

Irregularities Alleged in Bukkupadu Food Park Farmers' Hopes Dashed in Food Park Project, Alleges BJP National Leader Ponguleti.



“Khammam Sathupally, June 17 Indian Chronicle: “Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National Leader and former MLC Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy has alleged major irregularities and a complete lack of transparency in the establishment and management of the Mega Food Park at Bukkupadu in Sathupally mandal of Khammam district. He stated that a prestigious project, which was originally envisioned to support local farmers and boost agro-based industries, has unfortunately been turned into a platform for corruption. On Wednesday, Mr. Ponguleti, along with BJP Khammam District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao and other senior leaders, conducted a detailed field inspection of the ongoing construction and works at the Bukkupadu Food Park site. Speaking to the media after the inspection, he alleged that the involvement of certain local political leaders in these irregularities was highly evident. “Mr. Ponguleti recalled that the Central Government had designed this Mega Food Park scheme with an estimated cost of 109.50 crore rupees, equipped with modern cold storage facilities, solely keeping the welfare of local farmers in mind. To ensure its success, the Central Government contributed a major share of 49.70 crore rupees in funding. He pointed

out that while the state government's role was strictly limited to acquiring land for the project, some politicians used this process to indulge in corruption. He alleged that lands were initially taken away from poor local farmers at very low prices ranging from one lakh to two lakh rupees per acre, only to be handed over to corporate entities today. He expressed grief that poor families had willingly surrendered their valuable lands despite inadequate compensation, hoping that the food park would generate employment and livelihood opportunities for their children, but those hopes have now been completely shattered. “The BJP national leader questioned the decision behind allocating 84 acres of land to a private company from the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh without following the standard rules and regulations. He demanded answers regarding who benefited from handing over these lands to Deepak Nexgen Company at less than half the market price. He emphasized that crucial land allocations of this scale legally require the formal approval of the state cabinet, yet the procedures were bypassed due to political pressure and influence. “Mr. Ponguleti strongly demanded that every irregular-

ity in the Bukkupadu Food Park project must be thoroughly investigated. He asserted that if the government has any integrity, it must immediately release a comprehensive white paper detailing all transactions, agreements, and land allotments. He warned that the BJP would continue its struggle until the facts are made public. He stated that they would initiate an inquiry through the Central Vigilance Commission and would also urge the Central Government to order a Central Bureau of Investigation probe. As a native of the district, he vowed that he would not sit back and watch the exploitation of local farmers, promising to take this fight from the grassroots level all the way to Delhi until justice is served to the affected families. “Prior to the site inspection, the BJP leaders participated in a plantation drive along

the Greenfield Highway near Sathupally to promote environmental awareness. The program and the subsequent inspection saw the participation of BJP District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao, State Official Spokesperson Namburi Ramalingeshwara Rao, State Executive Member Rudra Pradeep, State Council Member Jonnalagadda Naresh, District General Secretary Naidu Raghava Rao, and District Secretary Veeramraju. Local party leaders including Sathupally Mandal and Town Presidents Banothu Vijay and Shali Shivakrishna, Vemsur Mandal President Gorla Prabhakar Reddy, former Mandal President Parasa Rambabu, alongside Raghunatha Reddy, Bhimireddy Balakrishna Reddy, Bandi Venkata Reddy, Nallamothu Nani Babu, Koppula Madhusudhan Reddy, Vemula Lakshminarayana, and several others were also present.

Public Faith in Welfare Schemes Driving Congress Growth: MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy Over 100 Leaders and Youth Join Congress in Balasamudram

““Hanumakonda, June 17 (Indian Chronicle): In a significant boost to the Congress Party in Warangal West constituency, nearly 100 leaders, party workers, and youth from various political parties in Balasamudram under the 30th Division joined the Congress on Wednesday in the presence of MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy. “The induction program was held at the MLA's camp office in Balasamudram, where the new entrants were warmly welcomed into the party with Congress scarves. On the occasion, the MLA explained the party's ideology, the objectives of the people-centric government, and the developmental initiatives being implemented



across the constituency. “Addressing the gathering, Nayini Rajender Reddy said that the Congress Government is committed to public welfare and regional development. He noted that the increasing trust among people in the government's welfare schemes and ongoing development works has led to a surge in support for the party and large-scale inductions. “He called upon party workers to actively contribute to the development of Balasamudram, strengthen civic infrastructure in local colonies, and work towards resolving public grievances. The MLA urged the newly inducted members to remain closely connected with the people and play an active role in further strengthening the party at the grassroots level. “The program was attended by Thota Pawan, Swamy, Srinivas, local Congress leaders, party activists, women, youth, and supporters from the area.

Triveni Vidyalaya Campus Buzzes with Students

“Khammam, June 17 Indian Chronicle: “The campus of Triveni High School was filled with enthusiasm and excitement on Wednesday as both new and returning students arrived for the new academic session on an auspicious day. The school witnessed a festive atmosphere with students, parents, and staff participating in various welcoming activities.”

