

## Plans to Establish UK Schools in the State Must Be Dropped: Chakradhar Rao, State President, Telangana Education Protection Committee

“(Mandava Srisailam – Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Indian Chronicle Bureau – March 31): Professor K. Chakradhar Rao, State President of the Telangana Education Protection Committee, criticized the government, alleging that whenever there is a change in administration, they create an illusion of advancing the education sector—introducing new terminology and schemes—while surreptitiously fostering the growth of corporate educational institutions. He further asserted that the government appears to be attempting to disengage itself from the education sector entirely.” “Speaking on Tuesday while attending as the chief guest at a meeting of the Telangana Education Protection Committee's Bhuvanagiri District Committee—held at Teachers Colony in local Bhuvanagiri—Chakradhar Rao issued a stern warning. He pointed out that while election manifestos typically promise a 15% budgetary allocation for the education sector (a figure he argues should ideally be 20%), the government is instead announcing plans to spend crores of rupees on initiatives such as establishing "Young India Integrated Schools," setting up a "Skill University," and transporting students via buses to "Telangana Public Schools." He cautioned that such measures could potentially lead to the closure of approximately 16,000 schools across the state. He declared that the Education Protection Committee would launch a movement to ensure that every single Gram Panchayat (village council area) has a functioning government school. Participating in this meeting were M. Somayya (State President, Democratic Teachers Federation), Ravichandra (State Secretary, Telangana Education Protection Committee), social activists Madhuramachandraiah, Veerabhadram and Venkat Reddy (representatives of the Telangana Progressive Teachers Federation), M. Lakshmi Narasimha Reddy (District President, DTF), Mylara Satyam (General Secretary), Sunthoju Bhaskar, P. Sattayya, Srisailam, Mahesh (a victim from Prajapuram), Shivalingam (President, Public Monitoring Committee), and senior members of the DTF. The Bhuvanagiri Education Protection Committee was constituted during the meeting. T. Lakshma Reddy was elected as Honorary President; N. Bhaskar Reddy as President; T. Veerabhadram as General Secretary; and G. Rangayya as Secretary.



## Congress government prioritizes welfare of RTC workers

### MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy at the Women Empowerment Celebrations held at the RTC depot



“Devulapally Srinivas, Warangal Bureau (Narsampet), March 31 (Indian Chronicle): Narsampet MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy said that the Congress government is making significant efforts for the welfare of RTC workers, and through the Mahalakshmi scheme, while providing free travel to women, it is also financially strengthening the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC). On the occasion of the success of the Mahalakshmi scheme, the MLA attended as the chief guest at the Women Empowerment Celebrations program held on Tuesday under the leadership of Depot Manager Prasanna Lakshmi. “On this occasion, he stated that through the Mahalakshmi scheme, women across the state are saving approximately ₹10,000 crores in travel expenses, and this is a testament to women’s empowerment. He mentioned that new buses are being introduced in line with the increasing passenger demand and improved infrastructure is being provided at depots. He made it clear that the Congress public government is committed to the welfare of RTC workers. Municipal Chairperson Pendem Srilakshmi Ramanand, RDO Umarani, MRO Ravi, Municipal Vice Chairman Gandham Narendra, municipal councilors, RTC officials, and others participated in this program.

# Initiation of Village Development Works with the Support of Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy: Bhuvanagiri Market Chairman Rekha Baburao““CC Road Works Commence in Bollepalli Using HMDA Funds: Bhuvanagiri Market Chairman Rekha Baburao

