attended by officials from Samarlakota and I. Polavaram mandals and aimed to create awareness about the legal rights and protections available to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Speaking on the occasion, Vasamsetti Nandivardhana, Project Director of Bhimabai Mahila Mandali, said that the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 serves as a vital safeguard for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their family members. He emphasized that discrimination,

harassment, or stigmatization of people affected by HIV/AIDS is punishable under the law.



Nandivardhana urged society to treat HIV-positive individuals and their families with compassion, dignity, and empathy, rather than prejudice and exclusion.

He noted that creating a supportive environment is essential for ensuring their well-being and

social inclusion.

Advocate Jhansi, who participated in the workshop, provided a detailed explanation of the provisions of the Act, including the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, protection against discrimination, confidentiality of medical information, and access to healthcare and welfare services.

The workshop focused on strengthening awareness among government officials and stakeholders about the legal framework designed to protect the rights of HIV-affected individuals and promote a more inclusive society.

Staff members of Bhimabai Mahila Mandali and other participants attended the programme.

Kakinada Collector honours blood donation activist on World Blood Donor Day



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kakinada District, June 13: In recognition of his outstanding contribution to voluntary blood donation, V.R.N.B. Prasad, a resident of P. Mallavaram village in Tallarevu Mandal, was felicitated on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day.

Prasad was honoured by M. N. Harendra Prasad and Y. D. Rama Rao with a shawl and a special memento in appreciation of his dedicated efforts in supporting blood donation initiatives. For several years, Prasad has been actively organizing large-scale blood donation camps, particularly on September 2, marking the birthdays of Pawan Kalyan and Chiranjeevi. The camps are conducted to support children suffering from thalassemia and other patients requiring regular blood transfusions.

Under his leadership, blood donation drives held at P. Mallavaram

have collected more than 150 units of blood, which have been donated to the Indian Red Cross Society Blood Bank. In addition to organizing donation camps, Prasad has played a key role in arranging voluntary blood donors during medical emergencies, helping save numerous lives across the region.

The district administration and Red Cross officials commended his commitment to humanitarian service and his efforts in promoting voluntary blood donation. They noted that such initiatives not only strengthen healthcare services but also inspire more people to contribute to society through lifesaving acts of generosity.

The felicitation was held as part of the observance of World Blood Donor Day, which recognizes and celebrates voluntary blood donors for their invaluable contribution to public health and patient care.

West Godavari gears up for grand international Yoga Day 2026 celebrations

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bhimavaram, June 13, 2026: West Godavari District Collector Chadalavada Nagarani has announced extensive arrangements for the grand celebration of International Yoga Day 2026 across the district. The initiative aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage people from all walks of life to embrace yoga for physical and mental well-being.

As part of the celebrations, a special Yogandhra Programme under the District Tourist Temple Yoga initiative will be conducted on June 14 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the premises of Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Temple in Penugonda. District-level officials, government employees, staff from various departments, and local authorities have been urged to participate and ensure the success of the programme.

The Collector also appealed to members of the Vasavi Club, Walkers' Clubs, voluntary organizations, youth associations, and residents of Penugonda to take part in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

Online Yoga Event on June 14 Aims for Guinness World Record

A major highlight of this year's celebrations will be an online yoga session scheduled for June 14 from



6:15 a.m. to 7:35 a.m., organized with the goal of setting a Guinness World Record. The Collector instructed officials to encourage maximum participation from government employees and the general public.

Interested participants can register through the toll-free number 1800-315-7008 and join the session individually using their mobile phones or laptops. The Collector noted that

each individual connection will be counted toward the Guinness World Record attempt, making widespread participation crucial for achieving the milestone.

Registration on Yoga Sangam Portal Mandatory

To streamline International Yoga Day activities, all government offices, urban local bodies, gram panchayats, educational institutions, community-

based organizations, and voluntary groups have been directed to register on the Yoga Sangam portal.

Registration can be completed through:

Yoga Sangam Portal
Massive "Yoga Sangam" Events Planned for June 21

The Collector announced that large-scale "Yoga Sangam" programmes will be organized throughout West Godavari district on June 21, 2026, marking International Yoga Day. Yoga sessions will be held at government offices, educational institutions, villages, towns, parks, and community centres to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga.