“On this occasion, a special prayer ceremony was conducted with the students. The school entrance was beautifully decorated with balloons, and students were warmly welcomed by the Principal and teachers, who blessed them with traditional akshintalu (sacred rice grains), reflecting the richness of Indian culture and traditions.” School Principal *Rajendra Prasad* stated

that the curriculum for the current academic year has been designed to ensure students excel not only in academics but also in sports and extracurricular activities. “The specially arranged selfie points on the campus attracted both students and parents. Dedicated classrooms for pre-primary children were also inaugurated as part of the school's efforts to provide a better learning environment. “The event was attended by School CRO *Katragadda Muralikrishna, Vice Principal **Swapna Mustafa, Campus In-charge **Victor Charles, Transport In-charge **Sandeep*, teachers, and students.



Indiramma Housing Scheme Fulfilling the Dream of Homeownership for the Poor: MLA K.R. Nagaraju, KUDA Chairman Inugala Venkatram Reddy

“Hanumakonda (Hasanparthy), June 17 (Indian Chronicle): Vardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju and KUDA Chairman & Hanumakonda DCC President Inugala Venkatram Reddy stated that the State Government's prestigious Indiramma Housing Scheme is transforming the lives of underprivileged families by turning their long-cherished dream of owning a home into reality.” The leaders participated as chief guests at the inauguration of newly constructed Indiramma houses in Yellapur village of Hasanparthy Mandal on Wednesday. They formally inaugurated the

houses by cutting the ribbon. Hanumakonda District Kisan Congress President Pingili Venkatram Narasimha Reddy also attended the programme. “Addressing the gathering, the leaders said that providing every eligible poor family with a permanent and dignified home remains one of the government's foremost priorities. They emphasized that the scheme reflects the government's commitment to improving the quality of life and ensuring social security for economically weaker sections.”

“The leaders later extended their heartfelt congratulations to the beneficiaries who entered their new homes and wished them a life filled with happiness, prosperity, good health, and well-being.” The programme was attended by local public representatives, Congress Party leaders, party workers, village elders, women, youth, beneficiaries, and a large number of villagers.



Ministers challenge Harish Rao to substantiate scam charge Say Welfare Department procurements were carried out through a transparent and competitive tendering process.

KARIMNAGAR June 17 (Correspondent): Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar on Wednesday defended the State government's welfare and public transport initiatives and dismissed allegations of irregularities in welfare department procurements as “baseless and politically motivated.”

The Ministers travelled in a TGSRTC bus from Vageshwari Engineering College to the NTR statue in Karimnagar, interacting with students, passengers and RTC employees. During the journey, Mr. Prabhakar said additional bus services were being operated during school and college hours to meet increasing demand and that new buses had been inducted into the fleet following the rise in ridership under the Mahalakshmi free travel scheme for women.

The Ministers said the government had strengthened welfare measures by introducing pre-primary classes in government schools, launching a breakfast-and-milk programme and enhancing diet and cosmetic charges in Gurukul institutions. They maintained that quality education was being ensured through experienced faculty and improved facilities.

Addressing passengers, Mr. Prabhakar said women were saving between ₹2,000 and ₹3,000 every month through free bus travel. He also highlighted various govern-

ment initiatives, including free electricity up to 200 units, LPG subsidy, distribution of fine rice, issue of new ration cards, farmer assistance schemes and recruitment drives.

Later, speaking to reporters, Mr. Prabhakar said the Congress government had implemented free bus travel for women within 48 hours of assuming office in December 2023 and had since resolved several long-pending issues affecting the State transport corporation. He claimed that Telangana had emerged as a model in public transport



and that RTC was steadily moving towards financial stability.

Responding to allegations made by former Minister Harish Rao regarding an alleged ₹2,000-crore scam in welfare department procurements, the Ministers challenged him to produce evidence. Mr. Prabhakar argued that the total value of centralised procurement itself did not amount to ₹2,000 crore and questioned the basis for the allegation.

“If the charges are proven, we are prepared to resign,” he said, asserting that all procurement processes had been conducted transparently through an online tendering system that allowed participation from bidders across the country.

Mr. Prabhakar also took exception to criticism directed at Ministers representing weaker sections, Scheduled Castes and minority communities. He said such remarks raised questions about the opposition's attitude towards socially disadvantaged groups.

Drawing a comparison with veteran leaders G. Venkat Swamy and Juvvadi Chokka Rao, Mr. Prabhakar said the present generation of leaders, including D. Sridhar Babu and Mr. Laxman Kumar, was continuing a tradition of public service and democratic politics in the district.

Mr. Laxman Kumar accused the previous BRS government of neglecting BC, SC, ST and minority welfare institutions and claimed that the present administration had cleared pending dues of social welfare hostels, increased student welfare allocations and improved facilities in residential educational institutions.

On the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Mr. Prabhakar alleged that the exercise could lead to the exclusion of anti-BJP votes and questioned the BJP's silence despite concerns expressed by both the Congress and the BRS.

RTC employees who interacted with the Ministers welcomed measures such as the proposed pay revision process, labour union elections and the expansion of services on new routes.

Commissioner calls for speedy disposal of pending cases in Karimnagar Round-the-clock patrolling and women's safety measures reviewed.



KARIMNAGAR June 17 (Correspondent): Police Commissioner Gaush Alam has directed officers of the Karimnagar Police Commissionerate to expedite the disposal of pending cases while ensuring effective maintenance of law and order across the region.

Chairing the monthly crime review meeting at the Commissionerate headquarters on Wednesday, Mr. Alam reviewed the progress of investigations and examined case diaries submitted by Assistant Commissioners of Police, Inspectors, Station House Officers and heads of various police wings.

Emphasising the need for timely investigations, the Commissioner instructed officers to prioritise cases involving crimes against women and children, including those registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and other grave offences. He said special attention should be given to women's safety through strength-

ened deployment of She Teams and Blue Colts personnel.

Mr. Alam called for visible policing across urban and rural areas under the Commissionerate and directed officers to intensify patrolling during both day and night. He also instructed police personnel to closely monitor the activities of rowdy-sheeters and suspect-sheeters and conduct surprise inspections whenever necessary.

To curb drug-related offences, he ordered intensified inspections at locations vulnerable to illicit activities, including pan shops near educational institutions, bus depots and railway stations. Strict action should be taken against those involved in the sale and distribution of narcotic substances, he said.

Referring to recent incidents involving organised groups from outside the State, the Commissioner directed police stations to maintain updated records of Nepali workers employed in various sectors within the Commissionerate limits. Officials were asked to verify and register the details of such workers as a precautionary measure.

Mr. Alam also instructed hotel and lodge operators to ensure proper verification of guests through valid identity documents and contact information before allotting rooms. Violations of prescribed norms would invite action, he warned.

As part of efforts to strengthen crime prevention, security audits of banks and jewellery establishments will be undertaken to assess vulnerabilities and improve safety standards. The Commissioner further ordered special enforcement drives against underage driving, vehicles without number plates, tinted glass violations, noise pollution and irregularities in school transport vehicles. Drunk-driving checks and cybercrime awareness campaigns are also to be intensified.

Reviewing surveillance infrastructure, Mr. Alam urged officers to promote the installation of community CCTV cameras and complete geo-tagging of existing cameras across the Commissionerate.

Later, during a review with judicial authorities, he instructed officers to identify compoundable cases that could be settled through the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on June 20, with a view to ensuring speedy resolution of disputes.

Among those present at the meeting were ACPs Srinivas G., Vijay Kumar, Venkataswamy, Yadagiri Swamy, Madhavi, and Pratap, along with other senior officers and police personnel of the Commissionerate.

Harish Rao Has No Moral Right to Speak of Scams, Says SUDA Chairman

Congress government increased hostel allowances and is delivering welfare measures neglected by the previous regime, alleges Narendra Reddy.

KARIMNAGAR June 17 (Correspondent): SUDA Chairman Komatireddy Narendra Reddy on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on former Minister T. Harish Rao, accusing him of lacking the moral authority to comment on alleged scams and asserting that the previous BRS government was itself mired in irregularities.

Addressing a press conference at the R&B Guest House here, Mr. Narendra Reddy said the allegations being levelled by Mr. Harish Rao against the Congress government and its Ministers were baseless and politically motivated. He remarked that criticism from leaders who had served in the BRS regime was akin to "demons preaching the Vedas", alleging that the previous government had presided over several scandals during its decade-long tenure.

Defending the State government, Mr. Narendra Reddy said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was steering a people-centric administration and implementing a range of welfare and development programmes. He accused the opposition of attempting to undermine these efforts through unsubstantiated allegations.

Referring to accusations of irregularities in departmental tenders involving Ministers Ponnampaluri Prabhakar, Adluri Laxman Kumar and Azharuddin, he said the charges were ironic, particularly when the previous government had failed to address the concerns of students from BC, SC, ST and Minority communities.

Mr. Narendra Reddy noted that the Congress government had increased mess charges and cosmetic allowances for hostel students by 40%, a measure aimed at easing the burden on economically disadvantaged families. He said the decision reflected the government's commitment to student welfare and social justice.

The SUDA Chairman also took exception to remarks reportedly made by



former MLA Putta Madhu against Minister D. Sridhar Babu. Describing the comments as inappropriate, he advised Mr. Putta Madhu to exercise restraint and maintain decorum in public discourse.

Among those present were Karimnagar City Congress president Vaidyula Anjan Kumar, Akarapu Bhaskar Reddy, Madupu Mohan, Anjani Prasad, Varala Narsingam, Kamreddy Ram Reddy, Dandi Ravinder, Nelli Naresh, Shehansha, Yella Reddy, Hanif, Khalil and Basheer, among others.

Karimnagar urged to expedite DPRs under Urban Challenge Fund

CDMA officials stress timely submission of quality project reports to facilitate funding and execution of development works.



KARIMNAGAR June 17 (Correspondent): The preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for development works proposed under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), a flagship initiative supported by the Centre and the State Government, was reviewed during a video conference conducted by senior officials of the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration (CDMA) on Wednesday.

The conference, chaired by CDMA official Sridevi from Hyderabad, focused on the timely preparation of DPRs for projects proposed by urban local bodies under the scheme. Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai and engineering officials of the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation participated in the review meeting.

Officials discussed the scope of development works to be taken up in Karimnagar city under the UCF and the modalities for preparing comprehensive DPRs. Emphasis was laid on ensuring that the reports are prepared in accordance with prescribed standards and submitted within the stipulated timeline to facilitate the release of funds and execution of priority works.

Addressing the participants, Ms. Sridevi instructed officials to prepare the reports with meticulous planning so that the Urban Challenge Fund resources could be utilised effectively for urban infrastructure development. She stressed the need to avoid delays in the DPR preparation process and to maintain quality standards in project documentation.

Mr. Desai said the Municipal Corporation would expedite the preparation of DPRs for the identified projects and submit them to the government at the earliest. He noted that the scheme would play an important role in accelerating the city's development initiatives.

Deputy Executive Engineers Devender Reddy and Venkateshwarlu, and Assistant Engineer Satish were among those who attended the video conference.

Distribution of textbooks, note books to the students.

“Mulugu/ Venkatapuram.Indian Chronicle.june 17.” A distribution of textbooks and note books to the students was held on Wednesday at JADPSS Venkatapuram School. The event was attended by Sub-Sarpanch Sunny of Venkatapuram, Swarooparani, President of APC at the school and Aruna, a member of APC as well as principals who participated in Jivivi Satyanara and distributed textbooks and note books to the students.



“Textbooks and notebooks were handed out to each student who attended the school on this occasion. GVV Satyanarayana, a principal who spoke at the event said that he was working to ensure that every student had access to the quality education provided by the government. The students are being provided

with quality education as well as nutrition, and two pairs of uniforms will also be distributed by the government soon.”He said he is working to provide students with a quality education under the tutelage of experienced teachers so that they can excel in all areas. The event was attended by teachers, members of the school management committee and students.

HPV vaccination is mandatory for 14 year old girls.. ““ Special measures for the control of seasonal diseases.

““Deputy DMHWO Dr. Koram Krantikumar.”“Mulugu/ Venkatapuram.Indian Chronicle.june 17.”“ Medical staff review meeting on Wednesday at Ayushman Health Mandir in Venkatapur Atunagaram ITDA District deputy medical & health minister Dr. conducted under the direction of Koram Krantikumar.”He added that the HPV (HPV) vaccine is most needed for prevention of cervical cancer in girls who have turned 14 years old on this occasion. Parents urged their daughters to be vaccinated with the message “One Step Vaccination is a protective shield for



your child's future”. The medical staff was instructed to explain the benefits of the vaccine and educate the public.“It is directed that special environmental clean-up events be held in each village every Tuesday and Friday to control the seasonal diseases prevalent during the rainy season. spraying of TemiFoss in the sewers, Asha activists, ANMs and other medical personnel were instructed to visit villages in coordination with public awareness.”He said people should be made aware of drinking water and hygiene so that diseases like diarrhoea do not spread during the rainy season. Also the medical staff has been instructed to undertake a pre-emptive campaign for all children under five years of age, from newborns in Pulse Polio programme which will be held on 28th June 2026 (Sunday) and inform the village elders and public so that the event is successful.”The meeting was attended by Dr. Bhaskar, Ph.H.N Ekamma, H.E.O Kotireddi, Health Assistants, ANMs, health personnel and others participated.



“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 17):- As part of the democratic election process, all parties along with District Collector Anurag Jayanthi, Bhuvanagiri Municipal Chairman Thangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar, and Palakurthi Constituency Congress Party Ajwarwar Potnak Pramod Kumar visited the EVMs in the godown at the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector's Office.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Brings Light into the Lives of the Poor: MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy

“Narsampet, June 17 (Indian Chronicle): The Telangana government's prestigious Indiramma Housing Scheme is ushering in a new era of dignity and hope for economically disadvantaged families across rural Telangana. As thousands of impoverished families realize their long-cherished dream of owning a permanent home, villages in the Narsampet constituency are witnessing scenes of celebration and gratitude. “Beneficiaries extended heartfelt congratulations to Narsampet MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy for his efforts in facilitating the implementation of this scheme. House-warming ceremonies held in various villages turned into festive occasions, with villagers according the MLA a grand welcome featuring showers of flowers, traditional honors, and warm greetings. “Families moving into their newly constructed homes described the moment as life-changing. They noted that the scheme not only provided them with shelter but also instilled a sense of security,



stability, and self-respect. Many beneficiaries spoke emotionally of the MLA as a leader who stood by them and helped fulfill a dream they had nurtured for years. “Local leaders stated that the Congress government's welfare programs are successfully reaching eligible beneficiaries at the grassroots level and making a significant impact on rural livelihoods. They stated that the Indiramma Housing Scheme stands as a symbol of inclusive development, ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives reach the most vulnerable sections of

society. “Observers believe that every housewarming ceremony under this scheme signifies more than just the inauguration of a home; it marks the beginning of a new chapter filled with hope, confidence, and opportunities for countless families. The enthusiastic response from villagers and beneficiaries, coupled with the widespread celebrations accompanying the event, reflects the growing public confidence in the government's welfare agenda and its commitment to improving the quality of life for the poor.

Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah unveils statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at Gundala Mandal Center

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle...June 17):- Everyone should work towards achieving Ambedkar's aspirations.... Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah”“Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah unveiled the statue of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, at Gundala Mandal Center in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. “On this occasion, floral garlands were laid to the statue and tributes were paid. “Speaking at the meeting held later, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah said that it is very commendable that the statue was installed by the late Mabbu Foundation Chairman Mabbu Mahesh. He said that the Constitution given to India by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar has become the best constitution in the world. He said that Ambedkar laid the foundation for values ??like social justice, equality, brotherhood and secularism. He praised Ambedkar as a great man who fought for the upliftment of the downtrodden sections throughout his life. He said that everyone should work towards the realization of Ambedkar's ideals and that change in society is possible only through education, rights and social consciousness. He advised the youth to take Ambedkar's life as an ideal and use education as a weapon to scale higher heights. He said that the Telangana State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy is implementing many welfare and development programs with the aim of social justice and comprehensive development. He said that the government's goal is to provide equal opportunities to all sections of the society. Public representatives, local leaders, representatives of Ambedkar associations, officials, youth, villagers and a large number of people participated in this program. The statue unveiling program was held in a grand manner amidst cheers for Ambedkar.

MLA Kumbam Anil Kumar Reddy and his wife, along with Municipal Chairperson Tangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar, participate in the concluding Purnahuti rituals at the Gayatri Mata Temple

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau – Indian Chronicle – June 16):“MLA Kumbam Anil Kumar Reddy and his wife participated in the final day's rituals of



the Purnahuti ceremony—marking the conclusion of a 33-day-long event—at the Gayatri Mata Temple located on the outskirts of Bhuvanagiri town on Wednesday. They performed special prayers, seeking the Goddess's blessings for the well-being of the people. Also participating in the event were Municipal Chairperson Tangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar and her husband,

Vice-Chairperson Pothamshetti Manjula

Venkateshwarlu, and temple committee members—including Chandupatla Venkateshwarlu, Chandupatla Visweswarayya, Pothnak Pramod Kumar, Thotakuri Venkatesh, Palthiya Venkatesh, Narsing Rao, Vinod Bablu, Kausar, and Jagan—among others.

Another step forward for women empowerment.. MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone of the Women's Association building in Burju Bavi village

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 17):- Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone of the Women's Association building to be constructed in Burju Bavi village of Gundala mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district with the aim of further promoting the activities of women's associations. The program was organized in a grand manner in the presence of the village people, members of women's associations and local public representatives. “MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in the housewarming program organized by the village sarpanch Valla Vasavi Ramesh



for the beneficiaries of the houses built under the Indiramma House Scheme. “The house was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon on the occasion of the housewarming. Later, he congratulated the beneficiaries and presented them with clothes and also provided financial assistance for the Yatapottella program. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah said that the main goal of the Congress government is the welfare of the

people and rural development. He said that steps are being taken to ensure that the welfare and development schemes implemented by the state government under the leadership of the Chief Minister reach every family. He said that special encouragement is being given to self-help groups for the economic self-reliance of women, and that a platform will be made available for village women to hold meetings, training programs and various social activities through the construction of a women's association building. He also said that the dream of owning a house for poor families is being realized through the Indiramma Manazha scheme, and that efforts are being made to ensure that every eligible family gets government assistance. He said that the government is constantly working to improve the living standards of the people along with providing the necessary infrastructure for the development of villages. A large number of local public representatives, members of women's associations, village elders, party leaders, officials and villagers participated in the program.

Nekondapally Mandal to be Developed as Model Health Mandal: MPDO Y. Yarraiah

“Khammam Nekondapally, June 17 Indian Chronicle: “Mandala Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) M. Yarraiah has said that every effort should be made to develop Nekondapally mandal as a model health mandal in the district. “He chaired a Mandal Task Force meeting held at the Mandal Parishad Office on Wednesday, focusing on the Primary Health Centres of Bodulabanda and



Cheruvumadharam. “Speaking on the occasion, he stressed the need for taking preventive measures in advance to avoid the spread of seasonal diseases during the upcoming monsoon season. He instructed officials to conduct health camps in previously identified villages and create awareness about health programmes among the public. “He also emphasized the successful conduct of the upcoming Pulse Polio programme scheduled for the 28th of this month, urging all departments to work in coordination to ensure its success. “The MPDO called for joint efforts to make the mandal an example for the entire district. He directed officials to eliminate vector-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria. He suggested preventive steps such as cleaning drainage systems properly and using oil balls in stagnant water to prevent mosquito breeding. “Officials present at the meeting included Tahsildar P. Ramprasad, Mandal Education Officer B. Chalapathi Rao, Medical Officers Dr. Rachha Sravan Kumar and S. Geetha, ICDS CDPO Kavitha, Supervisor Nagamani, and others.

Khammam Police Organize Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Patients

“KHAMMAM, 17 JUNE (INDIAN CHRONICLE): “Extending support to children battling thalassemia, the Khammam Town Division Police, under the leadership of ACP Ramanamurthy, organized a blood donation camp and collected blood from more than 100 donors, which was handed over for the benefit of thalassemia patients. “Speaking on the occasion, ACP Ramanamurthy appealed to the youth



to voluntarily come forward and donate blood. He suggested that people should make blood donation a habit on special occasions such as birthdays and wedding anniversaries. He noted that many lives are lost due to the shortage of blood donors and the resulting lack of adequate blood supplies. “He expressed gratitude to the members of the Auto Workers Union, ambulance staff, and the general public who donated blood and helped save lives through their generous contribution. “Inspectors Karunakar, Balakrishna, Mohan Babu, Usman Sharif, and other officials participated in the program.

Khammam Collector TS Divakar Urges Youth to Make Use of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS 2.0)

“Khammam, June 17 Indian Chronicle: “Khammam District Collector TS Divakar has urged youth to take full advantage of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS 2.0) and called for creating widespread awareness about the program among young people. “Speaking at a review meeting with officials and representatives of various organizations held at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday, the Collector said that polytechnic and degree students, as well as industries and



institutions, should actively participate in the scheme. “He stated that special measures are being taken under NATS 2.0 to provide skill training and employment opportunities to youth across Telangana. The scheme offers valuable on-the-job training for graduates and diploma holders from engineering, arts, science, and commerce streams, helping them gain practical industry experience. “The Collector explained that industries can easily identify and recruit skilled manpower through the program. He also noted that the government’s share of the stipend paid to apprentices is directly credited to beneficiaries’ bank accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. “Upon completion of the apprenticeship, industries will have access to a workforce trained according to industry standards, he added. “The Collector further said that through the NATS 2.0 portal, organizations can digitally manage the entire apprenticeship process, including publishing vacancies, reviewing applications, and generating apprenticeship contracts. He encouraged all government, private, and MSME organizations in Telangana to register on the official NATS portal and engage apprentices under the scheme. “Among those who attended the meeting were General Manager of Industries Department Praveen Kumar, Lead Bank Manager Ravi Prasad, RTO Srinivasa Rao, SC Corporation Executive Director Mujahid, Tribal Welfare Department Deputy Director Vijayalakshmi, Electricity Department SE Srinivasa Chary, District Employment Officer Madhavi, Industries Department Assistant Director Nakul Reddy, and other officials. “Issued by the District Public Relations Officer’s Office, Khammam.

Right to Information Act: Accountability, a Powerful Weapon for Citizens, and a Shield for Public Funds

“KHAMMAM, 17 JUNE (INDIAN CHRONICLE): “The Right to Information (RTI) Act is one of the most powerful democratic tools available to citizens. It promotes transparency, accountability, and serves as a bridge between the government and the people. The Act helps prevent corruption, ensures responsible governance, creates awareness about laws among citizens, and safeguards public funds. “Since its implementation in 2005, the RTI Act has played a crucial role in bringing transparency to government functioning and preventing secretive administrative practices. It is considered a milestone in India’s democratic history. The Act empowers ordinary citizens to expose corruption, irregularities, negligence, and misuse of authority by public officials. “Before the RTI Act came into force, obtaining information from government offices was often difficult. Today, every citizen has the legal right to seek information from any public authority—from a village panchayat office to the Secretariat, from an attender to a District Collector. As a result, thousands of corruption cases, misuse of public funds, fake bills, illegal appointments, irregularities in welfare schemes, and various administrative lapses have come to light. “The RTI Act has helped expose many major scams and irregularities involving contractors, businessmen, industrial sectors, and even matters of national significance. Once information is obtained, bringing it before the public through media and public forums helps resolve issues and strengthens democracy. “Although political parties often use RTI information against one another to expose corruption and irregularities, concerns remain that political interests sometimes overshadow public interest. Nevertheless, RTI continues to be a strong instrument in the fight against corruption. “Thousands of honest citizens, social activists, journalists, students, and public representatives use the RTI Act effectively for the welfare of society. Their efforts have exposed numerous corruption cases and increased accountability among governments and public officials. “Therefore, the need of the hour is not to weaken the RTI Act but to strengthen it by addressing its loopholes. Mechanisms should be improved to ensure effective action based on information obtained through RTI. At the same time, authorities should consider strict measures against the misuse of information obtained through the Act. “The RTI Act is not merely a law; it is a protective shield for democracy. Since governments function using taxpayers’ money, citizens have the right to monitor and question public administration. If this powerful tool becomes weak, democracy itself suffers. “Hence, civil society organizations, social groups, student leaders, employee unions, journalists, elected representatives, political leaders, and citizens must protect and respect this law. RTI should be used for public welfare rather than personal gain. “Protecting this constitutional right is the responsibility of every citizen. A strong RTI Act leads to a stronger democracy. Let us protect RTI, public funds, democratic values, and the rights of the people. The knowledge that citizens can question government actions through RTI encourages accountability and helps prevent misuse of public resources. “The fear that secret Government Orders (GOs) and decisions may be exposed through RTI discourages governments from issuing such orders without transparency. This is why the RTI Act truly serves as a “Brahmastra” (ultimate weapon) in the hands of the people. “How the Right to Information Act, 2005 Benefits Citizens “RTI is not just a law; it is a powerful weapon in the hands of ordinary citizens. Here are five examples of how people benefit from it: “1. Solving Personal Problems: “Why Is My Work Not Being Done?” “Before RTI: “People had to visit government offices repeatedly for ration cards, pensions, land records, and other services. Files often moved only after paying bribes. “After RTI: “For example, a widow in Nagarkurnool did not receive her pension for two years. She filed an RTI application asking: “What is the status of my file?” “With which official is it pending?” “Within ten days, she received a call from the concerned office, and within fifteen days, her pension was sanctioned. “Why it worked: “RTI reveals where a file is pending and identifies the responsible official, compelling authorities to act promptly. “2. Exposing Corruption: “Where Did Public Money Go?” “Before RTI: “Contractors and officials could inflate bills and misuse funds without public knowledge. “After RTI: “In one case, ₹2 crore was sanctioned for a road project, but the road was never constructed. Local youth filed RTI applications seeking: “Bills “Work orders “Measurement books “The records showed that funds had been withdrawn without completing the work. Action was taken, and the road was eventually constructed. “Why it worked: “RTI gives citizens the right to demand an account for every rupee of public expenditure. “3. Improving Government Schemes and Services “Before RTI: “Poor-quality midday meals, absentee teachers, and irregular implementation of welfare schemes often went unquestioned. “After RTI: “A villager sought information regarding: “Midday meal menus “Number of students served “Quantity of food supplies purchased “The records revealed discrep-



ancies, leading to an inquiry and corrective action by education authorities. “Why it worked: “Officials perform their duties more responsibly when they know citizens can ask for records at any time. “4. Influencing Policies and Preventing Wrong Decisions “Before RTI: “Governments could issue decisions and orders without public scrutiny. “After RTI: “In the famous Adarsh Housing Society case in Mumbai, RTI activists obtained file notings that exposed how land meant for war heroes was allotted improperly. The revelations led to investigations and legal action. “Why it worked: “RTI provides access to file notings, showing who approved decisions, when they did so, and why. “5. Creating Social Awareness and the Courage to Question “There was a time when people were afraid to approach government offices. Today, even school students understand that they have the right to seek information. “According to available figures, during 2023–24, approximately 1.8 lakh RTI applications were filed in Telangana, with a significant proportion coming from rural areas. “Result: “Citizens are becoming more aware, informed, and empowered to question public authorities. “Three Major Changes Brought by RTI “Before RTI “Citizens struggled to obtain information. “Officials often avoided accountability. “Government records were difficult to access. “After RTI “Citizens can legally seek information. “Public authorities are required to provide information. “Decisions must be supported by written records and documentation. “Officials become accountable for their actions. “Transparency has significantly improved. “RTI is not a magic solution that resolves every problem immediately. Filing an RTI application does not automatically solve all issues. However, it gives citizens the power to question, seek answers, and demand accountability. Most importantly, it gives ordinary people the confidence to knock on the doors of authority and ask for the truth.

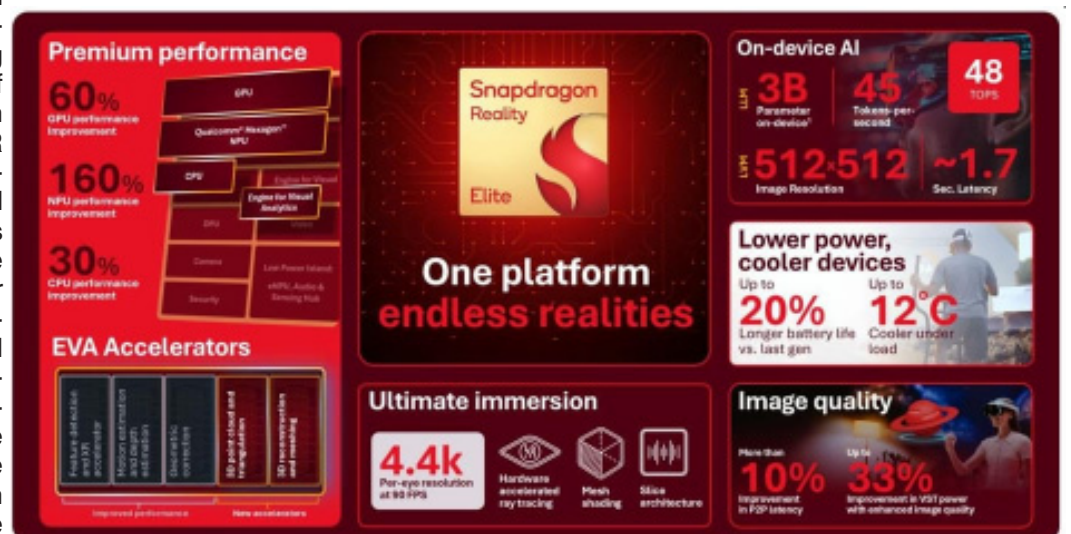
The Chainsmokers' India Tour 2026 to drive mayhem this December across Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru; Duo To Headline Sunburn Festival 2026 In Mumbai on 18th Dec



“““““Hyderabad “““““A decade after ‘Closer’ became one of the internet generation’s most iconic songs, the Grammy Award-winning global superstars The Chainsmokers will be returning to India for a massive three-city India tour across Mumbai on December 18th, Delhi on December 19th and Bengaluru on December 20th. “““““As part of the tour, the Mumbai leg will see the duo headline Sunburn Festival 2026 at Mumbai’s iconic Mahalaxmi Racecourse, marking a landmark new chapter for the festival as it arrives in the heart of the city. “““““Ticket sales for the Mumbai and Bengaluru legs of The Chainsmokers India Tour 2026 are available on BookMyShow. Delhi, register NOW to get ahead of the crowd and stay tuned for further details on BookMyShow. “““““There are some songs that become bigger than music. They become memories. They become timelines. They become entire phases of life. For millennials and Gen Z across India, The Chainsmokers were exactly that. Whether it was screaming the lyrics to ‘Closer’ during college fests, hearing ‘Don’t Let Me Down’ at every party, putting ‘Paris’ on during late-night drives or watching ‘Something Just Like This’ become a festival anthem across the world, The Chainsmokers didn’t just dominate charts; they defined a cultural moment for an entire generation growing up online, hyper-connected and emotionally attached to music in a completely new way. “““““Commenting on the announcement, Karan Singh, CEO, Sunburn, said, “There are very few artists whose music instantly transports people back to a specific phase of their lives and The Chainsmokers are absolutely one of them. For Indian millennials and Gen Z, their songs became part of core youth culture moments over the last decade. We understand the emotional excitement fans have around witnessing them live again, especially at a time when nostalgia and shared cultural experiences are driving fan communities globally. Our vision is to create large-scale cultural moments where music, fandom, production and community come together in a way that reflects the scale of what young India wants from live entertainment today.”

Qualcomm Takes Spatial Computing into the AI Era with Snapdragon Reality Elite

“““““Hyderabad “““““Qualcomm Technologies Inc. today announced at Augmented World Expo the Snapdragon® Reality Elite Platform, designed to power immersive spatial computing experiences with stunning visual fidelity and deeply integrated on-device AI across a spectrum of form factors. It will power high-performance all-in-one video-see-through (VST) headsets and lightweight tethered optical-see-through (OST). “““““XR adoption continues to expand, with more than 60 million devices2 already in market and growing momentum across industries.” said Ziad Asghar, Senior Vice President and General Manager of XR, Wearables and Personal AI. “As more advanced and integrated XR platforms are developed, demand is increasing for XR technologies that deliver higher performance, greater intelligence, and improved power efficiency. Snapdragon Reality Elite is designed to meet those demands with powerful on-device AI, enabling faster, longer-lasting, and more immersive experiences, and reinforcing our leadership in VR and MR as we build purpose-built XR chipsets from the ground up.” “Designed for Generative AI“Snapdragon Reality Elite is designed to deliver advanced on-device AI performance, up to 48 TOPS, supporting large language and vision models that unlock a new class of generative XR experiences. These capabilities enable everything from photorealistic avatars with Gaussian Splatting and LLM-based agents to real-time large vision model (LVM)-driven object generation that brings dynamic digital content into the user’s environment. These AI features also allow XR experiences to respond in real time, with greater contextual awareness and more natural interaction. Additionally, Snapdragon Reality Elite enhances head and hand tracking and supports see-through features, helping users engage more seamlessly with both digital content and the world around them. “Snapdragon’s XR Superpowers“Snapdragon Reality Elite delivers up to 60% higher GPU performance, up to 30% increase in CPU performance, and up to 160% higher NPU performance1, giving developers greater flexibility to push immersive XR experiences further, including with richer visuals, faster responding interactions, and more complex mixed reality scenarios. These added gains support demanding use cases such as immersive content viewing, mixed reality applications, and real-time spatial perception, while maintaining power efficiency designed for comfortable, extended wear.



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