“(Mandava Srisailam – Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Indian Chronicle Bureau – March 31): Bhuvanagiri Market Committee Chairman Kanukuntla Rekha Baburao stated that the development of villages is possible only through the Congress party. She noted that, with the cooperation of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy, the state government is utilizing its funds to comprehensively beautify and develop the villages. On Tuesday, CC (Concrete) road works funded by the HMDA were inaugurated in Bollepalli village, located within the Bhuvanagiri Mandal limits, with the active support of MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, she reiterated that the development of villages is achievable solely through the Congress party and the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy. She emphasized that villages serve as the pillars of strength for the state's overall development; however, during the previous BRS regime, these villages were not only neglected—with development works being ignored—but also suffered from a lack of progress over the past ten years due to the meager funds allocated to the Gram Panchayats. She asserted that under the people-centric administration of the Congress party, development works in the villages are now being successfully executed using the funds secured through the efforts of Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. Former MPTC Gaddameeda Chandrakala Veeraswamy Goud, Reddy Association President Jitta Krishna Reddy, Youth Congress Mandal President Kanukumtla Kondal, Gundu Kishtayya, Indramma Committee Member Mada Satyanarayana, Hanuman Youth President Bungapatla Ramesh, Former Ward Member Baddam Sampath Reddy, Dasari Bal Kumar, Gaddameeda Swamy, Jitta Narsi Reddy, Pinninti Venkata Reddy, Ashok Reddy, Gangula Kishtayya, Panniru Venkatesh, Doddi Lalitha, Dasari Lakshamma, Vanam Andamma, Bungapatla Pushpamma, Doddi Mallamma, villagers, and others participated in this program.



## Quarterly Review Meeting on PCPNDT Act Implementation Held in Khammam

“Arvapalli Nagesh khammam bureau March 31 indian Chronicle:““A periodic quarterly review meeting on the implementation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 was held at the DMHO Office Chamber, IDOC, Khammam district. “The meeting was chaired by District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. D. Rama Rao, who emphasized the strict enforcement of the Act to prevent any decline in the child sex ratio in the district. “In his opening remarks, the DMHO stated that stringent monitoring is essential to curb illegal practices such as sex determination, female foeticide, and unsafe abortions. He warned that strict action would be taken against individuals and institutions violating the provisions of the PCPNDT Act, with zero tolerance for offenders. “He also instructed field-level staff including ANMs, Anganwadi teachers, and ASHA workers to remain vigilant, identify any suspicious activities, and report them immediately to authorities. “The DMHO urged District Public Relations Officer Ghouse to promote awareness campaigns and publish articles under the “Save Girl Child” initiative to educate the public. “It was informed during the meeting that there are a total of 108 ultrasound scanning centers operating in the district. Around 14 applications related



to renewals and other services were reviewed, and it was decided to forward them to the District Collector for approval. “Officials reiterated that only qualified radiologists or gynecologists are authorized to operate scan centers and must strictly maintain mandatory records, including Form F, as per the Act. “The meeting was attended by District Medical and Health Services Coordinator Dr. Rajasekhar, MCH Program Officer and Additional DMHO Dr. Chandu Naik, Head of Pediatrics Dr. Baburao Ratnakar, DPRO Ghouse, DCPO Ms. Vishtuvandana, Ms. Kumudini from Jagriti NGO, and Indian Medical Association President Dr. Raheena Begum, along with other officials.



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## Yeligi Shankar Brings Pride to Legal Profession: BJP Khammam District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao

Arvapalli Nagesh khammam bureau March 31 indian Chronicle: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Khammam District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao praised Deputy Director of Prosecution (DDP) Yeligi Shankar for earning a distinguished

reputation in the legal system and rendering remarkable service to society. He attended as the chief guest at Shankar's retirement and farewell ?????? held grandly in Khammam on Tuesday, where Shankar and his spouse were felicitated. "A Symbol of Dedication" Speaking on the occasion, Nelluri Koteswara Rao said that Shankar was not just a government official but also a committed individual who consistently worked for the

welfare of society. Even after retiring from official duties, he expressed confidence that Shankar would continue his journey as a responsible citizen. He noted that Shankar's dedication and discipline towards his profession serve as an inspiration to young lawyers. "A Guiding Force for Youth" Koteswara Rao highlighted that Shankar brought great respect to the legal profession and played a commendable role in shaping many youngsters into capable lawyers. He expressed hope that in the coming days, Shankar would take on a more active role in public life and guide the youth. "He also wished that Shankar and his spouse enjoy a healthy, happy, and peaceful life ahead. Several senior advocates and prominent personalities from various fields attended the event and remembered Shankar's valuable contributions.



