

## VB Entertainments Digital Media Awards 2026 Presentation: Rare Honor for Industry Hit's Shiva Kumar Boyidapu



"The digital era has completely transformed the way we consume information. Gone are the days when people relied solely on newspapers and television for news; today, smartphones deliver content within seconds. Alongside cinema and OTT updates, platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and digital websites now dominate the entertainment industry. Behind this massive digital revolution lies the relentless hard work of countless content creators, journalists, and editors. To recognize and honor their talent and dedication, VB Entertainments has presented the prestigious "Digital Media Awards 2026." on June 24 at Prasad Lab, Hyderabad. "Best Website Editor Award" for Shiva Kumar Boyidapu "In this 2026 edition, the highly coveted "Best Website Editor Award" has been conferred upon Shiva Kumar Boyidapu, the chief of the prominent film portal 'Industry Hit'. Holding a unique position in Telugu digital journalism, Shiva Kumar is known not just for breaking news quickly, but for delivering it with deep, analytical insights that

resonate with readers. Whether it is cinema updates or social issues, honesty and depth shine through every article he pens. "Shiva Kumar has set new benchmarks in website presentation, catchy headlines, content structuring, and SEO (Search Engine Optimization) management. Steering completely clear of sensationalist 'clickbait' tactics, he has consistently prioritized high-quality journalism, earning the trust of thousands of readers. Recognizing his immense contribution to training young journalists and promoting digital media ethics, VB Entertainments honoured him with 'Best Website Editor' prestigious award, presented by senior producer Ambica Krishna and MAA Vice President Madala Ravi. "In reality, digital media is far more than just a 30-second viral reel. Behind that short piece of content lies days of intensive research, sleepless nights of editing, high-pressure deadlines, and the resilience to face online criticism. The VB Entertainments Digital Media Awards is a platform that truly values this sweat, sacrifice, and passion of digital creators. "This award ceremony will undoubtedly inject fresh energy and enthusiasm into the digital creator community. It provides a strong reassurance that hard work never goes unnoticed. Furthermore, it will inspire the younger generation to create more responsible, high-quality digital content in the future. VB Entertainments' initiative aligns beautifully with the vision of a 'Digital India' and deserves high appreciation. "The grand celebration marks a historic landmark in the Telugu digital media landscape. Let us hope that this wonderful initiative by VB Entertainments to celebrate talent and inspire the future continues for years to come. We extend our heartfelt pre-congratulations to the 'Best Website Editor' winner Shiva Kumar Boidapu and all the other award recipients.



## BJP Playing with Students' Future: MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya

"---Centre Must Answer for Student Suicides: Warangal MP "Hanamkonda, June 24 (Indian Chronicle): Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya demanded that the BJP-led Central Government take responsibility for irregularities in conducting examinations and the growing anxiety among students, alleging that the government is jeopardizing students' futures by failing to ensure transparency in competitive exams. "Dr. Kavya participated in a massive torchlight rally held in Hanamkonda on Wednesday in support of the "Chhatron Ki Goonj" (Voice of Students) movement, initiated under the guidance of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi. "The rally began at Ambedkar Junction and proceeded to the Mahatma Gandhi statue

at the Public Gardens. Dr. Kavya took part in the event alongside Hanamkonda DCC President Inagala Venkatram Reddy, Vardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju, and several other Congress leaders and activists. "Following the rally, tributes were paid by lighting candles before the portraits of students who lost their lives in connection with the NEET controversy. "Speaking at a media conference, Dr. Kavya stated that the primary objective of this nationwide movement, called for by Rahul Gandhi, is to protect students' right to education and safeguard their futures. She stated that this rally was organized to express solidarity with students and to protest against the injustice being meted out to them by the Central Government. "She noted that while lakhs of students as-

pire to build their futures through competitive exams like SSC, RRB, UPSC, NEET, and JEE, their hopes are being dashed by recurring irregularities and administrative lapses. She recalled having brought concerns regarding the NEET exam to the attention of the Parliamentary Standing Committee as well. "Expressing concern over the mental stress faced by students, Dr. Kavya stated that many young aspirants are undergoing severe mental anguish, with some even driven to take extreme steps. Criticizing the Centre for failing to address these issues, she highlighted that Rahul Gandhi had personally spoken to NEET aspirants to understand their concerns and offer support. Launching a scathing attack on the BJP, she alleged that since coming to power, the party has engaged in acts like "stealing

votes, seats, and political parties," and is now attempting to "steal the future of students" as well. She criticized the government for trampling upon the dreams of students from poor, marginalized, and backward sections of society. "Dr. Kavya criticized the Centre's negligent attitude towards higher education institutions, noting that even appeals regarding the development of Kakatiya University had failed to elicit an adequate response. She made it clear that the Congress party would continue its fight for the rights of the poor and marginalized sections and stand by students to ensure they face no injustice. "Former Mayor Gundu Sudharani, public representatives, Congress leaders, Youth Congress members, and party activists also participated in this event.



