

Speed Up Land Acquisition Process for Irrigation Projects: Commissioner K. Sivakumar

“Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle:” Commissioner for Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) and Irrigation Land Acquisition, K. Sivakumar, has directed officials to expedite the land acquisition process for irrigation projects in Khammam district to ensure timely completion of key infrastructure works. “On Thursday, the Commissioner, along with District Collector Divakara T.S., reviewed the progress of land acquisition and compensation payments for major irrigation projects at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the Collectorate. “During the review, officials discussed project-wise progress on land acquisition, compensation disbursement, pending issues, and measures required to accelerate implementation. The Commissioner instructed departments to resolve outstanding matters promptly and complete land acquisition procedures at the earliest. “The meeting reviewed the status of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project, the Munneru-Paleru Link Canal, and other ongoing irrigation projects in the erstwhile Khammam district. Officials briefed the Commissioner on land acquisition, forest clearances, compensation payments, pending court cases, and survey works. “Addressing the officials, Sivakumar emphasized that affected farmers should receive fair compensation without delay. He directed authorities to ensure timely issuance of awards and completion of payment processes. He also stressed the need for close coordination between the Revenue and Irrigation Departments to address project-related challenges efficiently. “The Commissioner said that all departments must focus on completing the state's prestigious irrigation projects within the stipulated timeframe. He called for a structured action plan to resolve pending issues and regular monitoring of progress. “District Collector Divakara T.S. presented details of the ongoing irrigation projects in the district. He stated that land acquisition for the Jawahar Lift Irrigation Project covering 193.15 acres in 11 villages is currently at the award stage. “Regarding the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project, the Collector said that under Package-14, awards have been passed for 623.02 acres out of 650.22 acres acquired. Under Package-15, awards have been issued for 198.13 acres, and compensation has already been paid to the displaced landowners. “For Package-16, awards have been passed for 820.12 acres, and compensation payments have been completed for 796.13 acres, which have already been taken over. Compen-



sation for the remaining land is yet to be received from the government, he added. Land acquisition activities under Packages 6, 2, and 1 are also progressing. “The Collector urged officials to work in coordination to accelerate the land acquisition process and facilitate timely completion of irrigation projects. “Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, Kallur Sub-Collector Ajay Yadav, Irrigation Chief Engineers M. Venkateswarlu and Srinivasa Reddy, Khammam RDO Srinivas, SDC Sadanandam, along with officials from the Irrigation and Revenue Departments, attended the review meeting. “Issued by the District Public Relations Officer, Khammam.

Police and Agriculture Department Conduct Surprise Inspections of Fertilizer and Seed Shops



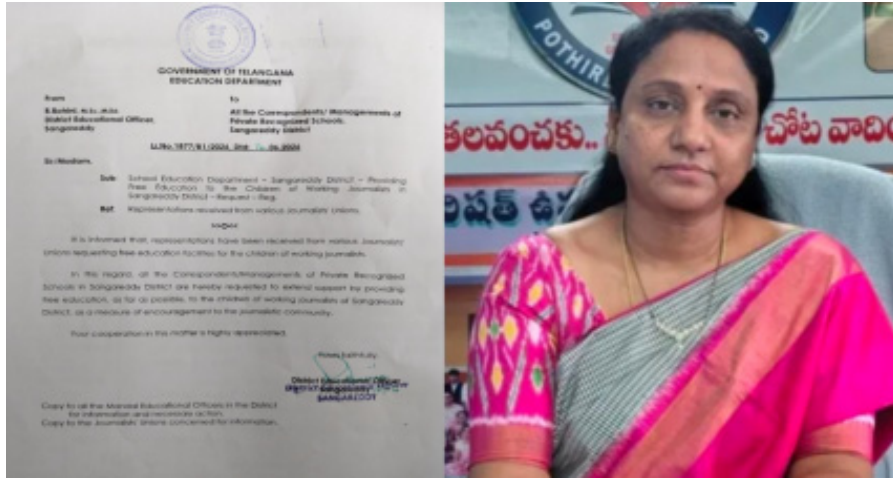
whether the seeds and fertilizers being sold to farmers complied with government regulations. They also inspected package details, manufacturing dates, expiry dates, and company identification marks. “During the inspection, officials stated that there would be no leniency toward those cheating farmers. They warned that if fake seeds, fake fertilizers, or substandard pesticides are found being sold, strict action will be taken against the shop owners, including filing cases and invoking the PD Act if necessary. “Farmers were advised to always collect bills while purchasing seeds and fertilizers during the agricultural season. Officials said that without bills, it becomes difficult to take action if problems arise later. They also urged farmers to immediately report any suspicious seeds or fertilizers to the agriculture department.



“ Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle: Authorities have warned that strict action will be taken against those selling fake seeds. “To ensure that farmers receive quality seeds and fertilizers and to curb the sale of counterfeit seeds and pesticides, surprise inspections were conducted on Thursday in Sathupalli town under the supervision of Kallur ACP Vasundhara Yadav. “Sathupalli Inspector Srihari and Agriculture Department In-charge AEO Sujatha led the inspection team, visiting fertilizer and seed shops as well as Navata Transport. They thoroughly examined sales records, stock details, licenses, billing practices, and storage conditions. “Officials checked

Free Education for Journalists' Children: DEO Rohini "sangareddy indian chronicle correspondent"

"Sangareddy District Educational Officer R. Rohini has issued orders to provide free education to the children of working journalists in private and corpo-



rate schools for the 2026-27 academic year. Following requests from various journalists' unions, orders issued through Lr.No.1877/B1/2026, dated the 16th of this month, have been sent to all Mandal Educational Officers in the district, leaders of journalists' unions, and managements of private schools. Speaking on the occasion, DEO Rohini said, "The services of journalists, who work tirelessly for the welfare of society, are invaluable. Our goal is to ensure quality education for their children. School managements should extend their support with compassion. If any difficulties arise in providing free education, they can contact the concerned Mandal Educational Officers. This is a measure of encouragement for the journalistic community."

Government Working with Farmers' Welfare as Its Core Objective: Rayala Nageswara Rao

"Nelakondapalli, Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle: "State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao said that the government is committed to the welfare and development of farmers and is implementing policies aimed at improving their livelihoods." "He was the chief guest at a Farmers' Awareness Seminar organized by the Nelakondapalli Bhakta Ramadasu Service Society at Sreevara Garden in Nelakondapalli under the Palair Assembly constituency on Thursday. The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. "Speaking on the occasion, Nageswara Rao urged farmers to



reduce their dependence on chemical fertilizers and adopt organic fertilizers for sustainable farming. He explained the precautions farmers should take during crop cultivation and highlighted effective crop management practices to improve productivity. "He emphasized that adopting crop rotation methods can help farmers secure a stable and consistent income. The chairman also provided detailed guidance on reducing the excessive use of urea and promoting balanced nutrient management in agriculture. "Calling for efficient use of irrigation water, he encouraged farmers to explore alternative crops that offer better returns. He further advised them to focus not only on farming but also on allied sectors such as animal husbandry and other agricultural support activities to enhance their economic growth and resilience. "Following the seminar, Nageswara Rao visited the exhibition stalls set up at the venue and interacted with participants and organizers.

Budde Swamy Assumes Charge as Manthani CI

"Peddapalli District, Manthani" (Indian Chronicle) June 18: "Mr. Budde Swamy officially assumed charge as the Circle Inspector (CI) of Manthani Police Station on Wednesday. On the occasion, police officials and staff welcomed him and



extended their congratulations. "After taking charge, CI Budde Swamy stated that maintaining law and order would be his top priority and assured that police services would be made more accessible to the public. He emphasized his commitment to resolving public grievances and effectively controlling crime in the region.

267 Applications Received for Recruitment in Six Pre-Primary Schools; Screening Conducted by Three-Member Committee

"Khammam Nelakondapalli June 18 Indian Chronicle: "As part of efforts to strengthen pre-primary education, six schools in Nelakondapalli mandal have been selected for the appointment of instructors and support staff (Aayas). Applications were invited for these positions, and interviews for eligible candidates were conducted on Thursday. "A three-member committee comprising M. Yarraiah (MPDO), P. Ram Prasad (Tahsildar), and B. Chalapathi Rao (MEO) reviewed the applications and interviewed the candidates at the Mandal Parishad Office. The committee also verified the educational and other relevant certificates submitted by the applicants. "The selected schools are located in Rayagudem, Bhairavunipalli, Nachepalli, Singareddypalem, Cheruvumadharam, and Painampalli villages. A total of 267 applications were received for the teacher and Aaya positions across these six schools. "The interview process continued until late in the evening due to the large number of applicants. Committee members stated that after completing the screening and evaluation process, the final list of eligible candidates would be forwarded to the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) for further action. "The Mandal Parishad Office witnessed heavy activity throughout the day as numerous candidates arrived to attend the interviews.



Congress leader Ravel Krishna Rao has strongly criticized BRS leader K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) and warned him to change his attitude, failing which he would face strong consequences

Nekonda Palli, June 18 Indian Chronicle: Speaking at a press conference held at the Mandal headquarters on Thursday, he alleged that KTR has been making false accusations against state ministers. He cautioned that if such behavior continues, Congress leaders would “teach him a fitting lesson.” “Rao claimed that the BRS party was “inefficient” for failing to construct even a single house during its ten-year rule. He added that after Congress came to power, the government has been constructing lakhs of houses, which, according to him, the opposition cannot tolerate, leading to false propaganda.” “He further said that KTR’s comments are being widely disliked by the public and asserted that three ministers are actively implementing development and welfare programmes.” “He challenged KTR to an open debate in villages if he truly has sincerity about development, and warned that if he continues in the same manner, even the status of opposition may not be achieved in the coming elections.” “Ravel Krishna Rao also alleged that BRS leaders are speaking without awareness and compared them to “blind critics ignoring visible development.” “Praising Minister Srinivasa Reddy, he said the minister has been actively contributing to public welfare not only through government funds but also through his personal trust, serving weaker sections of society.” “He urged KTR to stop making false propaganda and instead support the welfare and development of the people of the state.



Make the huge dharna of Telangana State Upa Sarpanch Forum at Indira Park in Hyderabad on the 25th of this month a success :

-(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 18):- In Bhuvanagiri town, under the auspices of Upa Sarpanch Forum District President Dr. Surkanti Sridhar Reddy, a poster launch program was held. The poster related to the Hello Upa Sarpanch Chalo Hyderabad program was grandly unveiled at the



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district headquarters today. They called for the success of the huge dharna program to be organized by the Telangana State Upa Sarpanch Forum at Indira Park in Hyderabad on the 25th of this month. On this occasion, a petition was submitted to the District Collector with the problems and demands of the Upa Sarpanchs. Later, the architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the statue of Ambedkar was garlanded and unveiled a poster. They demanded that the government provide adequate powers, honorarium, welfare schemes and insurance facilities to the sub-sarpanchs. They said that although the role of sub-sarpanchs is very crucial in the development of gram panchayats, it is sad that they do not have adequate recognition and powers. They called for a united movement across the state to achieve the just demands of the sub-sarpanchs. The leaders asked all the sub-sarpanchs of Telangana to attend the dharna to be held at Indira Park on the 25th of this month in large numbers and make it a success. State committee members Majjiga Naresh Chinnam Balaraju, district committee members Deeravat Ravi Nayak and Nagesh were present in this program. Swami Yadav, Swati Venkatesh, Yata Parasuram, Jaya Pandu, Mandal Forum President, Venkatesh Nayak, Satyam, Kishore Kumar and various village sub-sarpanchs from across the district participated.

Annama Seva Foundation conducts Aadhaar enrolment for shelter residents – new hopes for identity and dignified living



“Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle: “A special Aadhaar enrolment camp held on Thursday at the Annama Seva Foundation shelter has brought new hope into the lives of its residents, including destitute individuals, orphans, and persons affected by mental illness. The initiative is expected to enable access to identity recognition, welfare services, and in some cases, possible reunification with their families.” Acting on the directions of the Member Secretary of the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (Telangana State Legal Services Authority), Sri Panchakshari, and under the guidance of the District Legal Services Authority Chairperson (in-charge) and Principal District Judge Dr. G.V. Mahesh Nath, District Legal Services Authority Secretary Smt. P. Devi Manasa visited the Annama Seva Foundation to review the issues faced by the shelter residents.” During the

visit, officials observed that many residents lacked identity documents, which prevented them from accessing welfare schemes and other essential benefits. Following this, the District Legal Services Authority, in coordination with the district administration and concerned departments, arranged for a special Aadhaar enrolment camp within the shelter premises.” The district collectorate and relevant authorities promptly supported the initiative, enabling on-site biometric enrolment of all eligible residents.” Officials stated that efforts would also be made to trace existing Aadhaar records of individuals who may have been previously enrolled. If such records are found, steps will be taken to verify their identity and explore the possibility of reconnecting them with their families. For those with no traceable records, new Aadhaar cards will be issued.” Speaking on the occasion, District Legal Services Authority Secretary Smt. P. Devi Manasa said that an identity document is not merely a card but a gateway to dignity, welfare access, and legal protection for marginalized individuals.” She added that after completion of Aadhaar enrolment, efforts would be made to extend various legal aid and welfare benefits under schemes implemented by the National Legal Services Authority (National Legal Services Authority) for homeless persons, those suffering from mental illness, socially excluded groups, and people living in poverty.” She further emphasized that the right to live with dignity is an integral part of the constitutional right to life, and it is the responsibility of legal services institutions to ensure that identity, legal assistance, and welfare support reach the most vulnerable sections of society.” For many shelter residents who have lived for years without identity documents or knowledge of their family whereabouts, this Aadhaar enrolment camp has emerged as a new ray of hope—paving the way for identity recognition, access to welfare services, and possible family reunification in the future.

State-wide Van Mahotsav programme launched at Deer Park in Karimnagar

Collector, Police Commissioner and civic officials participate in large-scale plantation drive.

KARIMNAGAR June 18 (Correspondent): The State-wide Van Mahotsav programme was launched at Deer Park in Karimnagar on Thursday, and a large-scale plantation drive was undertaken at the instance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as part of efforts to enhance green cover and promote environmental conservation.

District Collector Chitra Mishra, Police Commissioner Gaush Alam, Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, Deputy Mayor Y. Sunil Rao, Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai and Additional Collector Dr. Ashwini Tanaji Wakade planted saplings along with officials from various departments.

Organised by the State government and the Forest Department, the



programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from district-level officials, public representatives, women and students. Hundreds of saplings were planted during the drive, with participants reaffirming their commitment to environmental protection.

Speaking on the occasion, officials stressed that safeguarding the environment was a collective responsibility and called for transforming afforestation into a people's movement. They urged citizens to actively participate in plantation activities and ensure the survival of saplings to secure a greener future for coming generations.

Later, the District Collector, Police Commissioner and other officials watched Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's address at a public meeting in Hyderabad through an LED screen installed at Deer Park. Earlier, the Collector viewed the Chief Minister's programme via video conference from the Collectorate Conference Hall.

Among those present were RDO Sharmila, MEPMA Project Director Swaroopa Rani, DRDO Geetha, District Backward Classes Welfare Officer Anil Prakash, Karimnagar Forest Range Officer Shaukat Hussain, Strike Force Forest Range Officer Shaukat Ali, Forest Department officials and students.



Photo write up only :-“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle...June 18):- Former Sarpanch of Palte Pahad village, Turkapalli mandal, Sakkula Mohan Reddy, participated in the Dasha Dinakarma of Sakkula Yesamma, the mother of Sakkula.. Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah.



Photo write up only:-“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 18):- Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah handed over a financial assistance cheque of Rs. 5 lakh to the family of Sampangi Andalu, who died in an electrical accident in Rajapet mandal center of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, through the hands of electricity department officials.

Congress Party Flag Unveiling in Solipeta Village.. Government Vippu Beerla Ayilayya Inaugurated Fresh Water Purification Center.. Mahila Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 18):- The Congress Party Flag Unveiling Program was organized grandly in Solipeta Village of Bommalararam Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilayya and Women's Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani participated as the chief guests in this program and unfurled the Congress Party Flag. Later, a fresh water purification center set up to provide clean drinking water to the people of the village was inaugurated. Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ayilayya said that the Congress Party is working towards the welfare and development of the people. He said that it is a very happy thing to unfurl the Congress party flag in the village and suggested that every worker should work hard to take the party's ideology to the people. He said that the government is implementing many welfare and development programs while maintaining the trust of the people. Similarly, he said that the opening of a water purification center with the aim of providing clean drinking water to the people of the village is a good development. He said that clean drinking water plays a key role in building a healthy society and the government is committed to providing better infrastructure to the people in rural areas. He said that development works are being carried out in every village according to the needs of the people and that they will continuously work for the comprehensive development of the villages. Local public representatives, Congress party leaders, workers, village elders, women, youth and village people participated in this program in large numbers. The village people gave a grand welcome to Beerla Ayilayya garu and explained their problems and assured that they would work to solve them. The program ended successfully in an enthusiastic atmosphere.

Another step towards the development of Chikati Mangodi village – Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone for CC roads and drainage construction works with HMDA funds

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 18):- *Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone for the construction of CC roads and drainage construction works to be undertaken with HMDA funds in Chikati Mangodi village of Bommalamaram mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. On this occasion, the people of the village and public representatives gave a grand welcome to the MLA. “Speaking at the event, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah said that the state government’s goal is the comprehensive development of rural areas. He said that by providing better road facilities in the villages, the movement of people will be easier and the difficulties faced during the rainy season will be completely eliminated. He said that the government’s goal is to identify the needs of the people and complete development works quickly. He said that they are constantly working to ensure that every village in Aleru constituency gets the fruits of development, and they are giving special priority to the development of roads, drainage, drinking water facilities, education and medical sectors. He said that the Telangana government under the leadership of the Chief Minister is giving priority to the development of rural infrastructure and is implementing many welfare and development programs to improve the living standards of the people. He advised the officials that the construction of CC roads to be undertaken in Chikati Mangodi village will be very useful for the people of the village after its completion, and there will be no compromise in the quality of the work. He urged them to make the development programs successful with the cooperation of the people. Local public representatives, party leaders, village elders, officials, women, youth and villagers participated in the program in large numbers.

Kalyanalakshmi Scheme provides financial security to poor families:- Government MLA Beerla Ayilaiah

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 18):- Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah personally handed over Kalyanalakshmi Scheme cheques to several eligible beneficiaries of the mandal at the Tahsildar’s office in Bommalamaram Mandal Center of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. On this occasion, the beneficiaries and their family members thanked the MLA. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah said that the state government is implementing many public welfare schemes targeting the welfare of poor and middle class families. He said that the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme is very important among them and that



this scheme is very useful in reducing the financial burden on families during the marriage of girls. He said that the Telangana government under the leadership of the Chief Minister is giving top priority to the welfare of the people and the progress of all sections of the society is the aim of the government. He suggested that every eli-

gible family should take advantage of the government welfare schemes and that the officials should also be accessible to the people and maintain transparency in the implementation of the welfare schemes. He said that thousands of families are benefiting from the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme and that it is a great financial help to the parents in the case of girl child marriages. He said that the living standards of the poor people are improving due to the welfare schemes provided by the government. Later, he presented cheques to the beneficiaries and wished their families. Tahsildar office officials, public representatives, Congress party leaders, activists, beneficiaries and their family members participated in the program.

Police Bust Gaanja Distribution Network in Karimnagar; Four Taken Into Custody.

KARIMNAGAR June 18 (Correspondent): In a major crackdown on narcotics trafficking, the Karimnagar Task Force Police on Wednesday apprehended four persons, including an alleged gaanja peddler, during a raid conducted in the Vavilalapalli area under the Three Town police station limits.

The operation was carried out on the directions of Police Commissioner Gaush Alam following credible information about the sale and consumption of gaanja in the locality. A special team led by the Task Force Assistant Commissioner of Police conducted a surprise raid and seized a substantial quantity of contraband.

The prime accused was identified as Bejjanki Lokesh (22), a resident of Gopalpur village in Karimnagar Rural mandal. Police said he was allegedly involved in the distribution of gaanja in and around the city.

During the operation, the police seized 22 packets of gaanja, four gaanja-infused chocolates, a Pulsar NS 200 motorcycle (TS 08 HE 5509), and six mobile phones,

of which three were found operational.

Three other youths, who were reportedly sharing accommodation with the accused, were also taken into custody for questioning. During preliminary interrogation, they allegedly admitted to consuming gaanja on a regular basis, police sources said. The accused, along with the seized contraband and other material evidence, were handed over to the Three Town police station for further investigation and legal proceedings. Commissioner Gaush Alam reiterated that the police would continue their intensified drive against narcotics and warned that stringent action would be taken against individuals involved in the sale and distribution of drugs. He stressed that curbing substance abuse was essential to safeguarding the future of young people.

Security intensified across Karimnagar; anti-drug surveillance stepped up

Police conduct inspections at bus stand and RTC cargo centre with sniffer dog Leo; public urged to report suspicious activities.

KARIMNAGAR June 18 (Correspondent): The Karimnagar Police have intensified security measures across the city as part of preventive efforts to maintain public order and curb the movement of narcotic substances, Police Commissioner Gaush Alam said on Thursday. As part of the heightened vigil, police teams conducted extensive inspections at the Karimnagar bus stand and the RTC Cargo Parcel Centre with the assistance of sniffer dog Leo. Vehicle checks were also carried out at key junctions and busy public locations across the city. Mr.

Alam said the inspections were aimed at preventing criminal activities, detecting suspicious movements and strengthening surveillance in vulnerable and crowded areas. He noted that the special drives formed part of the Commissionerate’s ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and prevent any untoward incidents. The Police Commissioner appealed to citizens and motorists to cooperate with security personnel during inspections and verification drives. He urged the public to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious persons, unattended objects or unusual activities to the police. Citizens may contact the police by dialling 100 or the Police Control Room helpline at 8712670744, he said. Police officers and personnel from various wings of the Karimnagar Commissionerate participated in the inspections.



Minister rejects BRS charge of Rs 2,000-crore welfare scam

Adluri Laxman Kumar says procurement process was transparent and challenges Opposition leaders to substantiate allegations



KARIMNAGAR
June 18 (Correspondent): State Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar on Thursday launched a sharp counterattack against BRS leaders, including former Minister Koppula Eshwar and BRS leader R.S. Praveen

Kumar, accusing them of making "baseless allegations" against the Congress government and the Welfare Department.

Addressing a press conference at the Roads and Buildings Department guest house here, Mr. Laxman Kumar said allegations of corruption worth ₹2,000 crore in the Welfare Department, levelled by senior BRS leader Harish Rao, were unfounded and politically motivated.

The Minister said tenders worth ₹683 crore had been invited for the procurement of essential materials for students in welfare institutions, while contracts worth about ₹500 crore had been finalised through government agencies in accordance with prescribed norms and procedures. "The total value of the tenders is ₹1,183 crore. It is inexplicable how the Opposition arrived at a figure of ₹2,000 crore as alleged corruption," he said.

Questioning the criticism from Mr. Eshwar and Mr. Praveen Kumar, the

Minister asked why they had remained silent on the functioning of the Welfare Department over the past year despite having previously held key positions in the department. Mr. Eshwar had served as Welfare Minister in the previous BRS government, while Mr. Praveen Kumar headed the State's residential educational institutions.

Mr. Laxman Kumar said he had merely discharged his responsibility as the Minister concerned by responding to allegations made against the department. He also claimed that he had stood by Mr. Eshwar during instances when the latter was allegedly sidelined in the previous regime.

The Minister criticised the performance of Mr. Eshwar as Dharmapuri MLA and Minister, alleging that the constituency had not secured major institutions such as a degree college, a revenue division or an RTC bus depot during his tenure. He said the electorate had delivered its verdict in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Accusing the BRS of institutionalising corruption, Mr. Laxman Kumar alleged that "looting and concealment of public funds" had become synonymous with the previous regime. He maintained that the Congress government was functioning in a transparent and accountable manner.

The Minister also took exception to allegations made by former Minister Jeevan Reddy regarding irregularities in paddy procurement. He challenged Mr. Reddy to explain his role and conduct during previous procurement operations undertaken by the State government when he was associated with the Congress party.

The exchange marks the latest escalation in the war of words between the ruling Congress and the Opposition BRS over governance, welfare spending and public procurement practices.

CURAPOD Partners with VridhCare for Father's Day Initiative to Support Senior Citizens in Hyderabad



"Initiative aims to improve comfort, mobility and quality of life for elderly residents through personalised, non-invasive pain management support" Hyderabad, 18th June 2026: CURAPOD, India's first personalised wearable pain therapy device backed by Litemed India Private Limited, has partnered with VridhCare Quality of Life Foundation, India, a holistic not-for-profit NGO that focuses on improving the lives of the most neglected elderly living in old-age homes. The initiative forms part of CURAPOD's ongoing '21 Days, 21 Fathers' campaign, which seeks to encourage greater awareness and conversation about pain, mobility, and overall well-being among fathers and older adults. "As part of the programme, CURAPOD's founders, doctors, trainers and experts visited Amma Nanna Old Age Home in Hyderabad, engaging with 35 senior citizens and caregivers through demonstrations and awareness sessions on its personalised, non-invasive pain management technology. Caregivers and volunteers were also

trained on device usage and therapy protocols, helping extend the benefits beyond the event. The initiative combined healthcare innovation with community outreach to support healthy ageing, pain management and overall well-being among elderly residents. "The visit held a special significance for CURAPOD's Co-Founder & CTO, Mr Suryaprakash Maguluri. Having grown up with both his grandmothers while losing both his grandfathers at an early age, the opportunity to spend time with elderly residents on Father's Day carried a deeply personal meaning. Interacting with them and addressing some of them as "Thatha" (grandfather) brought back memories of family and reinforced the importance of creating stronger support systems for senior citizens. "Commenting on the initiative, Mr Suryaprakash Maguluri, Co-Founder & CTO, CURAPOD, said, "Many senior citizens silently live with chronic pain that affects their mobility, independence and overall quality of life. Through our partnership with VridhCare, we hope to make effective, non-invasive pain relief more accessible and help elderly residents stay active and have a pain-free life. What stood out during our visit was the resilience and positivity of the residents despite the challenges many of them face. Their outlook on life was both inspiring and humbling, and it reinforced our belief that innovation is most meaningful when it helps people live with greater comfort, dignity and confidence. "Mrs. Gargi Lakhanpal, Director of VridhCare Quality of Life Foundation, said, "this initiative is not only much needed, but also a commendable one. Seniors in old-age homes generally suffer from joint and muscle pain, which is caused by sedentary lifestyle and physical limitations. This effort could potentially lessen that debilitating impact. We hope this initiative will act as inspiration for others like Curapod to contribute in this direction. Only through collective effort can there be meaningful change" "Building on the Father's Day initiative, CURAPOD and VridhCare plan to expand their collaboration through future outreach programmes aimed at supporting senior citizens and promoting healthier ageing."

ADALAH seeks English enumeration forms for electoral roll revision

Representation to Karimnagar authorities cites voter convenience, inclusion and accuracy concerns ahead of SIR-2026.

KARIMNAGAR June 18 (Correspondent): ADALAH (Access to Justice Network) has urged election authorities in Karimnagar to provide Enumeration Forms in English alongside Telugu for the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls, contending that a bilingual approach would enhance voter participation and minimise errors in voter data collection.

In a representation submitted to the District Collector and District Election Officer, Karimnagar, and the Municipal Commissioner and Electoral Registration Officer, the organisation sought immediate intervention before the commencement of the revision exercise on June 25.

Muhammad Abdul Mujeeb Ayyub, Founder Chairman of ADALAH, said the



request was based on feedback gathered by the organisation's grassroots community paralegals and volunteers during interactions with electors across the district.

According to the representation, restricting Enumeration Forms to Telugu could create practical difficulties for many voters, particularly in urban and semi-urban areas. While Telugu and Urdu are commonly spoken, many electors may not be comfortable reading or writing formal administrative Telugu. English, the organisation noted, is widely used in education, official documentation, banking and government communication, making it a more convenient option for a large section of voters.

ADALAH also highlighted the presence of migrants and settlers from States such as Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in Karimnagar and other parts of Telangana. Providing English forms as an alternative would enable such voters to furnish information accurately and participate effectively in the electoral roll revision process, it said.

The organisation recalled that errors relating to names, addresses and personal particulars had reportedly surfaced during an earlier Special Intensive Revision exercise conducted in 2002, attributing some of the inaccuracies to language-related challenges faced by voters while filling forms.

Referring to the decision of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to use English Enumeration Forms after consultations with recognised political parties, ADALAH urged authorities to extend a similar facility to district headquarters, municipalities and other urban centres across Telangana.

Mr. Ayyub appealed to the District Election Officer to take up the matter with the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, seek necessary directions from the Election Commission of India and convene consultations with recognised political parties and stakeholders before the launch of the exercise.

"The objective of the revision process is to ensure maximum voter participation and accurate electoral records. English forms should be made available as an option alongside Telugu so that no elector faces difficulties due to language barriers," he said.

The representation was submitted in the presence of Ehtesham Ul Haq, Shabbir Hussain, Zaheer Sultan, Zeeshan Mirza, Sarwar Shareef, Syed Touseef Ali and other social activists, lawyers and volunteers associated with the ADALAH SIR Grassroots Community Paralegals and Volunteers Team.

MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy Inaugurates Tribal Boys' College Hostel Quality Accommodation, Education, and Welfare Facilities for Tribal Students

““““Hanumakonda, June 18 (Indian Chronicle): Reiterating the State Government's commitment to the educational advancement and welfare of tribal students, Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy stated that providing quality accommodation and a conducive learning environment is essential for helping students pursue higher education and achieve success in life. “““On Thursday, the MLA inaugurated the Tribal Boys' College Hostel established within the ITDA Tribal Office Complex at Ashok Colony in Hanumakonda. Following the inauguration, he inspected the hostel facilities and reviewed the services being provided to students with concerned officials. “““Speaking on the occasion, Nayini Rajender Reddy directed officials to ensure that tribal students are provided with all essen-



tial amenities, including comfortable accommodation, nutritious food, a hygienic environment, and quality educational support. He emphasized that no student should face difficulties due to a lack of basic facilities and instructed authorities to closely monitor every aspect related to students' health, safety, and academic progress. “““The MLA urged hostel authorities and Tribal Welfare Department staff to work with dedication and a spirit of service, placing students' welfare at the forefront of their responsibilities. He stressed the need to build confidence among tribal students and equip them with the resources and opportunities necessary to excel in today's competitive world. “““He further observed that the welfare initiatives being implemented by the State Government for tribal communities are playing a crucial role in shaping the future of tribal youth. Education, he said, remains the most powerful tool for achieving social and economic empowerment. He encouraged students to make the best use of available opportunities and strive toward achieving higher goals in life. “““Among those present at the programme were Hanumakonda District Tribal Development Officer Gottimukkula Nagasagar, Assistant Tribal Development Officer Haseena Begum, ACO Srinivas, and Tribal Welfare Hostel officials Rajayya, Alya, Sudhakar, Rajarao, Srinivas, Brahmachari, Krishnamohan, Sheikh Ali, Jyothi, and Radhika, along with other department personnel.

Joyalukkas Distributes School Kits to MPPS Habsiguda Students

““““OU JUNE 18 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): As part of their community outreach, the Joyalukkas Habsiguda branch distributed 100 school bags to students of classes 1 to 4 at the Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS), Habsiguda on Thursday. “““Each distributed school bag was a comprehensive kit, equipped with essential items including an umbrella, a water bottle, a lunch box, and a pencil box to support the children for the upcoming academic year. “““The distribution ceremony was held in the presence of Chief Guests, including former Habsiguda Corporator Chaitanya Madam, MPPS Headmaster Sri S. Vijay Kumar, and Smt. Upendra (In-charge Headmaster, ZPHS Habsiguda). School teachers M. Sujatha, A. Kalyani, Ch. Anitha, K. Sri Devi, and Kumari also participated in the event and appreciated the management of Joyalukkas for their thoughtful gesture toward the young students.

You can't stop movements with illegal arrests. The state president of the Aboriginal Reconstruction Army, Corsa Narsimha Murthy

..“Mulugu/ Venkatapuram. Indian Chronicle.june18” The state president of the Aboriginal Reconstruction Army, Corsa Narsimha Murthy, said it was not possible to suppress indigenous movements with illegal arrests and house arrest. It is alleged that the depiction of tribals as a problem between themselves and others was an attempt to cover up government failures.“He said police made



a house arrest at his residence in Venkatapur on Thursday, expressing support for the concern that government land should be allocated to aboriginal people in Survey No. 209 of Eturunagaram district. Indigenous people are being taken from their homes at midnight and confined to police stations, with women also being treated inappropriately, which is criticized as contrary to the spirit of democracy.“The Fifth Schedule, LTR, Pesa and SCGST have accused the government of failing to implement the atrocity laws and being negligent in protecting the constitutional rights of Aboriginal people. The illegally detained Aboriginals were demanded to be released immediately and cases of kidnapping, SCBGST atrocity against the relevant police officers should be registered.“Narsimha Murti warned that if the repression continues, he will intensify the movement and continue the fight for the preservation of the Fifth Schedule areas. Aboriginal people and activists who learned of the house arrest turned out in large numbers at his residence to show solidarity.

Anjaneyulu Sagar Participates in School Bag Distribution Event for Students

“Serilingampalli zone anjayanagar division: School bags were distributed to students of Siddiqnagar Government School under the aegis of the Joyalukkas store located on Anjayya Nagar Main Road.“For this occasion, the students were specially invited to the Joyalukkas store, where the bags were handed over to them.“At the invitation of the Joyalukkas management, Anjayya Nagar division leader Anjaneyulu Sagar participated in the event and distributed the bags to the students.“Anjaneyulu Sagar commended the Joyalukkas management and staff, stating that it is praiseworthy for the organization to conduct such social service activities that support the educational development of students.“The event was attended by Madhapur Sub-Inspector (SI) Swetha, Siddiqnagar Government School Headmistress Balamani,



Siddiqnagar Colony President Tirupati Reddy, Joyalukkas representatives, and teachers—including Ravinder, Pratibha Renuka, Madhavi, Akhil, and Vishali—among others.

District Collector Divakar TS Plants Saplings as Part of Vanamahotsavam

“Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle:“As part of the Vanamahotsavam programme, Khammam District Collector Divakar TS planted saplings in the Collectorate premises on Thursday along with Ad-

ditional Collector Dr. P. Srija and District Forest Officer Anuj Agarwal.“Speaking on the occasion, the Collector urged people from all sections of society to actively participate in the Vanamahotsavam initiative being conducted across the district with the objective of environmental protection and green development.“He emphasized that everyone should take responsibility for maintaining ecological balance by planting and nurturing trees. The Collector stated that planting saplings alone is not enough; they must be cared for and grown into mature trees to ensure a clean and healthy environment for future generations.“Earlier, officials watched the live telecast of the inauguration of forest parks established in various parts of the state. The programme was virtually launched by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy from Gurranguda in Rangareddy district. The live broadcast was viewed from the Collectorate conference hall.“Among those present were DRDO Project Director K. Sriram, District Sports Development Officer Sunil Reddy, RTO Board Member G. Venkanna, officials from the Forest Department and other government departments, members of women’s self-help groups, and students.“[9:34 PM, 6/18/2026] +91 96187 88997: End



Layout Approval Process Must Strictly Follow Regulations: District Collector Divakar T.S

“Approach Road Mandatory for Layout Approval “No Permissions in Water Bodies, FTL, or Buffer Zones“District Collector Participates in District-Level Layout Committee Meeting“Khammam, June 18 Indian Chronicle:“District Collector Divakar T.S. emphasized that all rules and regulations must be strictly adhered to while granting layout approvals.“The Collector participated in the District-Level Layout Committee meeting held at the Collectorate Conference Hall along with Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Agastya.“During the meeting, the Collector held detailed discussions with officials from the Revenue Department, Irrigation Department, and other line departments regarding pending



layout applications. He reviewed remarks and objections submitted by the concerned departments for each application and provided several key directions.“Speaking on the occasion, Collector Divakar T.S. stated that the committee examined 17 layout applications. He stressed that while granting approvals, utmost care should be taken to ensure that no layout falls within the limits of any water body, Full Tank Level (FTL) area, or buffer zone.“He further stated that layouts must have a mandatory 18-meter-wide approach road. Officials were instructed to carefully

verify that sufficient land is allocated within the layout for road construction.“The Collector clarified that layout areas must maintain the prescribed distance from water sources and natural drainage channels, and that permissions cannot be granted within FTL limits or buffer zones.“He directed the Assistant Director of Survey and Land Records, Mandal Surveyors, and Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs) to jointly inspect layout applications, examine surrounding survey numbers, and submit detailed reports.“The Collector also instructed officials to use available technology to thoroughly verify whether any water bodies existed in the proposed layout areas in the past.“He emphasized that the layout approval process should be transparent and that permissions should be issued only in accordance with established regulations. He also directed officials to monitor whether the conditions attached to approved layouts are being followed during the development stage.“The meeting was attended by Trainee Collector Paras Kumar, SDC Sadanandam, Irrigation Chief Engineer M. Venkateswarlu, R&B SE Jacob, PR SE Venkat Reddy, NPDCL SE Srinivasa Chary, SUDA CPO Raj Kumar, Municipal Commissioners, Tahsildars, and other officials.