Organizations conducting yoga events have been instructed to upload photographs, participant details, and event reports to the Yoga Sangam portal after completion of the programmes.

Emphasizing the importance of yoga in enhancing both physical and mental health, Collector Nagarani called upon government officials, public representatives, youth, women, students, and citizens to actively participate in the celebrations.

She urged everyone to help spread this year's message:

"Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

Vijayawada Gears Up for International Yoga Day Celebrations; Chief Minister to Attend Event



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, June 13: Elaborate arrangements are being made for the International Yoga Day celebrations to be held on June 21 at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium in Vijayawada, with N. Chandrababu Naidu scheduled to attend as the chief guest.

Reviewing the preparations on Saturday, G. Lakshminsha directed officials to ensure flawless arrangements for the large-scale event. The Collector inspected the stadium along with M. Rajasekhar Babu, H. M. Dhyana Chandra, S. Ilakkiya, and other senior officials.

Speaking during the inspection, Collector Lakshminsha said that around 5,000 yoga practitioners, students, and members of the public are expected to participate in the event. He instructed all departments to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme.

Special emphasis has been placed on providing adequate drinking water, medical facilities, sanitation,

electricity, traffic management, and security arrangements for participants. Municipal, police, and other government departments have been asked to closely monitor preparations at the ground level.

The Collector also directed officials to prepare a contingency plan in case of adverse weather conditions. If rain affects the outdoor event, the programme will be shifted to Ambedkar Kalavedika, where all necessary facilities are being arranged in advance.

Officials have been instructed to ensure that participants, students, and yoga enthusiasts attending the event face no inconvenience. Coordination among all departments is being prioritized to complete the arrangements well ahead of the programme.

The inspection was attended by district-level officers from various government departments, who reviewed the venue and discussed the logistics required for the successful conduct of the International Yoga Day celebrations.

Collector inspects AYUSH Hospital, calls for expansion of healthcare services

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, June 13: Bapatla District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar V. has emphasized the need to expand AYUSH primary healthcare services to ensure better access to traditional medical treatment for rural residents. The Collector made these remarks during a surprise inspection of the AYUSH Primary Health Centre at Upputuru village in Parchur Mandal on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, the Collector visited the Addanki Nancharamma Temple in Parchur and offered special prayers. He later inspected the functioning of the AYUSH hospital and reviewed the facilities available to patients.

During the visit, Dr. Vinod Kumar stated that AYUSH medical services, which have been an integral part of India's traditional healthcare system for centuries, should be made easily accessible to people in rural areas. He expressed concern over the fact that the AYUSH hospital was operating from a small room within the Swarna Gram Secretariat and sought details from local officials regarding the situation.

Villagers informed the Collector that the previous AYUSH hospital building had been demolished after becoming dilapidated and requested that a new facility be constructed on the same site. Responding to their concerns, the Collector inspected the proposed location and assured residents that efforts would be made to improve healthcare infrastructure in the village.

Local residents also appealed to the Collector to ensure uninterrupted AYUSH medical services without causing inconvenience to patients.



Taking immediate note of the issue, Dr. Vinod Kumar directed the constituency in-charge officer to shift the hospital to a more suitable location without delay. He further instructed officials to prepare and submit proposals for the construction of a dedicated AYUSH hospital building.

The Collector reiterated the district

administration's commitment to strengthening healthcare facilities and improving public access to traditional medicine services. Among those present during the inspection were RDO A. Harikumar, District AYUSH Nodal Officer Dr. D. Chandrasekar, Medical and Health Department Officer Dr. S. Vijayamma, and other officials.

Young Prodigy Earns International Book of Records Recognition, Felicitated by MLA

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, June 13: A young student from Katrenikona has brought laurels to the district by securing a place in the International Book of Records. The achievement was appreciated by Datla Subbaraju, who congratulated the child and his family.

Eight-year-old Kushal Naga Venkat, a native of Katrenikona village and a Class III student at Delhi Public School Amalapuram, achieved the remarkable feat by reciting the square values of numbers from 1 to 80 in just 1 minute, 29.33 seconds.