A grand felicitation ceremony was held today for Sri Venkat Ram Reddy, who was newly elected as the State Joint Convener of the BJP's Endowment Cell (Dharmika). On this occasion, former MLA Sri K.S. Ratnam, Bhuvanagiri in-charge Sri Vardhan Reddy, senior BJP leader Sri Kanjarla Prakash, State Executive Members Sri Prabhakar Reddy and Sri Srisailam, along with State/District-level leaders—including General Secretary Gnaneshwar, Secretary Krishna Goud, former District Secretary G. Venkat Reddy, OBC State leader Anjaneyulu Goud, District Council member Sharvalingam, and BSNL member Manikyareddy—as well as Mandal Presidents Chandrasekhar Reddy, Srikanth, Ananth Reddy, and Munnuru Srikanth, and various party activists, gathered to honor Sri Venkat Ram Reddy. They felicitated him with a shawl, presented a bouquet, and conveyed their best wishes, expressing their hope that the Endowment Cell would grow even stronger under his leadership.

## Three New Fogging Vehicles Introduced in Boduppall Circle to Curb Mosquito Breeding“Special Measures to Protect Public Health During Monsoon: DC Shailaja

““BODUPPAL, JUNE 24(Indian Chronicle): In a significant step towards strengthening mosquito control measures in the Boduppall Circle, three vehicle-mounted fog-



ging machines were officially brought into service on Wednesday.“Speaking on the occasion, Boduppall Circle Deputy Commissioner A. Shailaja said that special measures are being undertaken to prevent the spread of mosquitoes during the monsoon season. As part of the public health protection initiative, extensive fogging operations will be carried out in colonies, residential areas, and public places using these newly introduced fogging vehicles.“She stated that the deployment of the new machines would enhance the efficiency and reach of mosquito prevention activities across the circle, thereby helping to safeguard citizens from seasonal vector-borne diseases.“The programme was attended by Assistant Municipal Commissioner Shyam Sundar Rao, SWM Deputy Executive Engineer Jahnavi Shashank, SWM Assistant Engineer Mahesh, and other officials.“[9:41 PM, 6/24/2026] +91 93911 09207: End.. Imp

## Gadwal Weavers Society Saree Store Inaugurated by Suma Kanakala and Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav



““Hyderabad, June: Gadwal Weavers Society opened its new saree store near Peddamma Temple, Road No. 55, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The store was formally launched by renowned television anchor Suma Kanakala and Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, along with Ram Gopal Agarwal and Akash Agarwal.““Speaking on the occasion, Suma Kanakala Lauded the efforts of Gadwal Weavers Society in preserving India’s rich handloom heritage while supporting the livelihoods of traditional weaving communities. Established in 1986 by Sri Ram Gopal, the society has been dedicated for nearly four decades to safeguarding the renowned Gadwal weaving tradition and promoting diverse handloom crafts from across India.““Traditionally, Gadwal sarees were woven exclusively from pure cotton. Over the years, in response to evolving customer preferences, the society has successfully introduced silk-cotton Gadwal sarees and pure silk Gadwal sarees, while maintaining the authenticity and craftsmanship that define the brand. This has enabled the society to preserve the uniqueness of Gadwal sarees while offering greater variety to customers.““Addressing the gathering, Ram Gopal Agarwal stated that the society was founded with the objective of providing sustainable livelihoods and financial stability to handloom weavers during a period when the sector faced significant challenges. He emphasized that the organization remains committed to delivering high-quality handloom products at affordable prices.““Akash Agarwal highlighted the distinctive craftsmanship of Gadwal sarees, particularly the traditional

interlocking technique used to seamlessly join separately woven bodies and borders. He noted that the intricate zari motifs, inspired by temples, nature, and cultural heritage, make these sarees truly unique. The fact that a single saree often requires several days or even weeks to complete reflects the immense skill and dedication of the artisans. He further added that the society offers customers direct weaver pricings.““MLA Naveen Yadav appreciated the extensive collection available at the store, which includes not only Gadwal handlooms but also celebrated weaving traditions from across India such as Kanchipuram Silk, Paithani, Narayanpet, Pochampally Ikat, Uppada, Jamdani, and Banarasi sarees. Impressed by the quality and craftsmanship, he shared that he personally purchased two sarees for his family.““Beyond promoting handloom textiles, Gadwal Weavers Society is actively encouraging sustainable and environmentally responsible. The organization also contributes to strengthening the rural economy and creating employment opportunities, particularly for women weavers, thereby fulfilling an important social responsibility while preserving India’s invaluable textile heritage.