## Opposite the IMAX Theatre on Tank Bund: Inspection of the Progress of the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule Statue Construction Works — Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah

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reau – March 31): Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah inspected the progress of the construction works for the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule. These statues, located within the Lake View Park premises opposite the IMAX Theatre on Tank Bund in Hyderabad, are scheduled to be inaugurated on April 11th by the State Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy. During this visit, accompanied by State Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar Goud and Konda Surekha, he conducted a review regarding the quality and pace of the construction work, as well as the arrangements being made for the event. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that statues of great personalities like Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule serve as an inspiration to society. He further instructed officials to work in close coordination to ensure the successful conduct of this event.

## Thanks to Parmeshwar Reddy for Securing Sanction of Funds

Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, March 31: Marking another step towards the development of marginalized communities, local leaders received the proceeding copy related to the SC community graveyard from Uppal Constituency In-charge Shri Mandumula Parmeshwar Reddy. "Speaking on the occasion, the leaders stated that a dedicated graveyard for the SC community was a long-pending necessity. They expressed that this initiative would provide a permanent solution to a major issue faced by local residents.

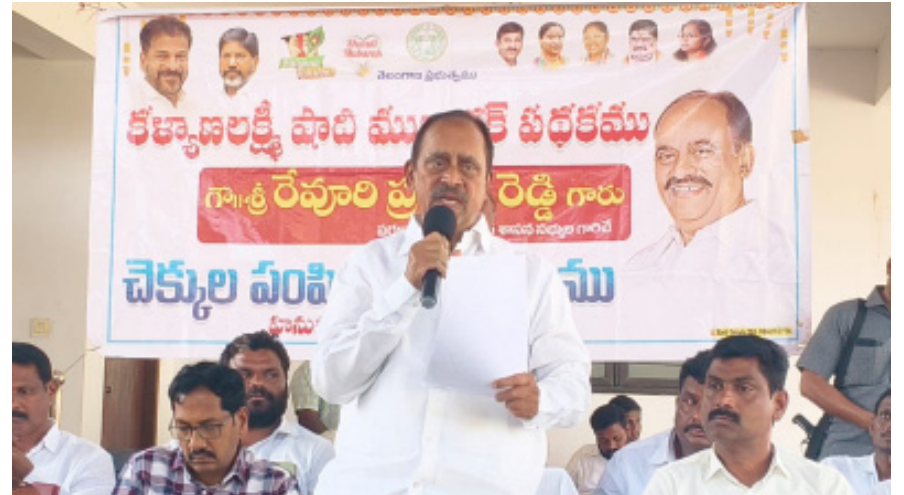
They extended their heartfelt gratitude to Shri Mandumula Parmeshwar Reddy for his key role in securing the sanction of funds for this project. "They further added that development activities in the constituency are progressing rapidly and assured that more welfare initiatives will be undertaken in the future, keeping in mind the needs of the people. "The program was attended by HR Mohan, Division President Srikanth Goud, Mahesh Yadav, Krishna Reddy, Prakash Reddy, Nuthalakanti Raju, Tunga Thirupathi,



Bandari Raghu, Ladda Sudharshan, T. Sriramulu, Erpula Narsingh Rao, Erpula Nagaraj, Gowdelly Srinivas, Gowdelly Savithri, Gowdelly Rakesh, Erpula Sujata, Erpula Srinivas, Erpula Ravinder, Erpula Chinna, Ayyagari Ramesh, Ayyagari Srikanth, Ayyagari Pavan Kumar, Ayyagari Harish, T.H. Balraj, Gyara Satish, Abraham, Poornima, Gadda Kranthi, Bollam Naresh, Mindrala Prabhakar and other Division Congress leaders.

# The goal of the Congress public government is for every family to grow economically Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy

“Devulapalli Srinivas, Warangal Bureau (Parakala), March 31 (Indian Chronicle): Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy stated that the Congress public government is working with the aim of the welfare of the poor and is providing welfare schemes beyond party lines. On Tuesday, at the MLA camp office in Parakala town center, he distributed Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, and Chief Minister’s Relief Fund cheques to eligible beneficiaries from Parakala town, Parakala, and Nadi Kuda mandals. “Speaking on the occasion, MLA Revuri said that cheques worth ₹65,07,540 under Kalyana Lakshmi were distributed to 65 beneficiaries, and cheques worth ₹34,21,000 under the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund were distributed to 87 beneficiaries. He also mentioned that across the constituency, cheques worth ₹40,39,38,452 were provided to 5,660 people. “He clarified that the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund scheme stands as support for poor people and that the goal of the Congress public government is for every family to grow economically. He criticized the previous BRS government for turning a wealthy state into a pile of debt and said that the Congress public government is implementing numerous welfare schemes for the poor and delivering them beyond party lines. “MLA Revuri stated that the Congress government, which stands by the poor, is continuously implementing welfare schemes such as Parakala Indira Mahila Dairy, Young India Integrated School, new ration cards, distribution of Indiramma sarees, 200 units of free electricity, farm loan waivers, Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa,



Rythu Bima, ₹500 bonus for fine paddy, distribution of fine rice, Mahalakshmi gas subsidy, interest-free loans, Sreenidhi loans, Indiramma housing, and other welfare programs.

# TPCC Legal, Human Rights & RTI Department Celebrates Passage of Advocates Protection Act



“Hyderabad: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Legal, Human Rights & RTI Department, under the leadership of Chairman Shri Ponnam Ashok Goud, held a press meet at Gandhi Bhawan, Nampally today and celebrated the passage of the Advocates Protection Act. “Heartfelt gratitude was extended to Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy, all Cabinet Ministers, TPCC President Shri B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, and all Congress leaders for their support in making this landmark legislation possible. “A large number of TPCC Legal Cell members participated enthusiastically. Celebrations were marked by distributing sweets, expressing joy and unity over this important step towards protecting advocates and strengthening the justice system in Telangana. “Shri Ponnam Ashok Goud thanked the Chief Minister and PCC President for their visionary leadership and commitment to the legal fraternity.



# Dolby Hosts Exclusive Varanasi Teaser Showcase with Mahindra XUV 7XO

“in Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad



“Hyderabad” Dolby Vision transforms the visual experience with ultra-vivid colors, sharper contrast, and greater detail, bringing stories to life exactly as creators intend. Complementing this, Dolby Atmos delivers a multidimensional sound experience, placing audio all around the listener to create a more realistic and immersive environment. Together, they elevate storytelling into a truly lifelike experience, whether in a cinema, at home, or on the move. “An Exclusive Immersive Showcase in Hyderabad” Taking this experience a step further, Dolby, in collaboration with Annapurna Studios, is hosting an exclusive screening of the Varanasi teaser on March 31, 2026, at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad. This specially curated session will offer select media an opportunity to experience the teaser in Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos, showcasing the full creative impact of advanced color grading and spatial sound design. “Adding a unique dimension to the showcase, the teaser will also be experienced inside the Mahindra XUV 7XO, India’s first car with Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos, demonstrating how cinematic-quality entertainment can seamlessly extend beyond the theatre into the in-car environment. “Mahindra: Bringing Cinema-Grade Sound to the Road” Mahindra continues to push the boundaries of in-car entertainment by integrating Dolby Atmos into its vehicles, transforming everyday drives into immersive audio experiences. With the Mahindra XUV 7XO having both Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos, the brand highlights how immersive sound and stunning visuals are no longer limited to premium cinema spaces but can now be experienced on the move, ensuring that content retains its depth, clarity, and emotional impact across environments. “The Experience Flow” The showcase is designed to give media a comprehensive understanding of how immersive storytelling comes together: “ Screening of the Varanasi teaser in Dolby Vision & Dolby Atmos at Annapurna Studios” An insightful conversation with the creative and technical experts behind the film? A live demonstration of the teaser inside the Mahindra XUV 7XO in Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos, highlighting the theatre-to-car experience “Voices Behind the Experience” Along with a spokesperson from Dolby, the session will feature key experts from the film and technology ecosystem, including: “ Andreas Bruckl, Colorist” Kannan Ganapath, Mix Engineer” C V Rao, Chief Technology Officer,