The accomplishment earned him a place in the International Book of Records, adding to his growing list of achievements. Kushal had previously secured recognition in the India Book of Records, making his latest international recognition even more significant.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Datla Subbaraju praised the young boy's extraordinary talent, dedication, and hard work. He said it was a matter of pride that

a student from the constituency had earned recognition on an international



platform at such a young age.

The MLA expressed confidence that Kushal would continue to achieve greater milestones in the future and bring further recognition to the district, the state, and the country. He also congratulated the boy's parents for encouraging and supporting his academic and intellectual pursuits.

Kushal Naga Venkat and his family later met the MLA, who personally felicitated and encouraged the young achiever for his outstanding performance.

Free Eye Screening Camp Conducted for Forest Village Communities in Coringa



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kakinada, June 13: A free eye screening camp was organized on Saturday at the Coringa Forest Complex under the aegis of the Kakinada Forest Department, in collaboration with ALI Foundation and Sri Surya Eye Hospital.

The camp was conducted for residents of villages belonging to 20 Environmental Development Committees (EDCs) operating in and around the forest region. As part of the initiative, participants were provided with comprehensive eye examinations free of cost, helping identify vision-related issues and promoting awareness about eye health.

The programme aimed to improve access to basic healthcare services for communities living in forest and coastal areas, where specialized medical facilities are often limited.

Speaking on the occasion, forest officials highlighted the importance of regular eye check-ups for the early detection and treatment of vision problems. Medical professionals from Sri Surya Eye Hospital conducted the screenings and offered guidance on eye care and preventive measures.

The camp was attended by Coringa Forest Range Officer S.S.R. Vara Prasad, forest department staff, doctors and healthcare personnel from Sri Surya Eye Hospital, local elders, and beneficiaries from various villages.

Participants appreciated the initiative and expressed hope that similar health camps would be organized regularly to benefit rural and forest-dependent communities.

Extensive fogging drive launched across the city to curb seasonal diseases

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, June 13: Protecting public health through the prevention of seasonal diseases remains a top priority, said Guntur Municipal Corporation Commissioner K. Mayur Ashok. As part of this effort, the corporation's Malaria Wing has intensified fogging operations and undertaken a range of anti-malaria measures across the city.

With the onset of the monsoon season and changing weather conditions contributing to an increase in mosquito breeding, the civic body has adopted a proactive strategy to control mosquito populations. The Commissioner stated that a special ward-wise pin-point programme is being implemented across all city wards with a well-planned schedule.

At present, anti-mosquito operations are being carried out using 28 hand-held fogging machines, three vehicle-mounted fogging units, and 60 spray machines. Fogging and chemical spraying activities are being conducted regularly, covering everything from



narrow lanes to major roads and culvert areas to prevent mosquito infestation.

The Commissioner also revealed that drones are being deployed to spray insecticides in ponds, water bodies, and stagnant water locations that are difficult to access through conventional methods.

To strengthen field-level operations, around 180 malaria workers have been engaged in anti-malaria activities. Their responsibilities extend beyond fogging to include comprehensive mosquito-

control measures. These include identifying stagnant water sources, placing oil balls in mosquito-breeding spots, and releasing Gambusia fish in waterlogged areas to control mosquito larvae naturally.

Highlighting the effectiveness of biological control methods, Mayur Ashok said the corporation is focusing on eco-friendly mosquito management. Nearly three million Gambusia fish are being released this season to significantly reduce mosquito larvae populations. Releasing

these fish in stagnant water bodies helps eliminate larvae at an early stage, preventing mosquito breeding before it becomes a public health concern.

The Commissioner urged residents to actively support the corporation's efforts by ensuring that water does not stagnate in and around their homes. Public participation, he said, is crucial for the successful prevention of mosquito-borne diseases and for maintaining a healthier city environment.

APNGOs district JAC demands immediate appointment of PRC committee chairman

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, June 13: The APN GOs Guntur District Joint Action Committee (JAC) has urged the Andhra Pradesh government to appoint a Chairman for the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) Committee on a war footing and expedite the resolution of long-pending employee issues.

The demand was raised during a district JAC meeting held on Saturday at the APN GOs Home premises in Guntur under the chairmanship of Ghantasala Srinivas, Chairman of the Guntur District JAC. Representatives of all employee associations affiliated with the JAC participated in the meeting.