## "HOIST THE FLAG OF CANTONMENT'S GLORY AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS": CANTONMENT MLA SRI GANESH

“BOWENPALLY/JUNE /24 (INDIAN CHRONICLE):“Cantonment sports players, who showcased exceptional talent and won 12 gold medals and 2 silver medals in the Junior and Sub-Junior State Level Powerlifting Championship held at the Chaderghat Victoria Play Ground on the 21st of this month, paid a courtesy



visit to MLA Sri Ganesh at his residential office on Wednesday.“On this occasion, MLA Sri Ganesh heartily congratulated the medal winners and their coaches. Speaking at the event, the MLA remarked that this is just the beginning. He urged them to work harder, practice diligently, and hoist the flag of Cantonment's glory on national and international platforms. He assured the players that the Telangana government would always stand by them in realizing their dreams and promised to extend all necessary support and cooperation on behalf of the government. He further stated that Chief Minister Sri Revanth Reddy's government is working with utmost sincerity to promote sports, and its objective is to scout talented athletes from both rural and urban areas and elevate them to the international level. District Youth and Sports Officer Nandakishore Gokul, Coach Hemalatha, and the medal-winning athletes were among those who met the MLA.”[8:40 PM, 6/24/2026] +91 96032 49426: END

## Revanth Reddy's conspiracy to murder RS Praveen Kumar. Rudravaram Sunil OU Jack leader

“OU JUNE 24 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Osmania University student leaders have demanded that the Rudravaram Sunil government provide a bulletproof vehicle and security to Dr.RS RS Praveen Kumar, who risked his life in the police department for 26 years in the united Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The then governments, citing the threat from Maoists and their sympathizers, provided a



bulletproof car and security to 56...“He expressed suspicion that the current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is questioning the anarchy, corruption and injustices committed by him in a biased manner, that there is a conspiracy to remove the bulletproof car and the staff, and that Revanth Reddy is plotting to kill RS Praveen Kumar. He said that the central and state governments are targeting RSP, who fights on behalf of the people, and are trying to eliminate Praveen Kumar because he does not have the courage to answer the criticism. If anything happens to his life, the central and state governments should take full responsibility, and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) across the state should They warned the government that they would provoke a large-scale agitation from the society. SSU President Mogilipaka Naveen, student leaders Bhushipaka Ganesh, Erolla Ramachandram, Kumara Shanu, Lingala Anil Raj, Isampalli Raju, Dasu, Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Ashok, Praveen, Karunakar, Prasad and others participated in this program.

## NEET Paper Leak a Result of Central Government's Negligence: MLA K.R. Nagaraju

“““---Demands Immediate Resignation of Union Education Minister““““Hanumakonda, June 24 (Indian Chronicle): Allying that the NEET question paper leak was a direct consequence of the Central Government's negligence, Wardhannapet MLA and retired IPS officer K.R. Nagaraju demanded the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.““In support of the nationwide "Chhatron Ki Goonj" (Voice of Students) campaign launched by Rahul Gandhi, Nagaraju participated in a candlelight solidarity rally held in Hanumakonda. The rally commenced from Ambedkar Centre and proceeded to the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Public Garden.““Nagaraju, along with Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavya, former Mayor Gundu Sudharani, Hanumakonda DCC President Inagala Venkatram Reddy, Youth Congress leaders, and Congress workers, paid floral tributes at the Ambedkar statue before joining the rally. Participants raised slogans against the Central Government and demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET controversy.““Speaking on the occasion, Nagaraju expressed grief over the students who lost their lives amid the NEET controversy and prayed for peace to their departed souls. He criticized the prevailing uncertainty surrounding competitive examinations, stating that students who work tirelessly and prepare for years are now left wondering whether examinations will be conducted fairly and transparently.““He questioned whether the future of lakhs of students had been compromised due to administrative failures and accused the Central Government of playing with the aspirations and futures of young people. He asserted that the public would hold those responsible accountable for undermining the hopes of countless students.““Nagaraju further stated that if the government is genuinely concerned about justice for the affected students and the integrity of the education system, the Union Education Minister must take moral responsibility and resign immediately.““The programme was attended by Hanumakonda District Youth Congress President K.R. Dileep, state and district-level leaders, public representatives, Congress functionaries, youth leaders, women leaders, and party activists.



## MLA Koninty Manik Rao Calls for Speedy Implementation of Development Works at DISHA Meeting

“Zaheerabad June 24 [ Indian Chronicle ]:“Zaheerabad MLA Koninty Manik Rao participated in the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at the Sangareddy Collectorate on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Zaheerabad MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar, Medak MP Raghunandan Rao, MLC Anji Reddy, District Collector Prateek Jain, and



officials from various departments. “During the meeting, the progress of various development and welfare schemes being implemented under the Central and State Governments was reviewed. The MLA instructed officials to work in coordination to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach the people effectively. “Speaking on the occasion, Manik Rao directed officials to complete the development works being undertaken under the AMRUT scheme within the stipulated time. He stressed the need to prioritize the installation of solar power systems in government offices and newly constructed houses in Zaheerabad town. He also highlighted the importance of implementing rainwater harvesting systems on a large scale to conserve groundwater resources. “The MLA instructed officials to pay special attention to the maintenance of borewells and drinking water supply in Zaheerabad and Kohir municipalities to prevent water shortages. Keeping the monsoon season in mind, he also called for preventive measures to avoid water stagnation and sanitation issues. “He further emphasized the need to fill staff vacancies in Kohir Municipality immediately to ensure efficient delivery of public services. The MLA urged officials to give top priority to resolving issues related to electricity, drinking water, drainage, and other basic infrastructure across the district. “Manik Rao also directed officials to maintain quality standards in development works, address public grievances promptly, and ensure transparent governance. He called upon public representatives and government officials to work in close coordination and take people-centric decisions for the overall development of the district.