# OnePlus Nord 6 Expands Its Feature Set with AI Productivity, Advanced Low-light Imaging and Military-grade Durability

“Hyderabad” “Designed for young professionals on the go, the OnePlus Nord 6 brings breakthrough performance, intelligent AI features, advanced Imaging capabilities, and a durable design to support everyday life. With these enhancements, the smartphone delivers a seamless, high-performance experience for work, creativity, and play.” Following its initial unveiling, which highlighted steady-smooth 'PC-level' 165 FPS gaming powered by the Snapdragon 8s Gen 4 platform, 'Chip-accelerated' Wi-Fi connectivity and the segment's largest 9000mAh battery, the device now introduces refined experiences that make it a versatile, high-performance smartphone for heavy tasks and daily use. “Max Clarity and Natural Colors Front and Back, Creative AI Tools to Make Every Moment Shine” OnePlus Nord 6 pairs a 50MP Sony main sensor with 'Dual-axis' Optical Image Stabilization (OIS) and a 32MP high-resolution front camera, each supported by an additional assistance multi-focusing hardware sensor to ensure maximum sharpness, more detailed shots even in low-light. “Pristine clarity and natural color reproduction aside, the Nord 6 captures stable, high-quality 4K video at 60FPS, perfect for smooth action. Its 4K Motion Photo Clipper ensures you never miss the perfect moment: it records a 3-second clip with audio, allowing you to scrub through and export any single frame as a full-resolution 4K still photo.”

“Equipped with a top-of-the-line flagship-grade Snapdragon 8 Series chip, the Nord 6 supports the same exact advanced HDR and color algorithms that powers the OnePlus 15 cameras. With greater imaging processing capability, the Nord 6 camera system intelligently balances highlights and shadows while preserving accurate colors, ensuring every scene and subject in focus are captured with natural light, depth, and detail — what you see is what you get.” “Personalized Google Assistant and Real AI Productivity” Unlike most competition, the Nord 6 deploys a similar array of AI productivity tools as per the flagship OnePlus 15 to give users the upper hand in everyday — work, school and play. The AI experience is centered around OnePlus Mind Space. By pressing the dedicated Plus Key or swiping up with three fingers, users can instantly save any on-screen content to a unified knowledge vault. In addition, Google Gemini can now connect with Mind Space to pull information and provide personalized suggestions based on what you've saved - all in a single prompt. For example, you can ask for help with creating travel itineraries and Gemini will connect with Mind Space to generate an itinerary that is personalized (involving your interests, likings and more), based on the user's own stored data. This integration turns Google Gemini into an even more powerful, context-aware personal assistant.

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# HYBE INDIA ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE GIRL GROUP AUDITION

## The company behind pop icons BTS opens applications for the next phase of its talent discovery initiative

“Hyderabad” HYBE INDIA today announced that it has opened applications for a new girl group audition, with talent scouting scheduled from March 31 to July 31, 2026. “The audition invites female talent from across India—born between 2005 and 2011—to showcase their individuality and creativity across a range of performance categories. Application categories include vocals, rap, dance, acting, modeling, and more. “The decision to focus on a girl group is informed by a mix of online and in-person research conducted across India in recent years. Building on insights from a nationwide quantitative study of audiences in their teens and twenties, complemented by qualitative research across six key cities—both conducted in collaboration with Nielsen—HYBE INDIA found a clear aspiration among young Indian women for artists who reflect their voices and serve as inspirational role models. From this, HYBE INDIA identified an opportunity for a girl group to showcase 'Harmony in Diversity' while bringing authentic stories and voices of today's Indian women to global audiences.” Damien Woochang Lee, CEO of HYBE INDIA, said the audition marks a meaningful first step in the company's long-term commitment to the Indian market. “India has never lacked talent or ambition—what's been missing is a consistent pathway to the global stage. What we're building is that bridge: a system that allows to nurture artists with intention, and to be seen, heard, and understood beyond borders. This audition is where that process begins.” “The audition process will include both online submissions and in-person rounds to be held across Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Pune. Select cities will also host pop-up activations as part of the audition experience, with more details to be revealed in the coming days.” “To support the contestants, the audition features a series of strategic brand collaborations. Samsung inspires young aspirants through its "Show them how it's done #withGalaxy" campaign, empowering them to learn, create, and perform confidently on a global stage. H&M empowers emerging talent to be audition-ready through its campaign, championing fashion and music as spaces for self-expression. Nongshim SHIN RAMYUN empowers the dreams and passions of young girls in India through 'Spicy Happiness in Noodles'. Shoppers Stop unveils 'Get Spotlight Ready' with HYBE INDIA to power India's First Global Girl Group Dream. Snapchat and BookMyShow will join as Media and Ticketing Partners, respectively.

The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with pink, purple, and yellow splashes. At the top center is the HYBE INDIA logo. The main text is stacked in large, bold, white letters with black outlines: "HYBE INDIA", "AUDITION", "GIRL GROUP", "TALENT OVER", and "EVERYTHING". To the right of the text is a vintage-style microphone. At the bottom, there are logos for H&M, SHOPPERS STOP, SAMSUNG Galaxy, and NONGSHIM. Below these are the logos for Media Partner SHAPCHAT and Ticketing Partner book my show.

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# IPL 2026: Connolly Helps Punjab Kings Beat Gujarat Titans By 3 Wickets

Mullanpur: Young southpaw Cooper Connolly marked his IPL debut with a decisive 44-ball 72 after Yuzvendra Chahal's artistry with the ball to power Punjab Kings to a three-wicket victory over Gujarat Titans here on Tuesday. After PBKS opted to field first, leg-spinner Chahal (2/28 in 4 overs) brought his years of experience to the fore to stymie GT in the middle overs and limit them to 162/6.

Seamer Vijaykumar Vyshak grabbed 3/34 for PBKS.

After almost losing their way with the bat due to Prasad Krishna's (3/29 in 4 overs) excellent bowling, PBKS completed the chase of 163 with five balls to spare. Connolly and Prabhsimran Singh (37 off 24 balls) laid the foundation for the win with a 76-run partnership for the second wicket.

Earlier, skipper Shubman Gill (39 off 27 balls) and Jos Buttler (38 off 33 balls) were the chief contributors for GT in an insipid batting display.

PBKS' start was not good as Kagiso Rabada cramped Priyansh Arya for room with his pace and line to dismiss the opener after debutant fast bowler Ashok Sharma went back a few steps to pull off a good catch at midwicket.

Connolly and Prabhsimran then meant business as they went about their task in a professional manner to keep their team ahead, the two hitting a flurry of fours and sixes to flatten the GT bowlers

Rashid Khan gave GT hope with the wicket of Prabhsimran, the batter failing to clear Prasad Krishna at long-on.

Shreyas Iyer pulled Ashok Kumar's short balls over deep square-leg for two sixes but, shortly after taking a solid hit off his partner Connolly's shot, the PBKS captain flicked a Prasad Krishna half-volley to Washington Sundar at deep midwicket.

Sundar removed Nehal Wadhwa, and Krishna dismissed Shashank Singh and Marcus Stoinis in quick succession to bring GT back into contention.

But Connolly was there to see PBKS home, hitting five sixes and as many fours during his knock.

Earlier, sent into bat, Gill dealt in boundaries as the side raced to 35 in three overs.

Gill looked in sublime touch as he picked the gaps at will to score at a good clip, forcing PBKS skipper Shreyas Iyer to effect a bowling change and introduce the tall Marco Jansen (1/20 in 4 overs) into the attack.

The move paid dividends straightaway as left-arm pacer Jansen got Sai Sudharsan (13) to slice one straight towards mid-off where Shreyas completed a simple catch.

Sudharsan appeared to be attempting to loft the ball over mid-on, giving the PBKS a much-needed breakthrough in the fourth over.

That brought Jos Butter to the crease and the Englishman, coming off a disappointing T20 World Cup campaign, got off the mark in style, caressing Vyshak Vijaykumar through cover for a boundary, the shot giving the batter a lot of confidence moving forward.

Buttler employed the cut shot against a short and wide Jansen delivery to get a four through backward point and then struck the game's first six when he lofted Vyshak straight down the ground, as the seamer failed to land his attempted slower ball in the right area.

GT ended the powerplay at 54 for one, with PBKS having pulled things back a bit after leaking plenty in the first three overs.

Chahal came on in the eighth over and the leg-spinner, who has a good record against Gill having dismissed the opener three times in previous IPL match-ups, had his man once again as the batter holed out to deep midwicket after setting him up for a big score.

Chahal bowled one slower through the air and while Gill got the elevation, he did not get distance to clear the rope.

New man Glenn Phillips smashed Chahal over long-on for a maximum, and then, Buttler smoked a short Xavier Bartlett ball over mid-on for a six.