Addressing the gathering, Ghantasala Srinivas said that two years have passed since the coalition government assumed office and stressed that there should be no further delay in addressing employee-related matters. He demanded the immediate constitution of the PRC Committee and called for the prompt release of pending dues to expedite the process. Employee union leaders emphasized that timely



implementation of financial benefits and service-related entitlements is essential for maintaining employee morale and efficiency.

The JAC also demanded that Joint Staff Council meetings be conducted regularly in all districts to facilitate dialogue between employees and the administration and ensure the speedy resolution of service-related issues.

Participants further discussed a range of concerns affecting employees in various departments and reiterated their commitment to pursuing these demands through democratic means. The meeting was attended

by Co-Chairman Shaik Baji, Kaladhar, M. Narasimha Rao, Pitchaiah, Rambabu, Kalyan Kumar, Jani Basha, D.V. Koteswara Rao, Pawan Kumar, Sudharani, Padmaja, Sunitha, Sukumar, Durga Rao, Shyam Sundar Srinivas, Nagoor Sharif, Raju, Srinivas Reddy, Srinivasa Rao, Kotaiah, and several other employee union representatives.

The leaders also expressed gratitude to Chief Secretary Sai Prasad for issuing a circular to District Collectors regarding employee-related matters and called for continued efforts toward resolving pending issues affecting government staff across the state.

employees. The meeting also reviewed various issues affecting employees across different government departments. The participants resolved to submit a comprehensive representation to the District Collector, who serves as the Chairman of the District Joint Staff Council, seeking intervention for the resolution of departmental grievances.

District JAC Secretary and APTF leader Khalid expressed concern over delays in the payment of pending dues to government employees and urged the administration to expedite the process. Employee union leaders emphasized that timely

Protecting Vision Is Everyone's Responsibility: Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, June 13: NTR District Collector G. Lakshmi has urged people to pay special attention to eye health and advised those suffering from cataracts to undergo surgery without delay, describing it as the most effective and permanent solution to restore vision.

The Collector made these remarks while releasing a poster for a free cataract surgery camp to be conducted with the support of the Indian Red Cross Society and specialists from Shankar Netralaya, including Dr. Madhav and Dr. Apama. The poster was unveiled on Saturday at the Collector's chamber in the District Collectorate.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Lakshmi said eyesight is one of the most precious gifts of nature and plays a vital role in education, employment, daily activities, and social life. He noted that neglecting eye health can lead to significant personal and family hardships.

The Collector explained that cataracts are a common age-related condition and can cause blurred vision, difficulty reading, sensitivity to light, poor night vision, and trouble distinguishing colours. If left untreated, cataracts can

progressively impair vision and significantly affect an individual's quality of life.

He stated that cataract surgery is currently one of the safest and most effective medical procedures available. During the surgery, the clouded natural lens is removed and replaced with an artificial intraocular lens, resulting in a substantial improvement in vision.

Benefits of Cataract Surgery

According to the Collector, cataract surgery offers several important benefits, including:

Clearer and sharper vision. Improved ability to read, walk, and watch television.

Greater independence in daily life.

Reduced risk of falls and accidents.

Enhanced confidence and overall quality of life.

Less dependence on family members for routine activities.

Dr. Lakshmi also noted that eye examinations and cataract surgeries are available in government hospitals under the supervision of qualified specialists. He encouraged individuals experiencing vision-related problems to visit their nearest government healthcare facility for screening and treatment.

Yoga Instills Discipline and Builds a Healthier Society: NTR District Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, June 13: NTR District Collector G. Lakshmi has said that yoga provides the discipline needed to lead a balanced life and plays a vital role in building a healthier society. He urged people to make yoga an integral part of their daily routine and adopt it as a lifelong habit for better physical and mental well-being.

The Collector made these remarks while participating in a Yogandhra training programme held on Saturday at Beram Park, Bhavanipuram, as part of the state government's ongoing initiative to promote yoga and healthy living. He performed yoga postures along with Gopalakrishna, H. M. Dhyanchandra, and S. Ilakkiya.

Addressing the gathering, Collector Lakshmi said the Yogandhra programme has evolved into a statewide movement that is creating greater awareness about health and wellness. He noted that the initiative aims to build a healthier and happier Andhra Pradesh by encouraging people to embrace yoga as part of their daily lifestyle.

The Collector said the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N.

Chandrababu Naidu, has attached special importance to public health and launched Yogandhra to promote preventive healthcare through yoga. Highlighting the benefits of yoga, he said regular practice improves both physical fitness and mental well-being while fostering a positive outlook on life. He added that, as in previous years, Yogandhra activities are being conducted extensively across NTR district through special training sessions, educational institutions, and government offices to ensure wider public participation.

The Collector explained that the Common Yoga Protocol developed by experts from the Ayush Department includes simple and effective yoga postures that can be practiced by people of all age groups, from children to senior citizens. He emphasized that dedicating just 40 to 45 minutes

a day to yoga can significantly improve physical strength, mental peace, and overall quality of life. He further noted that yoga can help prevent and manage lifestyle-related health issues such as obesity, hormonal imbalances, stress, and mood disorders, which are becoming increasingly common in modern society. Encouraging citizens to adopt yoga regularly, he said the practice enhances productivity, promotes positive thinking, and helps maintain balance in life.

The Collector also appreciated the contributions of public representatives, government officials, voluntary organizations, yoga trainers, educational institutions, civil society groups, and citizens who have been supporting the successful implementation of the Yogandhra programme.

Among those present were DM&HO Dr. J. Indumathi, District Ayush Officer Dr. Y. Ratna Priyadarshini, Municipal Corporation Additional Commissioner Chandrasekar, District Tourism Officer A. Shilpa, DRDA Project Director N. V. Nanchara Rao, District Youth Welfare Officer Dr. K. Ramesh, and officials from various departments.

Daily Yoga Practice Leads to Complete Well-Being: Guntur Collector



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, June 13: Guntur District Collector C.M. Saikant Varma has emphasized that incorporating yoga into daily life can help people achieve complete physical and mental well-being while preventing various health problems. Speaking at a district-level yoga programme held on Saturday at the premises of the renowned Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Mangalagiri, the Collector said yoga is a powerful tool for building a healthier society. The event was organized as part of the ongoing 15-day Yoga Awareness Campaign being conducted ahead of International Yoga Day.

The programme commenced with the Collector paying floral tributes to the portrait of Maharishi Patanjali, revered as the father of yoga, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp along with yoga instructors.

Addressing the gathering, Saikant Varma said that a healthy society can only be built through healthy habits. He noted that yoga is one of India's greatest contributions to the world and is now being practiced by millions of people across different countries. He urged the people of Guntur district to make yoga an integral part of their daily routine.

The Collector stated that regular yoga practice not only helps prevent illnesses but also contributes to better financial well-being by reducing health care expenses. He highlighted that yoga offers both physical fitness and mental peace, helping individuals lead balanced and productive lives.

"Yoga should not be limited to a few postures or exercises. It should become a way of life," he said. According to the Collector, daily yoga practice promotes a disciplined lifestyle, reduces stress, and enhances enthusiasm and positivity. Describing yoga as a priceless cultural heritage passed down by India's ancestors, he said yogic practices such as Pranayama play a crucial role in managing lifestyle diseases and improving overall health. He encouraged people of all age groups to embrace yoga as a preventive and holistic health practice.

Raja master felicitates MLA Naseer Ahmed after successful Hajj Pilgrimage

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, June 13: Guntur East MLA Mohammad Naseer Ahmed was felicitated on Saturday by former State Library Council Chairman Dasari Raja Master following his successful completion of the Hajj pilgrimage.



The felicitation took place at the Telugu Desam Party District Office in Arundelpet, Guntur, where an awareness programme on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was organized for cluster and co-cluster in-charges, unit in-charges, booth-level agents (BLAs), division presidents, and general secretaries. MLA Naseer Ahmed participated in the

party's organizational and awareness activities conducted as part of the programme. Following the meeting, Dasari Raja Master honoured the MLA with a ceremonial shawl in recognition of his successful pilgrimage and public service.

Several senior party leaders joined the felicitation ceremony, including Pili

Manikyalarao, party observer Eeswar, former Deputy Mayors Shaik Sajila and Ghouse, along with other party leaders and functionaries.

The event witnessed the participation of TDP leaders, cadre members, and organizational representatives from various divisions of the constituency.

Medical Camp Organized by Retired Employees' Association

Palamaneru, June 13 (Our Reporter): A medical camp was organized on Saturday at 10:00 AM in the North School premises of Palamaneru under the auspices of the State Government Retired Employees' Association, Palamaneru Constituency.

The program was inaugurated under the guidance of Dr. G. Madhavi Latha, an Ayurvedic physician and gynecologist from Gangavaram. Addressing the gathering, she emphasized the importance of maintaining good health, especially among senior citizens. She advised pensioners to be vigilant about health issues such as blood pressure, diabetes, skin diseases, knee problems, and joint pains. Dr. Madhavi Latha also personally interacted with women participants to understand their health concerns and distributed medicines free of cost. Around 70 pensioners attended the camp.

Later, members were informed about Income Tax



regulations for the financial year 2025-26. Pensioners receiving annual pensions exceeding 75 lakh were advised to complete TDS procedures through an auditor. It was also stated that the necessary pension statements would be provided to all concerned through the Palamaneru STO Office. On behalf of the association, members expressed their gratitude to the Treasury officials and Dr. Madhavi Latha for their support and services.

Association leaders and members including Gururaja Rao, Ghouse, Krishnamurthy, Armugam, Mohan, Veerabhadra Gowdu, Gnanalvar, Anjappa, Ramesh Babu, Mastan, Malathi, Jikriya, Guruswamy Naidu, Subrahmanyam Reddy, Nagabhushanam, Reddemma, Bharathi, Akbar Basha, Nazeer Basha, Chakrapani Shetty, Nizam Saheb, Subrahmanyam, Bhadramma, Nagabhushanamma, Lakshmi Devi, Venu Gopal Shetty, and others participated in the program.

No delay in resolving revenue issues: MLA Amarnath Reddy

(Our Reporter)

Palamaneru, June 13: The newly appointed Tahsildar of V. Kota Mandal, Suraprakash Naik, paid a courtesy visit to Palamaneru MLA N. Amarnath Reddy on Saturday after assuming charge. On the occasion, the MLA congratulated the Tahsildar and extended his best wishes. He emphasized that there should be no delay in resolving revenue-related issues faced by the public. He instructed officials to ensure transparent and speedy services in matters such as land disputes, Pattadar Passbooks, mutations, and the issuance of income, caste, and residence certificates, so that people do not face unnecessary difficulties.

The MLA stated that government officials should work responsibly to make



public services more accessible and citizen-friendly. He further noted that addressing public grievances is one of the government's primary objectives and that a positive approach by officials toward the people would strengthen public trust in the government.

During the meeting, Tahsildar Suraprakash Naik felicitated MLA Amarnath Reddy with a shawl as a mark of respect. The Tahsildar assured that the administration would work in coordination for the welfare and benefit of the people.

Request for Facilities in Cremation Grounds Submitted to MLA

(Our Reporter)

Palamaneru June 13: Residents and leaders of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Association met Palamaneru MLA N. Amarnath Reddy at his office on Saturday and submitted representations seeking basic infrastructure facilities at the cremation grounds located at Patapeta Oddivani Kunta and on Madanapalle Road within the Palamaneru municipal limits.

Speaking on the occasion, the representatives explained that the cremation grounds lack essential amenities such as a compound wall, borewell, water tank, toilets, and shelters for conducting funeral rites and post-cremation rituals. They pointed out that the absence of these facilities is causing significant inconvenience to the public during funerals and other related ceremonies.

Responding to their request, MLA Amarnath Reddy assured them that he



would take steps to secure special funds for the development of the cremation grounds. He stated that the coalition government is committed to providing infrastructure that meets the needs of the people and promised to instruct the concerned officials to ensure the necessary facilities are

established so that the public does not face difficulties. Among those present were Ramesh, Balaji, Suresh, Krishnappa, and Veerashaiva Lingayat Association leaders Somasekarayya, Naga Manjunath, Chandramouli, Meghanath, Mohan, and others.