## Party Workers Are the Backbone of BRS; Don't Lose Hope Over Tickets



Senior BRS leader Nama Ravikiran... “Zaheerabad June 24 ( Indian chronicle ):“Senior BRS leader Nama Ravikiran and his wife extended support to party leaders and workers who were disappointed after not receiving party tickets in the recently held Zaheerabad Municipal Councillor elections. On Wednesday, they personally visited the homes of several aspirants and party cadres from Wards 10 and 11 and encouraged them to remain committed to the party. “Speaking on the occasion, Nama Ravikiran said that party workers are the true backbone of any political party and that a party's strength and survival depend on the dedication and sacrifices of its cadres. He stated that due to political equations, local circumstances, and leadership decisions, some deserving leaders may not get tickets, but that should not be seen as a measure of their capability. “He urged party workers not to be disheartened over not receiving tickets and assured them that th

## DIG L.S. Chauhan Inspects Zaheerabad DSP Office

“Zaheerabad June 24 ( Indian Chronicle ):“As part of the annual inspections, Jogulamba Zone-7 DIG and In-charge DIG of Charminar Zone, L.S. Chauhan, IPS, visited the Zaheerabad DSP Office in Sangareddy district on Wednesday. On the occasion, he, along with District SP Paritosh Pankaj, IPS, and Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy, IPS, planted saplings in the office premises, conveying a message on environmental protection. “The DIG inspected the cleanliness of the DSP office premises, staff barracks, and maintenance of station records. During the review, he directed officials to ensure quality investigations in sensitive cases, including SC/ST Atrocities, POCSO cases, rape cases, dowry harassment, and dowry death cases. He also advised the DSP to provide regular guidance to police officers to effectively curb various crimes occurring within the sub-division. “DIG Chauhan instructed officials to constitute special teams to expedite investigations in long-pending missing person cases and non-bailable warrant (NBW) cases. He noted that Zaheerabad is rapidly developing, and with the upcoming National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ), employment opportunities would increase, but there is also a possibility



of a rise in economic offences. “To prevent financial crimes, he directed the police to conduct community contact programmes in vulnerable areas and maintain strict surveillance on suspicious persons and vehicles. Considering Zaheerabad's location near state borders, he stressed the need for strengthened check-post management to prevent illegal transportation and activities that could adversely affect government revenue. “The DIG also instructed

officials to enhance CCTV surveillance at border areas and accident-prone black spots. He advised police personnel to interact courteously with complainants, patiently listen to their grievances, and instill confidence by assuring them of appropriate action. “He directed officials to register every complaint online and upload all case files to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) within the stipulated time. He also instructed police personnel to regularly review and update the records of rowdy-sheeters and suspect history-sheeters and use portable fingerprint devices during day and night beats to identify habitual offenders. “DIG Chauhan emphasized the effective use of modern technological applications such as CCTNS 2.0, Petition Management System, TS-COP, HRMS, e-Sakshya, Tech Datum, iRAD Darpan, CEIR, Cyber Crime Portal, CDR, and Portable Fingerprint Devices to improve crime detection and prevention. “He further called for extensive awareness programmes through community policing to prevent crimes, road accidents, and cybercrimes and urged police officials to educate the public on the importance of CCTV cameras and encourage their installation even in villages. “Addressing the staff, DIG L.S. Chauhan said that dedication, commitment to duty, and effective use of modern technology are essential for enhancing the reputation of the police department. He appreciated the officers and staff for maintaining the DSP office, police stations, and records in a satisfactory manner. “The inspection was attended by District SP Paritosh Pankaj, IPS, Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy, IPS, Zaheerabad DSP Saida Nayak, Sangareddy DSP Satyaiah Goud, SB Inspector Sada Nagaraju, SHOs of various police stations, and other police officials and staff.

# Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Must Resign Over NEET Paper Leak: Inagala Venkatram Reddy

## Massive Candlelight Rally in Support of the "Chhatron Ki Goonj" Movement



"Hanamkonda, June 24 (Indian Chronicle): Congress leaders demanded the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him morally accountable for the alleged irregularities and paper leak incident associated with the NEET examination. "A massive candlelight rally was held in Hanamkonda in support of the nationwide "Chhatron Ki Goonj" (Voice of Students) campaign, launched under the leadership of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi. "Acting on the directives of the AICC and TPCC, this protest event was organized under the leadership of Hanamkonda District Congress Committee (DCC) President and KUDA Chairman, Inagala Venkatram Reddy. The rally commenced at Ambedkar Junction and proceeded to the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Public Gardens. "Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavya, Wardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju, former Mayor Gundu Sudharani, district committee members, PAC members, presidents of affiliated wings, INTUC leaders, and Congress activists participated in the event. Holding candles, the participants raised slogans against the Central Government. "The leaders alleged that the NEET paper leak controversy has plunged the future of lakhs of students into uncertainty. They paid tribute to the students who lost their lives due to stress and mental anguish caused by issues related to examinations. "Addressing the gathering, Inagala Venkatram Reddy stated that the objective of this movement is to safeguard the future of students and the credibility of the country's education system. He noted that the "Chhatron Ki Goonj" campaign, launched in Kota under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, aims to powerfully voice the concerns and aspirations of students across the nation. "Expressing condolences over the loss of student lives linked to the NEET controversy, he called for justice for the affected students and their families. He reiterated the demand that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

should accept moral responsibility and resign from his post. "Venkatram Reddy observed that education in the country is increasingly becoming commercialized, thereby making quality education inaccessible to students from poor and middle-class backgrounds. He emphasized that education should be a right, not a privilege reserved only for the financially well-off. "He criticized the recurring allegations of question paper leaks in competitive examinations such as NEET, JEE, and UPSC. He stated that such incidents undermine the hard work and aspirations of millions of students and called for strict action against those involved in examination irregularities. Highlighting the immense pressure students face, he pointed out that many parents make significant financial sacrifices to cover their children's education and coaching expenses. He emphasized the need for greater transparency, accountability, and a focus on student welfare within the education system. "Expressing concern over rising unemployment among educated youth, Venkatram Reddy noted that academic qualifications alone are insufficient without meaningful employment opportunities. He advocated for an education system that equips students with skills and creates opportunities for self-reliance. "He concluded his speech by stating that the uncertainty surrounding competitive examinations has eroded students' faith in the system, and restoring that confidence remains one of the movement's primary objectives. He asserted that the Congress party would continue its fight on behalf of students until justice is served and meaningful reforms are implemented. "A large number of Congress public representatives, senior leaders, members of affiliated organizations, and party workers participated in the event.

## Release Pending Dues to Private Schools Providing Education Under the Social Welfare (Best Available Schools Scheme) Immediately. Best Available Parents Committee.

"KHAMMAM, 24 June (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "On Wednesday, during the draw conducted at the District Collector's Office in Khammam for the admission of new students under the Best Available Schools Scheme for the academic year 2026-27, members of the Best Available School Parents Committee, Matangi Anil Kumar and I. Vijay, urged the government to immediately release the pending dues to private educational institutions that have been providing education under the scheme. "They stated that around 184 students are currently studying under the Best Available Schools Scheme at St. Joseph's High School in the 3-Town area of Khammam. However, an outstanding amount of approximately ₹1.70 crore remains unpaid to the institution, causing severe financial difficulties. "Despite these challenges, the management of St. Joseph's High School, after discussions with its parent organization and keeping in mind the bright future of the students, decided not to discontinue the education of children under the scheme in the middle of the academic year. The school has also come forward to provide textbooks, notebooks, and educational facilities to the students even without receiving the pending school fees from the government. "The Best Available School Parents Committee expressed special gratitude to the school management for its commitment and support toward the students' education. "The committee further stated that while the Telangana State Government allocates and releases funds for various issues through budgetary provisions, it has failed to release funds for the Best Available Schools Scheme, which was specifically introduced for the education of underprivileged and Scheduled Caste (SC) children. They also expressed concern that the state currently does not have an Education Minister. "The committee appealed to the government and senior officials to take immediate initiative and release the pending dues owed to the school without further delay. "The program was attended by Tirupathi Rao, Pratap Babu, Suresh, Srinivas, Rambabu, Srikanth, Laxman, Ratna Babu, Shalini, Roopa, Venkanna, Sumanth Babu, Upender, Shekhar, Mahesh Babu, Ramakrishna, Venkateswarlu, Sravan Kumar, Srinivas, Nagaraju, Nagababu, Gopi, Veerababu, Ashok Kumar, Prakash, Upender, Ravi, and a large number of members of the Parents Committee and parents.



## Rs 38.85 Crore Development Works Sanctioned for Uppal Bhagayath:RAJITHA PARAMESHWAR REDDY

“UPPAL, JUNE 24(, INDIAN CHRONICLE ): Major infrastructure and sports development works worth ₹38.85 crore have been sanctioned for the development of Uppal Bhagayath, bringing a significant transformation to the area. The funds were approved with the support and blessings of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and through the persistent efforts of former corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy. “The sanctioned projects include the construction and modernization of storm water drainage systems, footpaths, and sports infrastructure aimed at improving civic amenities and promoting youth development. “The approved works are: “Storm Water Drain on Road No. 48 from the irrigation nala to the Musi River – ₹5.80 crore “Storm Water Drain on Road No. 55 – ₹3.00 crore “Storm Water Drain from Bhagayath Kaman to Road No. 44 – ₹5.00 crore “Storm Water Drain from Road No. 44 to the nala – ₹5.80 crore “Storm Water Drain on Road No. 22 from the irrigation nala to the Musi River – ₹5.80 crore “Storm Water Drain on Road No. 6 (Phase-II) – ₹3.00 crore “Development of Footpaths on Road Nos. 48, 22, 55 and the Main Road – ₹5.50 crore “Construction of a Multi-Sports Arena in Uppal Bhagayath Phase-I Layout with facilities including a baby pool, swimming pool, triple jump arena, air rifle shooting range and air pistol shooting range for youth – ₹4.95 crore “With these projects, the total investment sanctioned for the development of Uppal Bhagayath stands at ₹38.85 crore, which is expected to significantly improve drainage infrastructure, pedestrian facilities and sports amenities in the locality. “[8:10 PM, 6/24/2026] +91 93911 09207: End.. V. IMP.



