

Dalit Leader Ramakrishna's Funeral Held Amid Tears

RS Praveen Kumar Carries the Bier of Senior Dalit Leader



““ Nacharam, August 19(Indian Chronicle):““The final rites of Goudelli Ramakrishna, a Telangana movement activist and senior Dalit leader, were performed on Wednesday amid an atmosphere of deep sorrow and grief. Family members, leaders of Dalit organisations, representatives of various political parties, friends, well-wishers and a large number of admirers gathered to pay their last respects and bid a tearful farewell to the departed leader. “Ramakrishna was remembered as a committed social activist and senior Dalit leader who had actively participated in the Telangana movement and worked for the welfare and rights of disadvantaged communities. His demise came as a great shock to his family members, friends, followers and members of various social organisations. “The final procession was taken out from his residence amid emotional scenes, with family members and supporters accompanying the mortal remains. Several prominent leaders and representatives from different political and social organisations visited the body and paid their respects. “Former Secretary of Telangana Gurukulam Schools, BRS State General Secretary and IPS officer Dr. RS Praveen Kumar attended the funeral and paid his respects to Ramakrishna. As a mark of his respect and affection, Dr. RS Praveen Kumar personally carried the bier during the funeral procession. “Uppal Constituency Congress Party In-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy, MRPS District President Pranay, former corporator Anjaiah, BRS leaders Sai Zen Shekhar, State Auto Union President Maraiiah, DSS State President Nalla Radhakrishna, M.C. Kesavulu, MRPS leaders Haribabu and Yakaswamy, Congress Nacharam Division President N. Raju, along with Srikanth Goud, Prakash Reddy, Ashwathama Reddy, Mohan Reddy, Srinivas Reddy and Narsing Rao, were among those who visited the mortal remains and offered their condolences. “Leaders and representatives from various political parties, as well as Dalit, Backward Classes and minority organisations, expressed their condolences to the bereaved family. They recalled Ramakrishna’s contribution to the Telangana movement, his commitment to social justice and his association with various social and community welfare activities. “The final rites were performed with full honours at the Karthikeya Nagar cremation ground. A large number of family members, political leaders, social organisation representatives, friends, followers and well-wishers participated in the funeral and paid their final respects. “The gathering witnessed emotional scenes as those close to Ramakrishna remembered his services and expressed their grief over his untimely demise. With tearful eyes and heavy hearts, family members, friends and supporters bid a final farewell to the senior Dalit leader. “Ramakrishna’s passing has left a deep void among his family members, colleagues, social activists and the communities with whom he had been associated. His supporters said that his commitment to social justice and his contribution to the Telangana movement would continue to be remembered.”

Newly constructed CC road inaugurated in Somaram village of Rajapet mandal:- Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah

““(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. August 19):- ““Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah inaugurated the newly constructed CC road in Somaram village of Rajapet mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. Later, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in the Kadapa Puja program organized at the newly constructed Beerappa Swamy temple in the village and performed special pujas. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ayilaiah said that since the formation of the people’s government, the government has been giving special priority to the development of rural areas. He said that the main goal of the government is to provide necessary infrastructure to the people, development of roads, drinking water, education, medicine, sanitation and welfare schemes to everyone who is eligible. He said that the infrastructure is being improved in phases even in villages that have not seen development in the past, and the government is working to take every village forward on the path of development. “He said that the goal of public administration is to know the problems of the people directly and work to solve them. He said that steps are being taken to ensure that welfare schemes are provided to the deserving poor, and that the government is implementing many programs for the welfare of farmers, women, youth, elderly, poor, workers and backward classes. “The MLA assured that he would work to identify more development works needed by the people in Somaram village and complete them in order of priority. He said that people’s participation is very important in village development and urged people to take advantage of the development and welfare programs being undertaken by the government. Local public representatives, Congress party leaders, activists, village elders, temple committee members, officials and village people participated in this program.”



Interested youths should participate in a special program for young entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, creative sectors:- EDC Manager Ranjit Kumar

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. August 19):-



““Frames of Founders” program in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district“RAMP is a special program for young entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, creative sectors under the auspices of EDC““Through the “Frames of Founders” program jointly organized by NI-MSME, Cinica Creators Council and Cinematica Expo, entrepreneurs, startup founders, MSME owners, young entrepreneurs in Telangana are organizing Creative Entrepreneurship & MSME Awareness Workshops with the aim of identifying, encouraging and introducing the success stories of creative sector talents to the world. The program will provide awareness on Udyam Registration, Central and State Government Schemes, Loans, Grants, Subsidies, Startup & Innovation, Funding, Business Growth, Branding, Marketing, Export opportunities.“As per the directions of Honorary Joint Director & General Manager District Industries Center P. Ravinder, as part of the RAMP program, the “Frames of Founders” program will be organized in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on the 31st of this month under the auspices of the District EDC at the Aleru Mahila Samakhya Meeting Hall, EDC Manager Kumarikuntla Ranjit Kumar said. Students, young entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, women entrepreneurs, content creators and YouTubers, social media influencers, creative sectors in the district can participate in this program and get awareness on government schemes, financial assistance opportunities and business development, as well as get an opportunity to introduce their success stories through the “Frames of Founders” platform.“ For more details, contact and register “<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejd-Bz3tiEHDCa3tOnXfghBegbjCpYpq7K0aCiHmz5kRC6SA/formResponse>“EDC Manager Ranjit Kumar 9347880615, Assistant Manager Mahesh 8187829208 Officials have requested that you can contact these numbers.

Agency Bandh Receives Strong Response Complete Shutdown in Wankidi Mandal Headquarters

““Indian Chronicle. August:20.““Wankidi: The Agency bandh observed on Wednesday in response to the call given by Tudum Debba received a strong response in Wankidi Mandal. The bandh was held in protest against the alleged



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injustice faced by tribal youth in police constable recruitment. Traders and small shop owners in the mandal headquarters voluntarily closed their establishments and extended support, leaving the main commercial areas deserted. Speaking on the occasion, Tudum Debba Mandal President Madavi Bheem Rao said the recently issued police recruitment notification would seriously affect unemployed tribal youth in Agency areas. He recalled that tribal youth had previously been provided 75% reservation in police constable posts. He expressed concern that the absence of special priority in the latest recruitment could deprive thousands of tribal youth of employment opportunities. “He demanded that the earlier special reservation system for Agency youth be continued and urged the government to immediately ensure justice for tribal youth. He warned that larger protests would be organized if the government failed to respond.“Tudum Debba Honorary President Uika Ramu, General Secretary Pandram Suresh, Vice Presidents Gundi Rajayya and Madavi Bandu, Secretary Jugnak Ambar Rao, and other tribal organization leaders participated in the programme.



““(Uppal... Indian Chronicle... August 19): Members of the Uppal HMDA Walkers Association—including Mandava Srisailam, Eega Shankar, Somireddy, Srinivas Goud, Jampanna, Akula Prabhakar, and Balakrishna—conveying birthday wishes and felicitating former soldier Srinivas with a shawl at the Uppal HMDA layout.

Their aim is to further strengthen the referral system for child welfare, protection and other services at the community level: Hyderabad District Welfare Officer Akkeswar Rao



“(Hyderabad..Indian Chronicle Correspondent..August 19):- A meeting of the Urban Level Child Welfare and Protection Committee was held with Anganwadi teachers under the Secunderabad Project under the auspices of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of Hyderabad district. The main purpose of this meeting is to further strengthen the referral system for child welfare, protection and necessary services at the community level. “Highlights & Objective of the meeting: To identify children who have lost their parents, are in danger, have been neglected,

are missing, abandoned and need care.” Action: The meeting discussed the need to provide timely information to the concerned authorities and provide assistance and cooperation in providing rehabilitation services, and to increase the connectivity between Anganwadi teachers, supervisors and protection officers, line department and various organizations.”Hyderabad District Welfare Officer Akkeshwar Rao, Secunderabad CDPO Swapna Bha, Project Supervisors, Protection Officer Ramu (Non-Institutional Care), Child Helpline Counselor, representatives of dependent NGOs, Anganwadi teachers participated in this meeting.

People Will Teach a Lesson if Development Is Obstructed: Aatram Sugunakka

““MLA Kova Lakshmi Should Stop Personal Criticism and Cooperate for Constituency Development”“Indian Chronicle:August. 20.”“Asifabad: District Congress President Aatram Sugunakka strongly criticized MLA Kova Lakshmi for allegedly obstructing development programmes being undertaken by the Congress government in the Asifabad constituency. Speaking at a media conference held at the DCC office along with District Library Chairman Anil Kumar and former DCC president Kokkiralra Vishwaprasad Rao, she urged the MLA to focus on the development of the constituency instead of making personal remarks.”Sugunakka said Minister Jupally Krishna Rao had spoken about the facts during his recent district visit and alleged that the previous BRS government had left the state under a huge debt burden. She said the Congress government was clearing the previous debts while implementing the promises made to the people. She questioned why personal criticism was being made instead of answering questions about the development record of the previous government. She said the Assembly and Secretariat buildings were constructed with public money and government funds and were not the personal property of any political leader. Sugunakka said the government was working to bring more funds for roads, houses, employment opportunities for women, tourism and basic infrastructure in the constituency. She pointed to the announcement of ₹10 crore for tourism development in Asifabad constituency as an example of the government’s efforts. She urged MLA Kova Lakshmi to set aside personal criticism and political differences and cooperate with development activities. “If development is obstructed, it will not be Congress leaders who give the answer; the people of Asifabad will,” she warned. “On the allegations regarding Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes, Sugunakka said the Congress government had no intention of stopping either scheme. She alleged that BRS leaders were spreading false information to mislead the public. She said even pending bills from the previous government were being cleared and eligible beneficiaries were receiving the benefits. She reiterated that the Congress government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, was committed to the welfare of poor and weaker sections. DCC vice presidents, RGS district coordinator Kova Indira, market committee members, councillors, mandal presidents, women and youth leaders, senior Congress leaders from various mandals and party workers participated in the meeting.



Public government is a big player in the welfare of Kallu Geeta workers:- Government release Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. August 19):-“Beerla Ailaiah distributed Katamayya protective cover safety kits to 250 Kallu Geeta workers in Aleru town..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Aleru: Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah said that the Telangana Public Gov-



ernment is giving top priority to the welfare and safety of Kallu Geeta workers. At a program organized in Aleru town, Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Sri Beerla Ailaiah distributed Katamayya protective cover safety kits to 250 Kallu Geeta workers in Aleru constituency. With the aim of protecting the workers who depend on the Kallu Geeta profession from accidents while climbing palm trees, the government has distributed Katamayya protective cover. He said that safety kits are being provided. The main objective of this scheme is to save the lives of the workers and provide security to their families. “Beerla Ayilaiah assured that the government will support the welfare of the Kallu Geeta workers in Aleru constituency and will bring their problems to the government's attention from time to time and work to resolve them.” He said that the government is working to implement more welfare programs necessary for the economic and social development of the Kallu Geeta workers. He suggested that the workers should take advantage of the welfare schemes provided by the government. The program was attended by concerned officials, representatives of Geeta labor unions, Congress party leaders, activists, Kallu Geeta workers and others.

Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in Giripradakshina in Yadadri on the occasion of Swathi Janma Nakshatra

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. August 19):- In honor of Swathi Janma Nakshatra of Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, a Giripradakshina program was organized under the auspices of the temple authorities. Aleru MLA and Telangana State Government Whip Beerla



Ayilaiah participated as the chief guest of this program. In the early hours of the morning, the priests performed the Shataghatabhishekam with devotion in the temple's front mandapam. Later, Government Whip Birla Ayilaiah, who performed special pujas at the feet of the Lord, along with the temple EO Bhavani Shankar, initiated the Giri Pradakshina. Thousands of devotees participated in this Giri Pradakshina organized on the occasion of Swati Janma Nakshatra

with devotion. The surroundings of Yadagirigutta were filled with the chanting of Govinda's name and the spiritual noise of the devotees. The temple authorities made necessary arrangements so that the devotees did not face any difficulties. The devotees participated in the Giri Pradakshina while receiving the blessings of the Lord.

Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Telangana Martyrs' Stupa in Aleru Stupa to commemorate the sacrifices of the martyrs to future generations – Government Whip Beerla Ayilaiah

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. August 19):- Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Telangana Martyrs' Stupa to com-



memorate the sacrifices of the martyrs who laid down their lives in the Telangana movement in Aleru town center of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. “Speaking on the occasion, MLA Beerla Ayilaiah said that many youths, students and activists fought for the achievement of Telangana state without even counting their lives, and the separate Telangana state came into being as a result of their sacrifices. He said that it is everyone's responsibility to never forget the sacrifices of the martyrs and to pass on their inspiration to future generations. The MLA announced that the underpass square in Aleru town will be named "Telangana Martyrs Square". He said that the Martyrs' Stupa to be built in this area will not only be a special identity for Aleru town, but will also symbolize the history of the Telangana movement. He said that the necessary construction work for the construction of the Martyrs' Stupa will be undertaken with funds from the Beerla Foundation. He said that the construction of the stupa will be completed with quality and attractiveness and made available to the public. Beerla Ayilaiah made it clear that the government will always stand by the families of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for Telangana. He assured that he would do his best for the welfare of their families and the resolution of their problems. Remembering the sacrifices of the martyrs, he said that the people's government is working in line with their aspirations and that the welfare and development of the people of Telangana is the main goal of the government. Local public representatives, Congress party leaders, activists, family members of the martyrs, officials, people and others participated in this program.

Person Conducting Matka Gambling Arrested

“Kumram Bheem Asifabad Indian Chronicle August 19,”Kagaznagar: Kagaznagar Rural Police apprehended a person allegedly conducting Matka gambling in Chintaguda village of Kagaznagar Mandal, SI Sandeep said. “The accused



was identified as Shaik Siraj Baba, 27, a resident of Koyavagu village. Police seized three mobile phones, one printer, printer papers, ₹1,000 in cash and documents related to Matka gambling from his possession. “A case has been registered and an investigation is underway, SI Sandeep said. He warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found conducting or participating in Matka gambling or other illegal gambling activities. “Police urged the public to immediately inform them if they have any information regarding illegal activities in their areas.” [8:26 PM, 8/19/2026] +91 94923 37358: End.

Arrangements Made for Rajiv Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations Congress Party Madal President Gurnule Mengaji

“Kumrambheem, Asifabad District Indian Chronicle. August.20.”Wankidi: The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna awardee Rajiv Gandhi will be observed on August 20 at the Wankidi Mandal Congress Party office. Mandal Congress President Gurnule Mengaji said the programme will begin at 10:30 AM as per the directions of DCC President Aatram Sugunakka. Congress party sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, mandal executive members, leaders, workers, women leaders, former public representatives, various wing presidents, social media activists, party supporters and the pub-

lic have been requested to participate in large numbers and make the programme a success.



Former Corporator Sheshu Kumari Placed Under House Arrest

“Sanath Nagar, August 19 (Indian Chronicle): Former Ameerpet corporator Sheshu Kumari was placed under house arrest by police on Wednesday morning to prevent her from visiting the newly inaugurated TIMS Hospital in Sanath Nagar. Police personnel were deployed at her residence and restricted her movement ahead of her proposed visit to the hospital. Further details regarding the police action were not immediately available.

Nemali Anil Kumar Meets Parameshwar Reddy to Discuss Mallapur Division Issues

“Nacharam, August 19(Indian Chornical): “Senior Congress leader of the Malkajgiri-Medchal constituency, Nemali Anil Kumar, met Uppal Constituency Congress Party In-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy and discussed various public issues concerning the Mallapur Division. “During the meeting, Nemali Anil Kumar brought several local issues to the attention of Parameshwar Reddy and discussed the need for appropriate measures to address the problems faced by residents of the division. “He also personally invited Parameshwar Reddy to attend the Bonalu festival and Palahara Bandla procession, scheduled to be held on Sunday in Mallapur Division. The invitation was extended as part of the preparations for the grand celebrations, which are expected to be attended by a large number of devotees and local residents. “The meeting also focused on matters related to the development and welfare of Mallapur Division and the need for continued efforts to resolve public grievances. “Former Mallapur Division General Secretary Tandra Srikanth Reddy, along with senior Congress leaders Koyalakonda Rajesh, S.V. Shashi, Hari, Sai, P.R. Meghraj, Deekshith Goud, Lokesh and others, participated in the meeting. “The leaders expressed their commitment to working together for the development of Mallapur Division and addressing the issues faced by the local people.



State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), Telangana has convened its 50th Quarterly Review Meeting for the quarter ended June 2026 to review the performance of Banks, today

“Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu garu, Honble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Finance, Planning & Energy, Telangana State“Shri M Dana Kishore, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Govt. of Telangana“Shri

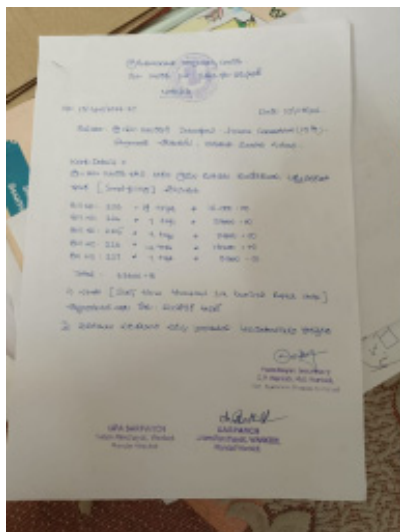
crores. “Total Advances with Banks grew by Rs.42,891 crores during the Quarter and the advances of all banks were at Rs.12,76,748 Crores.“CD ratio continues to be above 100% and it was maintained at 128.58% at the end of the quarter“During the First Quarter of the current Financial Year, Banks have disbursed Short Term Production Loans amounting to Rs. 20,069 crores achieving 34.51% of Kharif targets. “Banks have disbursed Rs. 32,268 crores as Investment Credit to Agri. Allied, Agri. Infra and Agri. Ancillary activities achieving 38.36% of the annual targets. “Banks have disbursed educational loans amounting to Rs. 134 Crores and Housing loans amounting to Rs. 1,402 Crores under Priority Sector during the quarter “Banks have disbursed Rs. 91,374 Crores to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) segment achieving 40% of the annual targets.“Banks together have disbursed an amount of Rs.1,46,096 crores to various sections of borrowers under Priority Sector, recording an achievement of 33.66% of annual targets.““On the Financial Inclusion front; “Banks in the State have 133.57 lakh PMJDY accounts in their books and 112.44 lacs i.e., 84.18% of the PMJDY accounts are seeded with Aadhar. RuPay cards are issued to 92.36 lacs i.e., 69.14% of the PMJDY accounts. “As far as the social security schemes are concerned, Banks have covered 206.73 lakh customers under PMSBY and 109.52 lakh customers under PMJJBY. 28.99 lakh customers have subscribed for Atal pension Yojana scheme.““Speaking on the occasion, Sri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Honble Deputy Chief Minister called banks to align with the States Telangana Rising 2047 vision of achieving a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047, stressing that financial performance must be judged by outcomes such as rural income growth, womens entrepreneurship and job creation along with target fulfilment. He reviewed progress in agriculture (?52,337 crore, 28.91% of target) and MSME lending (?91,374 crore, 39.64% of target), flagged high agricultural NPAs, and urged timely, proactive credit to farmers and MSMEs, reactivation of inactive Business Correspondents, and a shift from welfare to enterprise finance for Self-Help Group. Further, he said Telangana is emerging as a prime destination for global and domestic corporate investment with major infrastructure projects such as the Musi riverfront, Future City, Regional Ring Road and Metro expansion. He appealed to emphasize the importance of achieving set objectives of Telangana Rising 2047.““While speaking on the occasion, Shri Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana, urged banks to play pivotal role in achieving Telangana vision 2047. He appealed Banks to align their Annual Credit Plans in line with the States Vision 2047. He said that currently the State growing at 10-11%, he aspired banks to support to achieve 13% growth rate through stronger, targeted lending.““Sri. Chinmoy Kumar, Regional Director, RBI, Hyderabad emphasized that under the revised Lead Bank Scheme framework, banks must designate a specific senior functionary to represent them in District Consultative Committee (DCC) meetings. He also highlighted the importance of CreditDeposit (CD) ratio to be reported at the place of credit utilization and cautioned banks for accurate reporting. He called for urgent action to address inactive Business Correspondents (BCs) and fill gaps in unbanked revenue centres. Banks directed to appoint fixed BCs where ever required and improve the share of women BCs, in line with NSFI 2025-30 objectives in a phased manner. He urged all stakeholders to work in collaboration and prepare a database of MSME operating on identified MSME Clusters with an objective to saturate all eligible MSMEs with formal Institutional Credit. He appealed banks to prioritize ReKYC of overdue accounts and to improve the settlement of unclaimed deposits.““Ms. D Divya, IAS, CEO, SERP, Govt. of Telangana, Ms. Manasa Gangotri Kata, IRS, Director, DFS, Govt. Of India and Shri. B Uday Bhaskar, CGM, NABARD, Hyderabad also spoke on the occasion““The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Shri Gyaneshwar Prasad, DGM (ABU & GSS), SBI Telangana.



Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana“Ms. D Divya, IAS, CEO, SERP, Govt. of Telangana“Shri. D Krishna Bhaskar, IAS, Spl. Secretary to Honble Dy CM, Govt. of Telangana“Ms. Manasa Gangotri Kata, IRS, Director, Department of Financial Service, Govt. Of India (Joined Virtually)“Shri. Chinmoy Kumar, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Hyderabad“Shri. B Uday Bhaskar, CGM, NABARD“Sri Neelesh Dwivedi, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle & Chairman, SLBC Telangana.“Sri Satish Kumar, GM, SBI & Convenor, SLBC, Telangana“Senior Officials from the line departments of Govt of Telangana, Government of India, executives from Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, RRB, SFBs, Payment Banks, representatives of various Federations of Agriculture and MSME etc., ““Sri Neelesh Dwivedi, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle presented the performance of the banks in Telangana during Q1 of Financial Year 2026-27 as under:“Total Deposits of the banks grew by Rs.49,522 crores during the Quarter and the total deposits were at Rs.9,92,947

Development Bill Delay Allegations

““Kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Indian Chronicle. August:20.““Wankidi: Allegations have surfaced over a delay in processing the bill for development works carried out in Arjuguda Akini Mandokarwada under Wankidi Gram Panchayat.““Locals allege that Wankidi Deputy Sarpanch Deepak Munde is delaying his signature on the bill and has reportedly demanded a percentage from the contractor. They have urged the Congress party leadership to inquire into the matter and take appropriate action if the allegations are found to be true.““Locals also requested the authorities to ensure that bills for completed development works are processed as per the rules without unnecessary delay.



BJP DEMANDS HIKE IN STIPEND OF AYUSH PG AND HOUSE SURGEONS ON PAR WITH ALLOPATHY

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : BJP Telangana State President N Ramchander Rao today demanded that the stipend for AYUSH PG doctors and house surgeons be increased on par with Allopathy and make payment immediately along with pending arrears. Rao visited Relay hunger strike camp of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy) PG medical students and house surgeons, who have been protesting for the last 16 days demanding a stipend hike on the premises of Dr. B.R.K.R. Government Ayurvedic College & Hospital in Erragadda. He expressed solidarity with striking AYUSH doctors on behalf of BJP. He criticized the Congress government for showing severe discrimination in stipends against AYUSH medical students who work day and night on par with Allopathy doctors to protect public health. Speaking on the occasion, BJP State President expressed anguish that successive governments have been committing injustice by not raising stipends for years for PG students and house surgeons serving in Indian systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Unani, and Homeopathy. He recalled that according to a 2006 Government Order (GO) in combined Andhra Pradesh, there was a rule to treat Indian Systems of Medicine (AYUSH) and Allopathy medical students equally. However, he noted it is regrettable that these stipends have been halted since 2016 after the formation of Telangana state. He demanded that the Congress government immediately recognize the issues of AYUSH medical students who render crucial public health services and resolve the pending stipend issue at once. He stated that courts have given clear judgments that AYUSH PG students, house surgeons, and interns should be paid stipends equal to Allopathy medical students. He voiced

anger that while the neighboring Andhra Pradesh government paying a monthly stipend of Rs 60,000 to AYUSH PG students and Rs 25,000 to house surgeons, whereas Telangana pays only Rs 30,000 to PG students and Rs.13,000 to house surgeons, which is severe discrimination. BJP state chief mentioned that the Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created a dedicated Ministry of AYUSH in the country, encouraging all medical streams equally and giving top priority to medical education. He questioned the Congress government as to why the rules implemented in the neighboring state are not being implemented in Telangana. He asked why the current Deputy Chief Minister, who had demanded equal stipends for AYUSH doctors on the floor of the Assembly during the previous BRS regime, is now neglecting the issue despite being in power. He emphasized that the Telangana government has a responsibility to immediately pay full stipends, including pending arrears, as per Supreme Court orders and on par with Andhra Pradesh. He criticized the current Congress government, calling it shameful that it remains completely unbothered while students who are the pillars of India's future medical sector, have been protesting for 16 days for their legitimate rights. He alleged that the Congress government is focusing solely on the land mafia and land encroachments while completely ignoring the education sector and medical students who serve the public. Rao warned that the BJP would intensify struggle on behalf of the students if the state government failed to respond at least now raising the stipends for AYUSH students on par with Allopathy. [9:58 PM, 8/19/2026] +91 70953 78217: End

Tata Play brings Spotify Premium to its subscribers with a four-month complimentary offer

Hyderabad Strengthening its entertainment ecosystem, Tata Play now offers Spotify Premium to all its subscribers through its two popular entertainment



apps, Tata Play Binge and the Tata Play Mobile App. New users can enjoy four months of Spotify Premium Standard that offers ad-free listening, high-quality audio up to 320kbps, and offline access to tracks, albums and playlists, and at no additional cost. Tata Play, India's leading content distribution platform, has introduced an offer in collaboration with Spotify, enabling subscribers to enjoy one of the world's most popular audio streaming services. The offer will be available to Tata Play Binge subscribers starting today, followed by a rollout on the Tata Play Mobile App subsequently. "By expanding its music offerings, Tata Play continues to give subscribers greater choice while complementing its existing television and OTT aggregation services. As part of the offer, subscribers who are new to Spotify Premium can enjoy a complimentary four-month trial of Spotify Premium Standard. