

## Role of BLAs crucial in protecting voting rights Mla Buyyani Manohar Reddy

### Tandur Constituency BLA training camp successfully conducted.



“Indian Chronicle Tandur(june 9)“To create awareness on the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) program undertaken by the Central Government, as per the instructions of CM Revanth Reddy and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, a special training camp for Congress Party Booth Level Agents (BLAs) was organized at Vinayaka Convention Hall in Tandur town under the leadership of Tandur MLA Buyyani Manohar Reddy. “As chief guests, SIR State Convener and Parigi MLA Rammohan Reddy, DCC President Dharasingh, TPCC-appointed special trainer Venkata Ramana, SIR Constituency Convener Purushottam Rao, and Municipal Chairperson Neeraja Bal Reddy gave a comprehensive explanation on SIR procedures, voter list, revision process, responsibilities of BLAs, and the action plan to be undertaken. “On this occasion, MLA B Manohar Reddy spoke... “Right to vote is the lifeline of democracy. “The SIR process is a threat to democracy. “From 1951 to 2004, voter revision was conducted almost 8 times. “The SIR process also took place when the Congress government was in power, but it never happened like this time. “As the BJP government says, the SIR process is not being conducted to strengthen democracy. This time, the SIR process is being carried out under the BJP government’s direction in a way that poses a threat to democracy. “In the SIR process, fake votes and duplicate votes should mainly be deleted, but “If we observe Bihar, West Bengal, and several other states where the SIR process has already been conducted, instead of deleting fake and duplicate votes, they have made it their job to delete votes against the

BJP. “Since the SIR process, which should be conducted constitutionally under the supervision of the Central Election Commission, is being carried out under the BJP government’s direction, you (BLAs) and we (public representatives) must be ready to block it. “So from June 25 to July 24 this month, BLOs will go door to door and collect voter details. “This one-month period is very important for us. During this time, the BLAs appointed on behalf of our party need to work along with them. “The party has given you the opportunity as BLAs with full trust, so you should take full responsibility on behalf of the party for voter list scrutiny, identification of duplicate votes, enrollment of eligible voters, and address changes. “I believe that through this training program you have gained complete understanding of the SIR process. “You should explain every point you learned here to the voters. Discussions should happen in the village, and documents required for the SIR process should be prepared. Upload them online when necessary. “My suggestion is that BLAs should not be limited to photos in the SIR process, but should be fully involved in the work. “BLAs from 269 booths in the constituency, Mandal Congress Party Presidents, senior Congress leaders, public representatives, Sarpanches, Municipal and Market Committee representatives, and party workers participated in large numbers in this program.

## Minority groups seek restoration of Fatehpura Shadi Khana, propose skill development centre.

KARIMNAGAR June 9 (Correspondent): Representatives of several civil society organisations, NGOs and community welfare groups on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to the District Minority Welfare Officer, Karimnagar, seeking the repair and restoration of the Muslim Shadi Khana at Fatehpura and the establishment of a modern technical and skill training centre for minority youth.

The delegation said that the Shadi Khana, an important community asset, had remained closed due to roof leakages and structural deterioration, causing inconvenience to local residents. They urged the authorities to undertake immediate repair works and restore the facility for public use.

The memorandum also proposed the construction of an additional floor over the existing building to house a technical and skill development centre. The proposed facility would offer technical education, digital literacy, vocational training and employment-oriented programmes aimed at improving livelihood opportunities for minority youth, the representatives said.

The delegation comprised members of various organisations, including ADALAH (Access to Justice Network), Jamiat-e-Ulama Karimnagar, Jamaat-e-Islami Karimnagar, Students Islamic Organisation (SIO), Safa Baitul Maal, Sahara Baitul Maal, Sahara Foundation, Mehrab Foundation, Khadiman-e-Millat and other community organisations.

Among those who participated in the delegation were Muhammad Abdul Mujeeb Ayyub, Ehtesham-ul-Haq, Shabbir Hussain, Syed Tauseef Ali, Mohammed Shakeel, Ansar, Zakir Jaleel and Mohammed Anwar. Social activists Ayyub Khan (Rashid) and Sarwar Shareef were also present.

The delegation submitted the representation to Jagadeeswar, District Minority Welfare Officer (FAC), and felici-



tated him during the meeting. Mr. Jagadeeswar assured the representatives that the proposal would be examined and forwarded to the higher authorities along with the necessary estimates and recommendations.

The representatives expressed hope that the government would take early action to restore the community facility and consider the proposal for establishing a skill development centre to support the educational and economic advancement of minority youth in the district.

## TWJF Khammam District Leaders Submit Representation to DCEO; 50% Fee Concession for Journalists' Children Continued

“Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle) Leaders of the Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF), H-2843 Khammam District Union, met the District Intermediate Education Officer (DCEO), Mr. Kandula Ravi Babu, and submitted a representation seeking the continuation of a 50% fee concession for the children of journalists in private and corporate junior colleges for the academic year 2026–27. “The delegation, led by District President Nanabala Ramakrishna and District General Secretary Arvapalli Nagesh, expressed gratitude to the Intermediate Education Department for extending fee concessions to journalists' children in previous academic years. “They informed the DCEO that many journalists in the district are facing severe financial difficulties. A significant number of journalists are working



without regular salaries or stable monthly income, making it difficult for them to support their families and pay educational expenses for their children. In view of these circumstances, the federation requested the continuation of the 50% fee concession in all private and corporate junior colleges during the 2026–27 academic year. “Responding positively to the request, DCEO Kandula Ravi Babu immediately issued a circular directing all private intermediate colleges in the district to provide a 50% fee concession to the children of accredited journalists. The federation leaders thanked the officer for his prompt response and support. “Among those present on the occasion were District Treasurer Vemulakonda Ramesh, State Council Member Nalla Rakesh Reddy, Vice Presidents Kandaraboyina Nagakrishna, Mamidala Kiran, and Vangapungam Goud, TBJA District Secretary Kasoju Sridhar, Videographers Association President Amaraboyina Upender, Joint Secretary Karunakar Sudagani, TWJF City President Gantela Kumar, TBJA City President Elugoti Venkat, Assistant Secretary Chinnamshetty Rambabu, Press Club President Anthoti Srinivas, Elisetti Ramakrishna, and several other journalists and media representatives.

## TUWJ Leaders Urge Medchal DEO to Grant Fee Concession for Journalists' Children

““UPPAL, JUNE 9 (INDIAN CHRONICAL): The Medchal district unit of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) has appealed to the government machinery to ensure a 50 percent fee concession for the children of journalists studying in schools. “As part of this initiative, a delegation of journalists led by the TUWJ Medchal district committee met District Educational Officer (DEO) Renuka Devi on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum seeking directions to schools across the district to provide fee concessions to journalists' children for the academic year 2026-27. “Responding positively, the DEO instructed the concerned officials to issue necessary orders at the earliest. She also informed that journalists seeking individual recommendation letters addressed to specific schools for availing fee concessions for their children may directly approach the Education Department office located at the District Collectorate Complex. “Among those present on the occasion were TUWJ (IJU) State Treasurer Mothe Venkat Reddy, District President Gaddamidi Balaraj, District Secretary Donthula Venkat Ram Reddy, District Press Club President Ravichandra, and journalist leaders Rama Rao, Prasad, Bhupal, Narotham Reddy and others.



## MLA Manohar Reddy is not a politician.. he is a statesman. District Congress Party Official Spokesperson, Advocate Gopal

““Indian Chronicle Tandur (june 9)““District Congress Party Committee official spokesperson, Advocate Gopal, said that MLA Manohar Reddy is not a politician.. he is a statesman. “In a statement issued on Tuesday, he said that political leaders usually think about the next five-year elections and votes. But a statesman thinks about the welfare of future generations and the development of the region. He said MLA Manohar Reddy of Tandur belongs to that category of leader. “Everyone knows how the lands and natural resources of Tandur people were encroached upon and looted during the rule of previous rulers. But under Manohar Reddy's leadership, priority is being given to the protection of public assets, he stated. “The William Moon School land, which shines like a crown jewel for Tandur town, is a very valuable asset for the town's people. This place provides health and pleasure to hundreds of people who come for morning walks, besides helping in environmental conservation. He said Manohar Anna's measures to protect this land from encroachments are commendable. Securing ₹25 lakh in the first phase for the construction of the compound wall and initiating the works is a matter of pride for all people. “He said the people and intellectuals of Tandur have observed how public assets like Peoples College land and St. Mark's land were encroached upon in the past. But Manohar Reddy's actions are completely different from that. So we can proudly say that he is committed to protecting public assets keeping in mind the interests of future generations. “He also informed that ₹18 crore funds have been sanctioned for the water lifting project from Kagana to meet the drinking water needs of Tandur town people, and works are progressing rapidly. He said Manohar Reddy is a great leader who prepared the DPR with the goal of setting up an underground drainage system for Tandur town in the future and is working to get government approvals. “Apart from this, he also deserves credit for taking up the restoration of Kotipalli and Juntupalli minor irrigation projects that were neglected by previous rulers, and for completing the repair works of Kotipalli project canals on a war footing with about ₹100 crore. Through this, he has become a leader who increased the ayacut area to about 10,000 acres and benefited farmers. “Manohar Anna... Tandur people are proud of you. He said the aspiration of people who have been waiting for years for a leader with such a development vision has been fulfilled today. Advocate Gopal revealed, "Hats off to you... you are a leader admired by the people."



# TWJF Leaders Submit Memorandum to Minister Ponguleti Seeking Resolution of Journalists' Issues

“Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle): Leaders of the Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF), H-2843, submitted a memorandum to Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy during a “Chit-Chat” interaction program held with print and electronic media journalists at SR Convention Hall in Khammam. TWJF District President Nanabala Ramakrishna and District General Secretary Arvapalli Nagesh presented the memorandum highlighting several long-pending issues concerning journalists and small and medium newspaper establishments in the state. “Speaking on the occasion, the union leaders stated that numerous issues affecting journalists have remained unresolved for years. They expressed concern over the lack of budgetary allocations for journalists’ welfare and alleged that the state government has been neglecting the interests of journalists, as well as small and medium newspapers and periodicals, over the past two years. “The leaders pointed out that many publications are facing severe financial hardships due to inadequate government advertisements and the non-payment of advertisement bills. They stated that advertisement dues related to government notices have been pending for nearly two years and that government advertisements to periodicals have been completely halted in recent months. As a result, several small and medium publi-

cations are struggling to survive. “The memorandum also highlighted the delay in empanelment of eligible newspapers and periodicals, which has adversely affected many journalists and publishers. Publications operating with valid RNI/PRGI registrations are reportedly being denied both government advertisements and accreditation cards. “The federation further urged the government to amend GO No. 252 and continue issuing accreditation cards to cable television channel journalists under the previous system. The leaders also sought housing plots for journalists, pension benefits for retired senior journalists, immediate issuance of new accreditation cards, and health cards on par with government employees. “They noted that although GO 252 was issued three months ago for the new accreditation process, no new cards have been distributed so far. Existing accreditation cards are being extended periodically through stickers, while many journalists continue to await permanent accreditation and health card benefits promised by the government. “Key Demands Submitted in the Memorandum: “Allocate ₹100 crore in the State Budget for journalists’ welfare. “Immediately clear pending advertisement bill dues owed to small and medium newspapers and periodicals. “Empanel eligible and regularly published small and medium newspapers and periodicals. “Ensure regular



release of government advertisements to small newspapers on par with larger publications. “Provide accreditation cards to journalists working for RNI/PRGI-registered publications that are not yet empanelled. “Amend GO 252 and continue issuing accreditation cards to cable TV channel journalists under the previous system. “Issue accreditation cards and health cards to all eligible journalists. “Provide house sites to journalists irrespective of ongoing legal issues related to Supreme Court judgments. “Introduce pension benefits for retired senior journalists. “Immediately issue new accreditation cards to journalists. “Provide health cards to journalists on par with government

employees. “Among those present were District Treasurer Vemulakonda Ramesh, State Council Member Nalla Rakesh Reddy, Vice Presidents Kandaraboyina Nagakrishna, Mamidala Kiran, and Vangapungam Goud, TBJA District Secretary Kasoju Sridhar, Videographers Association President Amaraboyina Upender, Joint Secretary Karunakar Sudagani, TWJF City President Gantela Kumar, TBJA City President Elugoti Venkat, Assistant Secretary Chinnamshetty Rambabu, Press Club President Anthoti Srinivas, Elishetty Ramakrishna, and several other journalists and media representatives.