## Karimnagar hosts Svanidhi Mahotsav for urban informal workers

District administration and civic authorities highlight financial inclusion initiatives for vendors.

Karimnagar June 24 (Correspondent): The Svanidhi Mahotsav, aimed at promoting financial inclusion and economic empowerment of street vendors, was organised by the Municipal Employees and Municipal Pensioners Association (MEPMA) at Kalabharati auditorium in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation premises on Wednesday.

Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, District Collector Chitra Mishra, Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai, Police Commissioner Gaush Alam and Special Urban Development Authority (SUDA) Chairman Narendra Reddy attended the programme as chief guests.

Addressing the gathering, the speakers highlighted various welfare initiatives of the government for street vendors, self-help groups and women's federations. They explained the benefits available under the PM Svanidhi scheme and encouraged beneficiaries to make effective use of financial assistance, low-interest bank loans and subsidies for business expansion and self-employment.

Officials also created awareness about credit card facilities and other financial products designed to meet the working capital requirements of street vendors. The programme sought to improve access to institutional credit and strengthen the livelihoods of urban informal workers.

Later, the dignitaries visited stalls showcasing products manufactured by self-help groups and food stalls set up under the aegis of MEPMA. The special stalls attracted considerable attention from visitors. Additional Commissioner Suvartha, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Srivani, MEPMA officials, community resource persons and street vendors participated in the programme.

## Employees, Workers, and Engineers Protest Against Privatization at Yadadri Power Plant

“Khammam June 24 Indian Chronicle: “Employees, workers, and engineers under the banner of the Telangana State Power Employees Joint Action Committee (TSPE JAC) staged a protest during the lunch break against the Telangana government's decision to invite tenders for outsourcing ash and coal handling operations at the Yadadri Power Plant. “Speaking on the occasion, JAC leaders alleged that both the Central and State governments are aggressively pursuing



privatization policies. They asserted that employee unions would strongly oppose any move towards privatization in the power sector. “The leaders stated that anti-privatization protests are being conducted across the state and that daily demonstrations are being held at various power generating stations. They emphasized that employees, workers, and engineers' unions are jointly participating in these agitation programs. “Among those who participated in the protest were 1104 Union Regional Secretary T. Seshagiri Rao, 327 Union Secretary Sitaram Gopal, CITU State Vice-President M. Prasad, engineers' association leaders, Telangana State Electricity Assistant Engineers Association Branch Secretary P.N.V. Vikram, Circle Secretary Ramakrishna, Satish, Telangana State Power Engineers Association Branch Secretary T. Kiran, S.K. Khader Babu, Lakshmi Priya, Bhavani, union leaders Sridhar, P. Suresh, A. Ravikumar, D. Upender, Manasa, Rajini, Kirti, Vivek, Shivaramakrishna Reddy, Prasad, and others. “[7:40 PM, 6/24/2026] +91 96187 88997: End

## Special Prayers and Maha Annadanam Mark 19th Annual Celebrations of Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple

“Khammam, June 24 Indian Chronicle: “Special religious ceremonies and a grand annadanam (community meal) were organized on the occasion of the 19th annual anniversary of the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple located in Vijayanagar Colony on the Khammam Bypass Road. “The celebrations commenced in the morning with Kakad Aarti, decorative floral and festoon arrangements, sacred abhishekams, and special harathis offered to Sai Baba. A Maha Annadanam was also conducted, with nearly 3,000 devotees participating and making the event a grand success. “Speaking on the occasion, Temple Chairman Phanibhatla



Rajalingayya Siddhanti said that devotional programs such as Sai Bhajans and Pavalimpu Seva were held in the evening. He prayed for Sai Baba's blessings to be bestowed upon all devotees and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the residents of Vijayanagar Colony, who have been supporting the temple for the past 19 years, as well as to the committee members for their continued cooperation. “He appealed for the same support and encouragement in the years ahead. “Among those who participated in the celebrations were Vice-President Buddha Ramakrishna, General Secretary Pentyala Venkata Narasayya, Joint Secretary Chandra Veerabhadra Rao, Treasurer Kavuluri Appa Rao, committee members Mandepudi Krishnaiah, Dodda Narasimha Rao, Bhukya Bhikshapathi, former 56th Division corporators Pagidipalli Roshini Satyanarayana, Macha Narendra, Nagachandra Reddy, Bhagam Hemantha Rao, and several other devotees.

# Kakatiya University Student Sandhya Bareddy Shines on National Platform: Dr. Radhika Tippani

## KU Student Excels at Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament–2026

“Hanumakonda, June 24 (Indian Chronicle): Kakatiya University student Sandhya Bareddy has brought laurels to the university by showcasing exceptional talent at the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament–2026, held in the Central Hall of the Indian Parliament in New Delhi, said Dr. Radhika Tippani, Youth Welfare Officer, Kakatiya University. “The prestigious event brought together selected young representatives from across the country. Sandhya actively participated in four stages of parliamentary deliberations, demonstrating her eloquence, awareness, and leadership skills during the Opening Remarks, Question Hour I & II, and Short Duration Discussion sessions. “During the programme, which was conducted for the first time in the Central Hall of Parliament, Sandhya delivered an impressive speech on the theme “From Nari Shakti Vandan to Viksit Bharat 2047.” Through her address, she effectively highlighted Telangana’s rich culture, traditions, and the importance of women’s empowerment on a national platform. “She particularly spoke about the uniqueness of Pochampally handloom sarees, the achievements of tribal women entrepreneurs from Adilabad, and the success story of Mahua laddus. She also recalled how the Prime Minister had appreciated the accomplishments of Adilabad’s tribal women entrepreneurs during his “Mann Ki Baat” programme. “In recognition of her outstanding participation, Sandhya was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. “She also had the opportunity to interact with the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, gaining valuable insights into the role and responsibilities of youth in nation-building and India’s development journey. “University officials, faculty members, and students expressed immense pride and happiness over Sandhya’s remarkable achievement and her representation of Kakatiya University at the national level.



# Banks Should Contribute More to Economic Development Through Loan Disbursement: Additional Collector Srinivasa Reddy

**Achieve 100% Crop Loan Distribution Targets in 2026-27**  
**Create Greater Awareness Among Students About Education Loans**  
**Focus on Reducing NPAs of Women Self-Help Groups**

“Khammam, June 24 Indian Chronicle: “Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy emphasized that banks should play a greater role in the district’s economic development through effective loan disbursement. “Speaking at the District Consultative Committee (DCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting held at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday, he reviewed the performance of banks during the financial year 2025-26 and released the Annual Credit Plan for 2026-27. “Addressing the meeting, the Additional Collector congratulated the district banking sector for surpassing its Priority Sector Lending target. Against a target of ₹11,635.78 crore, banks disbursed ₹12,551.44 crore, achieving 107.87 percent of the target. “He noted that district banks performed exceptionally well in agricultural lending. Against a target of ₹8,378.18 crore for the agriculture sector, loans worth ₹9,841.64 crore were disbursed, achieving 117.47 percent of the target. Of this, crop loan disbursement stood at ₹4,008.20 crore against a target of ₹4,487.89 crore. Agricultural term loans recorded a significant achievement of 134.82 percent. “In the MSME sector, banks disbursed ₹2,293 crore against a target of ₹2,968 crore, achieving 77.25 percent. However, education loan disbursement remained low, with only ₹28 crore disbursed against a target of ₹96.98 crore. Srinivasa Reddy urged banks to create wider awareness about various education loan schemes so that more students can benefit from them in the coming financial year. “He also highlighted that housing loans achieved 238 percent of the target and informed that 232 bank branches are currently providing services across the district. “As part of self-employment promotion, loans worth ₹536 crore were disbursed under the Mudra Scheme. Under the Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), 271 projects with an outlay of ₹13.17 crore were approved, creating employment opportunities for 2,981 people. “Under the Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, 65 applications are pending, and he directed officials to take special measures for their early disposal. “Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, banks approved 1,554 applications and disbursed loans worth ₹12.43 crore to 1,524 beneficiaries. “Highlighting women’s empowerment initiatives, he stated that bank linkage loans worth ₹891.67 crore were extended to 9,599 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the district. However, NPAs amounting to ₹25.56 crore relating to 1,036 SHGs have remained pending for over six months. He instructed bankers to focus on reducing these NPAs. “In urban areas, bank linkage loans were sanctioned to 1,070 SHGs. He also noted that 171 units related to the SC Development Department are pending at the grounding stage and directed officials to expedite their completion. “The meeting was attended by Reserve Bank of India Lead District Officer Yashwanth Sai, District Industries Centre General Manager Praveen, SC Development Officer Mohammed Mujahid, District Tribal Welfare Officer Vijayalakshmi, State Bank of India Khammam LDM Ravi Prasad, bank officials, representatives, and officers from various departments.



# The district should be taken forward on the path of development::MP Suresh Shetkar

“Development works should be completed on time:” MP Raghunandan Rao “Sangareddy, June 24:- Indian Chronicle Correspondent “Zaheerabad Member of Parliament Suresh Shetkar suggested that the authorities should work in coordination to complete the beneficial development works within the specified time frame and take the district forward on the path of development. “A meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) was held under the chairmanship of MP Suresh Shetkar at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday. Medak Member of Parliament Raghunandan Rao reviewed the progress of various development, welfare programs and infrastructure works being implemented in the district with central government funds. Narayankhed MLA Sanjeeva Reddy, Zaheerabad MLA Manikrao, MLC Anji Reddy and District Collector Pratik Jain participated in the meeting. “Speaking on the occasion, MP Suresh Shetkar directed the officials to complete all the development works being undertaken with central government funds at the earliest. He suggested that the works being undertaken with MP LADS funds should be completed expeditiously by avoiding delays. He instructed the municipal officials to expedite the ongoing works under the Amrut scheme and prepare proposals for the drinking water connections required for the newly formed Kohir Municipality. “Expressing dissatisfaction over the delay in the ongoing road construction works under the auspices of the Roads and Buildings Department and the National Highways Agency, he suggested that they be completed on a war footing. He advised the municipal commissioners to take steps to ensure that every eligible beneficiary benefits under the PM SVANidhi scheme. “He said that modern technology should be made available to farmers in the agricultural sector, awareness should be created on the use of drone technology, and steps should be taken to provide drones to women's groups in every village. He advised the officials to effectively implement the beautification works of the ponds under the Swachh Bharat Mission and prepare proposals for the beautification of Naringavagu. “Speaking, Medak MP Raghunandan Rao asked the officials to ensure that the benefits of the schemes are provided to the eligible beneficiaries by utilizing the central government funds transparently and effectively. He suggested that farmers should be made aware of the cultivation of alternative crops as the district is likely to receive less than normal rainfall. “Stating that people are facing difficulties due to the delay in the national road works from Muthangi to Sangareddy Chaurasta, he ordered the officials of the National Highways Corporation to complete them at the earliest. He expressed anger over the pending Peddapur road works. He advised the R&B officials to send proposals under CRF for the necessary road development works on the Sangareddy-Patancheru route. “He said that steps should be taken to make farmers and people move forward towards the use of solar power by conducting a wide campaign on the PM Kusum and PM Suryagarh



Yojana schemes. The Collector was advised to consider the issue of setting up a solar system in the Collectorate building as well. “He said that the necessary sites for the construction of the 12 food grain storage godowns sanctioned to the district should be identified and the work should be started immediately. He suggested that the land acquisition process should be expedited for the establishment of a modern fish market in the vicinity of the Sangareddy-Patancheru Ring Road. “He instructed the officials to identify the areas where drinking water problems arise in advance through Mission Bhagiratha, prepare a district action plan and send proposals to the government. He suggested that special medical camps should be organized in the Thandals as part of the National TB Eradication Program and provide necessary treatments. “District Collector Prateek Jain said that necessary steps would be taken with special focus on the issues discussed in the meeting. He said that wide awareness would be created and encouraged on the establishment of solar systems under the PM Suryagarh Yojana in government buildings, schools, offices, residential and commercial buildings. “DRDO Jyoti, district level officials, representatives of the National Highways Agency, municipal chairmen, commissioners, members of the Disha Committee and others participated in this meeting.

## Keep Karimnagar at forefront of welfare delivery, officials told

Finance Department Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania calls for people-centric governance and timely delivery of benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

Karimnagar June 24 (Correspondent): State Finance Department Principal Secretary and District Special Officer Sandeep Kumar Sultania on Wednesday directed officials to ensure that Karimnagar district remains at the forefront in the implementation of the State government's development and welfare programmes.

Addressing a district-level review meeting on the Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika programme at the Collectorate, Mr. Sultania said officials should maintain close interaction with the public, identify their problems and work towards resolving them with a humane approach. He observed that public service should be regarded as a privilege and that addressing people's grievances must be treated as a continuous process.

Stressing the need for coordinated efforts by all departments, he said the State government had launched several innovative welfare and development initiatives and was implementing the Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika programme to bring governance closer to the people. Apart from ensuring effective implementation of government schemes, officials should create awareness among beneficiaries about the programmes, he said.

Mr. Sultania noted that the implementation of welfare schemes was being monitored regularly at the State level and assured that there was no shortage of funds for development and welfare activities. He asked officials to ensure that benefits under schemes such as pensions and Indiramma housing reached all eligible beneficiaries.

The official also highlighted the government's focus on women's empowerment through initiatives such as Indira Mahila Shakti canteens, solar power plants, petrol bunks and rental bus operations. He directed officials to accord priority to drinking water supply, sanitation, electricity and other basic infrastructure in both rural and urban areas.

Earlier, District Collector Chitra Mishra made a PowerPoint presentation on the achievements recorded under the 99-day Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika programme between March 6 and June 12.

She said 4,290 files had been disposed of and 3,835 applications received as part of administrative reforms. Road Safety Committees were constituted in all 318 gram panchayats under the Arrive Alive programme.

In the agriculture sector, ₹143.35 crore was disbursed to 1.93 lakh farmers under Rythu Bharosa, while ₹14 crore was provided to the families of 206 farmers under Rythu Bima. The district procured three lakh metric tonnes of paddy through 319 procurement centres and deposited ₹554 crore directly into farmers' accounts.

The Collector said 45,920 new ration cards had been sanctioned and 96,775 names added to existing cards. Under the Mahalakshmi and Gruha Jyothi schemes, benefits amounting to ₹334 crore and ₹153.10 crore respectively were extended to beneficiaries. Of the 10,209 beneficiaries selected under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, construction of 7,220 houses was under progress.

She further said 292 youth secured employment through a mega job fair, while 2,144 of the 2,995 petitions received through Prajavani had been resolved. Under the Badi Bata campaign, 9,435 students were enrolled in government schools.

Police Commissioner Gaush Alam, Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai and officials of various departments also made presentations on the implementation of the programme in their respective sectors.