## Welfare and Development of the Poor is the Primary Goal of the People's Government: Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

“Khammam Aswaraopeta June 9 (Indian chronicle): “Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday toured various parts of the Aswaraopeta constituency along with Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, Aswaraopeta MLA Jare Adinarayana, and District Collector Ankit. During the visit, they laid foundation stones for several development projects, participated in housewarming ceremonies for beneficiaries of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, and distributed ownership documents to double-bedroom housing beneficiaries. “The minister attended housewarming ceremonies for Indiramma housing beneficiaries in Katkoor, Veerabhadrunigumpu, Patwarigudem, and Maddulagudem villages of Dummugudem Mandal. At Patwarigudem, ownership documents were distributed to 38 beneficiaries of double-bedroom houses from Rajupalli village. “Later, foundation stones were laid for the following projects: “A BT road from Patwarigudem R&B Road to Pakalagudem at a cost of ₹2.22 crore. “A BT road from Maddulagudem R&B Road to Reddalapadu at a cost of ₹1.93 crore. “Construction of the Komaram Bheem Urban Eco Park opposite the Government Junior College in Aswaraopeta. “Construction of a Young India Integrated Residential School with an estimated cost of ₹200 crore. “At a public meeting held afterward, house ownership documents were distributed to beneficiaries of double-bedroom houses in Mamillavarigudem. “Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is committed to the welfare and development of poor families. “He highlighted several welfare initiatives undertaken by the government, including: “Free electricity up to 200 units for eligible households. “Distribution of fine rice through the public distribution system. “Issuance of new ration cards. “Free travel for women in RTC buses. “The minister stated that within just nine months, the government had implemented a farm loan waiver of up to ₹2 lakh per farmer, benefiting 25 lakh farmers at a cost of ₹21,000 crore. “Speaking about housing, he said that 4,500 Indiramma houses had been sanctioned specifically for the Aswaraopeta constituency. Financial assistance of ₹5 lakh per house is being directly credited to

beneficiaries’ bank accounts. He emphasized that eligible poor families are being selected without discrimination based on caste, religion, or political affiliation. “He further announced that the government has launched the second phase of the housing program with a target of 2.5 lakh houses, and the initiative will continue until every eligible family receives a house. “Despite financial challenges facing the state, development activities are continuing without interruption, he said. He noted that 99 Young India Integrated Schools are currently under construction across Telangana and that ₹3 crore has been allocated for the development of the Komaram Bheem Urban Eco Park, with additional funds to be provided if required. “The minister also said that the government has fulfilled the dream of home ownership for poor families in remote tribal areas, including communities such as Konda Reddys and Gutti Koyas, through the Indiramma Housing Scheme. “He announced that Aswaraopeta has been sanctioned: “A 100-bed hospital “A Nursing College “An ATC College “To address land constraints in the town, double-bedroom housing units will be constructed on five acres using a Ground Plus Three model and allotted to landless poor families. He added that double-bedroom housing projects left incomplete by the previous government have now been completed and handed over to beneficiaries. “The event was attended by Library Chairman Pasuleti Veerababu, Aswaraopeta Municipal Chairperson Jupalli Shashikala, public representatives, district officials, engineering department officials, beneficiaries, and a large number of local residents.



# People's Trust Is the Strength of This Government: Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle): Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that the Congress government has been working with public welfare as its foremost priority since assuming office and that the overwhelming success of the recently conducted Praja Darbar in the Palair Assembly constituency reflects the people's trust and confidence in the government. "Addressing a media conference at SR Convention Hall in Khammam on Tuesday, along with Khammam Member of Parliament Raghuram Reddy, the Minister said that the government's 99-day special action plan, launched as part of the Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika programme marking the completion of two years of governance and entry into the third year, is scheduled to conclude on July 12. "Massive Public Response Across 14 Clusters" The Minister said the Palair constituency was divided into 14 clusters, and Praja Darbar programmes were conducted over the past 25–30 days under the slogan "Government at the Doorstep of the People." He personally met nearly 25,000 people, listened to their grievances, and reviewed issues firsthand. "A total of more than 24,000 applications were received from both rural and urban areas. Of these, around 11,000 applications were related to Indiramma Housing, while approximately 5,200 applications were submitted for Aasara pensions. Citizens also raised issues concerning Gruhajyothi benefits, internal roads, drainage systems, drinking water facilities, and other local development needs. "Permanent Solution for Sadabainama Issues Through Bhu Bharati Act" Criticising the previous government, the Minister said that farmers were left in uncertainty after Sadabainama applications were uploaded before the introduction of the Dharani system but were not subsequently addressed. "He stated that the State Cabinet, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has amended regulations to resolve the issue of approximately 9.26 lakh pending Sadabainama applications across Telangana. Earlier, consent from the original land seller was mandatory; however, this requirement has now been removed to ease difficulties faced by farmers. "Notices have already been issued for nearly 5.5 lakh applications, while notices for the remaining cases will be completed within the next 15 days. After the statutory 30-day notice period, all eligible applications will be resolved in accordance with the law, he assured. "Modern Digital Survey to Benefit Genuine Cultivators" The Minister said that a modern digital land survey is being conducted across the state to provide land ownership rights to genuine cultivators who have been farming land for generations without receiving title deeds. "As part of the first phase, 70 revenue villages have been selected in each district. The survey has already been successfully completed in Kakaravai village of Thirumalayapalem mandal in Palair constituency. "He said the government has enacted a policy to issue pattadar passbooks only to those who are actually cultivating the land while cancelling ineligible claims. Of the 4,300 land-related petitions received during the Praja Darbar, nearly 2,300 applications are expected to be resolved soon through a special drive. "The Minister also noted that the



government has almost completed the process of removing privately owned lands from the prohibited list, which were previously blocked due to partial land acquisition for government purposes. "Time-Bound Resolution of Housing and House Site Applications" Minister Ponguleti stated that special teams have been formed to process the petitions received during the Praja Darbar. Revenue-related issues may take approximately 45 days to resolve, he said. "Eligible beneficiaries under the Indiramma Housing Scheme will be selected and assisted in phases. Around 1,500 applications seeking house sites have also been received. "The Minister said officials have been directed to identify lands that were acquired during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy for housing purposes. Suitable government lands will be earmarked, and efforts are underway to resolve the issue of house site distribution in the coming days. "People Reject Opposition's Negative Campaign" Responding to criticism from opposition parties, the Minister alleged that certain political leaders, including representatives of the ruling party at the Centre and former ministers of the previous state government, were attempting to malign the government for political gains. "He maintained that the government remains open to constructive criticism and is willing to address genuine public concerns irrespective of political affiliations. The people who attended the Praja Darbar were not limited to Congress supporters but included citizens from all political backgrounds who approached the government with confidence, he said. "Despite financial challenges faced by the state, people continue to believe that the Congress government will fulfil its promises and resolve their problems, the Minister remarked. Expressing confidence ahead of future local body elections and by-elections, he said voters are prepared to endorse and support the people's government through a clear mandate.

## Make the BJP Dharna a Success: Sangishetty Ravindra Sagar

"Nacharam, Indian chornical, June 9: "BJP District Executive Member and Uppal Constituency MBC Chairman Sangishetty Ravindra Sagar has called upon



party leaders, workers, and local residents to make the dharna being organized on public issues a grand success under the slogan "For the People... For Progress – Prabhakar." "The protest will be held under the leadership of former MLA and BJP State Spokesperson N.V.S.S. Prabhakar on Wednesday, June 10, at 10:00 AM near the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue at Uppal Crossroads. "Ravindra Sagar stated that the dharna is being organized to highlight unresolved public issues in the constituency, the lack of progress in addressing local prob-

lems despite the visit of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and the failure to fulfill assurances made earlier by the government. "He appealed to BJP leaders, party workers, and residents from various colonies across the constituency to participate in large numbers and make the protest successful. He added that the demonstration aims to draw attention to several long-pending civic issues and unfulfilled promises affecting the people of the area.

## Demand for Fitness Inspections of School and Private Buses Memorandum Submitted to District Transport Officer J.N. Srinivas

"Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle): The All India Road Transport Workers Federation (AIRTWF–CITU), Khammam District Committee, has urged the Transport Department to conduct comprehensive inspections of all school buses and private buses operating in the district and issue fitness certificates only to vehicles that comply with prescribed safety standards. "A memorandum was submitted to District Transport Officer J.N. Srinivas at the RTO office by District Committee President Y. Vikram and Secretary Jilla Upender under the leadership of the federation. "Speaking on the occasion, the union leaders stressed the need for a special inspection drive covering all school and private buses in Khammam district to ensure the safety of students and the general public. They requested the authorities to thoroughly examine critical safety components, including vehicle brakes, tyres, emergency exits, first-aid boxes, fire extinguishers, insurance documents, permits, and other mandatory safety measures. "The leaders emphasized that fitness certificates should be issued only to vehicles that meet all safety requirements and urged the department to take preventive measures to avoid accidents before they occur. "The programme was attended by Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors Jarupula Pramila and Madhu, along with T. Rambabu. Union leaders, including AIRTWF–CITU Khammam District Private School Bus Drivers Union leaders Srinivas and Naresh Reddy, and other members also participated in the event.



## Providing Better Power Services is the Department's Goal: ADEE P. Venkat

“Khammam Nelakondapalli June 9 (Indian chronicle): “The objective of the Electricity Department is to provide better and more efficient power services to consumers, said Kusumanchi ADEE (Assistant Divisional Electrical Engineer) P. Venkat. He conducted a surprise inspection of the Electricity Department office at Nelakondapalli on Tuesday, reviewed several records, and held a special meeting with the staff. “Later, addressing the media, he stated that the government is providing free electricity line installation for new connections within a distance of one kilometer. He urged both domestic and agricultural electricity consumers to make use of this opportunity.”



Venkat said that 29,307 beneficiaries across the division are currently availing themselves of the Gruha Jyothi Scheme. He noted that the government paid ₹1.16 crore last month under the scheme for consumers who used up to 200 units of electricity. “He further explained that recent heavy winds and rains caused extensive damage to electricity infrastructure across the division, resulting in the collapse of many power poles. In Nelakondapalli Mandal alone, 215 electricity poles were damaged. He appreciated the efforts of the department staff, who worked day and night to restore power supply and complete repair works on time. “Regarding public grievances, he said that 1,112 applications related to electricity issues were received across the division during the Praja Darbar program. A special initiative has been launched to resolve these issues promptly. “He also announced that the solar power project at Cheruvumadharam is expected to be completed within the next 20 days and will soon be brought into operation. “Venkat stated that the department will launch a special drive to recover pending electricity bills. He warned that power theft will not be tolerated and urged the public to inform the department if they notice any such incidents. “He appealed to consumers to cooperate with the department in its efforts to provide improved electricity services. “AE G. Ravi of Nelakondapalli and other department staff participated in the program.

## Cooperative Banking Services to Become More Accessible for Farmers: Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

“Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle): Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that cooperative banking services will now be more accessible to farmers with the expansion of banking facilities in the region. “The Ministers jointly inaugurated the new Karunagiri Branch of the District Cooperative Central Bank Limited (DCCB) in Edulapuram Municipal limits. The inauguration was attended by State Agriculture, Marketing, Handlooms and Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and State Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy. “Speaking on the occasion, the Ministers said the new branch would play a crucial role in making banking services more convenient and accessible for farmers, self-help groups, small business owners, and the general public. “They emphasized that the government's objective is to strengthen the cooperative banking system in both rural and urban areas while providing quality financial services to the people. The Ministers noted that a stronger cooperative sector would contribute significantly to the economic empowerment of farmers. “They further stated that measures are being taken to ensure timely access to agricultural loans, savings schemes, and other banking services. The expansion of DCCB branches is expected to improve financial services for local residents and support regional economic development. “The event was attended by Khammam Member of Parliament Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, District Collector Divakar T.S., Commissioner of Police Sunil Dutt, State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao, State Library Authority Chairman Khader Baba, Maddulapalli Market Committee Chairman Harinath Babu, Edulapuram Municipal Chairperson Anita, Vice-Chairman Naveen, DCO Gangadhar, public representatives, farmers, officials, and local residents. “Issued by the District Public Relations Officer's Office, Khammam.



## Task Force seizes suspected adulterated chilli powder, spices in Karimnagar 47 bags of chilli powder among stocks seized; samples sent for laboratory analysis.

KARIMNAGAR June 9 (Correspondent): The Karimnagar Task Force Police, in coordination with Food Safety officials, conducted raids on two spice and grocery shops in the Saturday Market area on Tuesday and seized a large quantity of chilli powder and other spices suspected to be adulterated.

Acting on a tip-off regarding the sale of adulterated chilli powder, the police inspected establishments run by Gourishetty Ramesh and Siddamsetty Chakrapani. During the raids, officials detected substantial quantities of chilli powder, turmeric powder and coriander powder suspected to be unfit for sale.



Food Safety Officers Ankit Reddy and Rohith Reddy were alerted and reached the premises during the inspection. In their presence, the Task Force team seized 47 bags of chilli powder weighing 50 kg each, two bags of turmeric powder and one bag of coriander powder.

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Officials said samples of the seized products had been collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis. Pending the test results, the entire stock has been placed under seizure and the sale of the products prohibited.

The authorities said further action would be initiated based on the laboratory findings. They also warned traders against engaging in the manufacture or sale of adulterated food products, stating that stringent action would be taken against those found violating food safety regulations. The operation was supervised by Task Force ACP Vasala Satish and carried out with the participation of Sub-Inspectors Mamidala Surender and Srikanth, along with Constable Saideep.



## BJP Leader Demands Death Penalty for Accused in Minor Girl Assault Case

“Khammam Nelakondapalli, June 9 (Indian chronicle): BJP Nelakondapalli Mandal President Pagarthi Sudhakar has demanded that the accused in the brutal assault case involving a minor girl in Khammam be given the death penalty. He made the demand during a protest organized at the mandal headquarters. “Speaking on the occasion, Sudhakar expressed anguish over the incident, stating that such a horrific crime had occurred in the heart of Khammam town. He said the accused should not merely face charges under the POCSO Act but should be awarded the harshest punishment, including capital punishment, to serve as a deterrent against similar crimes in the future. “He urged the authorities to take stringent measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur and called for the victim, who is reportedly in critical condition, to receive the best possible medical treatment. “Sudhakar also warned that the BJP would launch direct protests if justice is not delivered to the victim's family. He expressed concern over the safety of girls and criticized the failure to ensure adequate protection for them. “The protest was attended by BJP Mandal General Secretary Malleboyina Govinda Rao and other party leaders and activists.



## POCSO Accused Must Be Punished Severely: NFIW Demands Government Support for Victim's Family

“Khammam, June 9 (Indian chronicle): The National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW) has demanded stringent punishment for the accused in the POCSO case involving a minor girl in Khammam. The organization also urged the government to provide comprehensive support to the victim's family.” “An NFIW delega-



tion, including senior leader Pothu Kalavathi, district president Batthineni Neeraja, district leader Tati Nirmala, and other members, visited the hospital on Tuesday to meet the minor girl who is currently undergoing treatment. They inquired about her health condition and requested that the authorities ensure the best possible medical care. “Speaking on the occasion, the NFIW leaders expressed concern over the increasing incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and attempted rape in recent times. They stated that the accused not only sexually assaulted the minor girl but also allegedly attempted to murder her by pushing her from a building. “The organization demanded that the accused be given the strictest punishment and that the government take necessary steps to ensure speedy justice through a fast-track court. NFIW also called for compensation of ₹50 lakh to the victim's family and urged the government to extend all possible assistance to them. “The leaders emphasized that strict action against the accused is essential to prevent such incidents from recurring in the future.

## Paleru to be enriched with Godavari waters: Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao

“Khammam Paleru June 09 (Indian chronicle): Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that the Paleru constituency will be revitalized with water from the Sagar, Bhakta Ramadasu, and Godavari projects. He said the Godavari waters will reach Paleru within a year. “He, along with Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, inaugurated the DCCB branch at Cheruvumadharam in Nelakondapalli mandal. “Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said Paleru constituency has better water resources than any other region in the state. He added that the Telangana government is the only one that has waived ₹20,000 crore in farm loans, and claimed that neighbouring states are now selling their produce in Telangana markets. “He criticized opposition parties, stating that those who once “hurt farmers” are now criticizing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and said farmers no longer trust BRS and BJP. “Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that cooperative societies, which were earlier limited to farmers, have now become business centers. He added that they are being developed into institutions that can compete with national banks. “He said the government's goal is to make banking services more accessible to farmers, self-help groups, and rural communities, and emphasized strengthening the cooperative banking sector. “The event was attended by Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, District Collector Divakar T.S., CP Sunil, Market Committee Chairman Vennapusa Sitaramulu, and several other local leaders.



## Inhumane act on minor girl in Khammam. The accused should be publicly confronted. BJP District President Nellori Koteswara Rao demands.

“Khammam, June 09 (Indian chronicle): “The Bharatiya Janata Party strongly condemns the brutal rape and attempted murder of a 12-year-old girl in G Pride Apartment in Khammam Raparthi Nagar. BJP Khammam District President Nellori Koteswara Rao visited the victim and her parents who are undergoing treatment at the Khammam Government Hospital on Tuesday. He expressed deep grief and anger over this heartbreaking incident. Speaking to the media on this occasion, he said that a 42-year-old beast named Mohammed Ghaus Pasha, who lives on the second floor of the apartment, sexually assaulted the 12-year-old girl. He expressed his grief that the girl resisted and was brutally pushed from the top of the apartment, resulting in the baby's two arms and spine being broken and in a life-threatening condition. Koteswara Rao strongly alleged that the police had only registered a POCSO case against the accused who committed such a heinous crime and were providing him protection. He demanded that the ordinary legal punishments for such animals and fools were not enough and that the accused should be immediately confronted in public. He made it clear that only if strict measures like encounters are taken, those who commit such atrocities in the future will shiver in their spines. He appealed to the Chief Minister of the state and three ministers from Khammam district to immediately shift the child, who is in a life-threatening condition, to Hyderabad for better and urgent treatment. He assured the victim's family that the BJP will fully support them and that their struggle will not stop until justice is served. Koteswara Rao lamented that there is a lack of protection for Hindu minor girls in Khammam district. He alleged that incidents like trapping and attacks in the name of love jihad have become common in the district. He recalled similar atrocities that had taken place in Bonakallu and near a madrasa in the past. He criticized that the criminals are being incited because the culprits in those incidents were not given proper punishment and attempts were being made to cover up the cases. He issued a stern warning that if attacks on Hindu girls and women were repeated, they would not stand idly by and that such beasts would be hanged on the streets. He hoped that no girl child would suffer such a fate. He also said that the sale and use of marijuana and narcotics were increasing in the city, which was also causing an increase in crimes. He demanded that the police respond immediately and crack down on the supply of these drugs. Nellori was accompanied by District Vice President Nakarikanti Veerabhadram, Mahila Morcha State Vice Presidents Pammi Anitha, Manda Saraswathi, Sriramanani Mani, Pani Kumari, Nagamani, Swarna, Media Convener Nellori Banerjee, District Treasurer Konatham Lakshminarayana, Assembly Convener Allika Anjaiah, Nalamas Srinu, Sanghadala Sairam, Vakagani Ramakrishna, Gonela Shiva and others. convert english news



## In Nelakondapalli, 167 applications were received for instructor posts and 79 for Ayah posts for working in pre-primary schools

“Khammam, Nelakondapalli June 09 (Indian chronicle): “The Mandal Educational Officer (MEO) of Nelakondapalli, B. Chalapathi Rao, stated that the application process has been completed. He addressed a press meet held at the Mandal Education Resource Centre on Tuesday. “He said that applications were received for six schools in the mandal. A total of 167 applications were received for instructors and 79 for Ayah posts. After scrutiny of the applications, the eligible candidates' list will be sent to district authorities on Wednesday by a three-member committee consisting of the Tahsildar, MPDO, and MEO. “Details of applications from schools are as follows: “Rayagudem: Teachers – 19, Ayahs – 12 “Cheruvumadharam: Teachers – 28, Ayahs – 11 “Painampally: Teachers – 22, Ayahs – 10 “Singareddypalem: Teachers – 64, Ayahs – 27 “Bairavanipally: Teachers – 15, Ayahs – 5 “Nachepally: Teachers – 19, Ayahs – 14 “Officials confirmed that applications have been recorded accordingly and further verification will be carried out before final selection.



## Focus on Developing Enumamula Market: Chairperson Puli Priyanka Anil Meets MLA Nayini

“Hanamkonda, June 9 (Indian Chronicle): Puli Priyanka Anil, who recently assumed charge as the Chairperson of the Warangal Enumamula Agricultural Market Committee, paid a courtesy call to Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy at his camp office in Balasamudram on Tuesday. “On this occasion, Puli Priyanka Anil and her husband felicitated the MLA with a shawl; they also expressed their gratitude and received his blessings and best wishes. “Congratulating Puli Priyanka Anil on her new role, MLA Naini Rajender Reddy advised her to prioritize the welfare of farmers and strive for the comprehensive development of the market committee. “He suggested that she focus on providing transparent, efficient, and farmer-friendly services while strengthening the agricultural marketing system. He expressed confidence that she would discharge her duties effectively and further strengthen the trust of the farming community. “Noting that the Enumamula Agricultural Market is a vital platform for the economic growth of farmers, the MLA stated that the market committee plays a crucial role in safeguarding farmers' interests and fostering agricultural development in the region. “Several leaders, party activists, and supporters participated in the event. They extended their best wishes to Puli Priyanka Anil and expressed hope for a successful tenure.



## ACTION IS INEVITABLE IF YOU BETRAY THE PARTY...BJP MEANS DISCIPLINE

BOWENPALLY/JUNE 09/ (INDIAN CHRONICLE) “The Cantonment Board Civil Nominated Member, Bhanuka Narmada, warned that action is inevitable against anyone who betrays the BJP. She emphasized that BJP is synonymous with discipline, and the party high command will not sit idly by if someone enjoys the positions given by the party while engaging in anti-party activities. “On Tuesday, she organized a press conference along with BJP ward presidents and key leaders of the Cantonment area at Gayatri Gardens. Several senior leaders spoke alongside her during the meeting. “Condemnation of Attacks on MP Eatala Rajender: The leaders stated that it is shameful for former Cantonment Board Nominated Member Ramakrishna to put up posters making inappropriate remarks against Malkajiri MP Eatala Rajender. They described Eatala Rajender as a polite leader, well-known to the people of the state, a well-wisher of the poor, and a great leader who created history by winning with a massive majority in the largest constituency in the country. “Proper Protocol vs. Cheap Tactics: Bhanuka Narmada



suggested that if there are grievances or losses within the party, they should be reported to the party high command to seek justice, rather than resorting to cheap tactics like putting up wall posters and banners against an MP. “Allegations of Corruption & Institutional Complaints: She revealed that they have been receiving complaints regarding illegal assets accumulated by Ramakrishna during his tenure as a nominated board member. She announced that they would be filing complaints with the CBI and ED regarding his alleged illegal earnings worth nearly ₹18 crores. “Allegations of Ticket Selling: The leaders alleged that despite the party trusting him and giving him a ticket, Ramakrishna indulged in anti-party activities and effectively “sold” the party ticket. They noted that he had migrated from the BRS party, joined the BJP, secured a nominated post, and amassed illegal wealth, making the BJP leadership's decision against him completely justified. “Suspension and Future Actions: “This suspension is just a temporary measure. Full-fledged, permanent action will be taken by the leadership within a week.” She added that the party has never grown because of such cheap leaders; rather, they have only brought disrepute. She asserted that the BJP has been very strong in the Cantonment area since 1980 on its own merit, and not because of such individuals. “Celebrations Over Suspension: The leaders claimed to possess evidence of Ramakrishna selling MLA tickets during the last elections and promised to expose his corruption soon. They shared that victims of his actions and BJP party workers are celebrating his suspension, and this development will help the BJP strengthen itself further in the Cantonment area. “The press meet saw the participation of: Bhanuka Mallikarjun BN Srinivas (Mahakali District Spokesperson) Senior leaders: Nagesh, Vijayarama Raju, Samala Satti Reddy, Topi Shankar, Vijayanand Ward Presidents: Jayapal, Rakesh, Shravan, Arun, Pratik, and others.

## With many struggles in Parliament in two years.. achievements achieved.. I will make Bhuvanagiri Parliament number one in the country with many more achievements in another three years:- Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy

“Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, who has completed 2 years as Bhuvanagiri MP. “Thanks to MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, who is leading the Bhuvanagiri Parliament constituency and working to make the country number one in the state... Bhuvanagiri Congress Party senior leader Mohammed Atahar (Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle...June 9):- It can be said that in the first year of winning as a Bhuvanagiri Parliament member, he became the no 1 MP in the entire country of India with 100% attendance in Parliament. On this occasion of completing two years since winning the Bonagiri MP seat, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy spoke to the “Indian Chronicle Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau Mandava Srisaillam” and said that he will always provide his best help to lead Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on the path of development and make it the number one parliament in the country and the state. He thanked the Congress party workers, leaders, fans, and others for their love and support for him. Before Corona, the push pull train used to come to Bhuvanagiri 4 times. After the Corona period, the MP Railway Department spoke to the passengers and made it come 4 times. He got the credit of making the push pull train come to Bhuvanagiri 4 times from November 2024. He fought in Parliament on the issue of the MMTS train from Ghatkesar to Yadadri, which had been pending for many years, and convinced the central government to bear the entire budget of Rs 412 crore. In the first phase, 100 kots were sanctioned and the MMTS line work was started. The railway underbridge, which has been a problem for many years, was sanctioned at Bhuvanagiri - Muthireddy Gudem. The underpass at Kondamadugu X Road, AIIMS Hospital, Bhuvanagiri town, which is a hotbed of accidents on National Highway 163 (Hyderabad - Warangal), Singannagudem X Road, was sanctioned and the work at Kondamadugu X started and is progressing rapidly. The MP's efforts to start work at AIIMS and Singannagudem soon are significant. Similarly, it can be said that Chamala's efforts are significant in sanctioning underpasses at Valigonda X Road in Choutuppal and Bhuvanagiri X Road in Chityala, which are places where accidents occur on National Highway 65 (Hyderabad-Vijayawada). Crores of rupees have been brought to the Bhuvanagiri Parliament through central schemes like Amrit Scheme and Nagar Sundarikaran. He said that he organizes face-to-face programs with the people in the camp office every week and talks to the officials on the spot and works to resolve the problems of the people. Government school buildings, community halls and bus stops are being constructed with MP funds. Government hospitals and water filters are being arranged in schools with CSR funds. It can be said that he alone has the credit of raising a voice in Parliament for the funds that should have come to the entire Telangana state from the Center, apart from his own Parliament. He fought for the problems of farmers, students, employees, unemployed people and women in Parliament and worked to resolve the problems. In the remaining 3 years, he fought in Parliament and brought more funds and led the Bhuvanagiri Parliament in the word of development. The people want him to be at the forefront of the country. The state itself with confidence and enthusiasm.



## IN NEPALI GANG THEFT CASE IN HILL RIDGE VILLAS, GACHIBOWLI

“Gachibowli Indian Chronicle On 6th June, one Nepali Couple has committed theft in a villa in the absence of the inmates in Hill-Ridge Villas, Gachibowli. The elderly couple returned home on 7th evening, noticed theft of one gold chain from a small idol and reported to Police on which a case was registered and investigated into. On 8th evening, their son has returned home, opened the locker with the key available with him and found that about 7-8 Kgs of gold ornaments and about 1.5 kgs of silver ornaments were lost. On receipt of the information, the Commissioner of Police Cyberabad pressed SOT, Crime teams and local police into action, several teams have worked out the available clues and could track the movement of the accused. Dispatched Six teams to UP, Bihar and Uttarakhand and shared the details and photos of the accused to the concerned state police, requested for their assistance. The Special team headed by CP Hyderabad that is constituted to nab Nepali gangs also extended its support. Today i.e on 9.6.26, DI Gachibowli Sri. Naresh and team could apprehend three accused at Udamapur of Rampur Dist in Uttarpradesh along with the active support of the local police and recovered the stolen property intact. The arrested accused Kamal Shashi, his wife Vimal Shahi and another woman Kalpana are being produced in the local court and they will be brought to Hyderabad on transit warrant. The accused confessed that they have opened the locker with the key which is kept beside the locker, removed all the jewellery and locked it again and took away the key with them. The citizens are requested to take all possible steps to prevent such thefts and utilize services of local police in checking antecedents of domestic helpers in general and Nepali workers in Particular.



## Ministers Hold Comprehensive Review on Sangareddy District Development

Officials directed to speed up implementation of welfare schemes....““SETWIN Chairman Giridhar Reddy participates in review meeting....““Zaheerabad



June 9 ( Indian Chronicle ):“A high-level review meeting on the overall development of Sangareddy district and the effective implementation of government welfare schemes was held on Tuesday by State Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha and State Labour, Mines & District In-charge Minister Vivek Venkataswamy with district officials.““The meeting focused on accelerating developmental activities across the district and ensuring that the

benefits of government welfare programs reach every eligible family. Detailed discussions were held on the performance of various departments, including education, healthcare, Indiramma Housing, municipal administration, agriculture, Mission Bhagiratha, welfare hostels, power supply, roads, Panchayat Raj, and labour welfare.““Addressing the officials, the m

## Applications Invited for Pre-Primary Posts in Kohir Mandal

**Eligible local candidates can apply at the MEO Office..**

**Preference for candidates with teaching qualifications and experience...**

**MEO Md. Zakir Hussain.**

..““Zaheerabad June 09 (Indian Chronicle):““Applications have been invited for the recruitment of Pre-Primary Instructors and Ayas in government primary schools across Kohir Mandal of Sangareddy district, following approval from the State Education Department to start pre-primary classes, said Kohir Mandal Education Officer (MEO) Md. Zakir Hussain.““According to the notification, each school will have two posts – one Pre-Primary Instructor and one Aya. Candidates applying for the Instructor post must have passed Intermediate, while preference will be given to those possessing qualifications in Early Childhood Education or Primary Teaching. Candidates with prior teaching experience will also be given preference.““For the Aya post, the minimum educational qualification is 7th Class pass. Prefer



## Applications Invited for Pre-Primary Posts in Zaheerabad Mandal

**Zaheerabad Mandal Education Officer (MEO) G. Manayya.**

..““Zaheerabad June 09 ( Indian Chronicle ):““Applications have been invited for the recruitment of Pre-Primary Instructors and Ayas in government primary schools across Zaheerabad Mandal, following the approval granted by the State Education Department for the implementation of pre-primary classes. The information was announced by Zaheerabad Mandal Education Officer (MEO) G. Manayya.““According to the MEO, two posts will be filled in each school—one Pre-Primary Instructor and one Aya. Candidates applying for the Pre-Primary Instructor post must have completed Intermediate education. Preference will be given to applicants possessing qualifications in Early Childhood Education or Primary Teaching, as well as those with prior teaching experience.““For the Aya post, the minimum qualification prescribed is a pass in the 7th standard. Widow candidates will be given preference during the selection



## Hyderabad–Mumbai Bullet Train Route Should Pass Through Zaheerabad

**Councillor Sravanthi Ravikiran's team submits representation to former MP BB Patil.. Bullet Train station essential for NIMZ and industrial growth of**

Zaheerabad....““Hyderabad June 09 ( Indian Chronicle ):““A delegation led by Zaheerabad Municipality 27th Ward Councillor Nama Sravanthi Ravikiran met former Member of Parliament BB Patil and submitted a representation seeking the Hyderabad–Mumbai Bullet Train route to be aligned through Zaheerabad and for a modern Bullet Train station to be established in the town.““Speaking on the occasion, Councillor Sravanthi Ravikiran stated that Zaheerabad is rapidly emerging as a major industrial hub and that advanced transportation infrastructure is essential for its future growth. With large-scale projects such as the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) being developed in the region, improved connectivity has become a necessity, she said.““The delegation pointed out that during BB



## RTI Filed Over Allol–Bharat Nagar Road Development Works

**RTI application submitted seeking transparency in road construction works...**

**Erpula Ashok seeks details on funds, tenders, bills and project progress....**

““Zaheerabad June 09 ( Indian Chronicle ):““Seeking complete transparency in the Allol–Bharat Nagar road development project under the Zaheerabad Municipal limits of Sangareddy district, BJP State Council Member Erpula Ashok has submitted an application under the Right to Information (RTI) Act at the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department office in Zaheerabad.““In the RTI application, he requested detailed information regarding the funds sanctioned for the road project, the tender process, work orders issued, expenditure incurred so far, bills cleared, and the current status of the works.““Speaking on the occasion, Erpula Ashok said that development works undertaken with public funds must be carried out with complete transparency and accountability. He stated that the primary objective of filing the



## PM India calls for Stronger Enforcement and Collaboration to disrupt Illicit Tobacco Ecosystem

““Hyderabad:““On the occasion of World Anti Counterfeiting Day, Philip Morris India (PM India) reiterated its commitment to dismantle the illicit tobacco network through stronger enforcement and collaboration. As per the Tobacco Institute of India (TII), in India, illicit cigarettes represent nearly one-fourth of the domestic market, with estimated losses of Rs. 23,000 crores per annum.““Illicit tobacco trade is a growing global challenge, causing significant revenue loss through cross-border smuggling of illegal cigarettes. The issue has expanded beyond cigarettes to include banned and unregulated products like e-cigarettes and vapes, which often bypass regulatory checks.““As per a report released by EU-ASEAN Business Council (EU-ABC) and Euromonitor International, the illicit tobacco market across the ASEAN-6 generated an estimated US\$12.6 billion in revenue over the past two years (2024–2025), with illicit cigarette sales growing by 14% and illicit e-vape sales by 24% in the past year alone. Demand for illicit tobacco is driven by lower prices and growing accessibility of smuggled products, while supply is facilitated by ASEAN's extensive and interconnected trade routes and uneven supply chain controls. These smuggled products are largely produced within the region in Indonesia, Cambodia with additional supply from China, while Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam are key distribution hubs.““ApiraSol (an organization specializing in brand protection and supply chain intelligence) Report 'Smuggled Puffs: Illegal E-Cigarette Trade Across Borders', April 2026, highlights that the illicit e-cigarette trade is becoming a significant force reshaping the global nicotine market, fueled by rapid growth and mounting regulatory complexity. Furthermore, it states that the illicit e-cigarette market was valued at USD 47 billion in 2024, representing over 70% of global spending and roughly three-quarters of total volume- equivalent to 605 billion cigarettes. “As the Government of India deepens enforcement and sharpens regulatory capabilities to detect smuggled products, addressing the wider consequences of the illegal tobacco trade remains critical. Reinforcement data stresses the expanding scale of illicit tobacco across the country. Today, a broader ecosystem of banned and unregulated products are available in India that evade regulatory scrutiny. “Recent media reports flagged Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) led several major crackdowns, including a nationwide operation resulting in the seizure of nearly 3 lakh prohibited e cigarettes and vaping devices valued at over ₹120 crore.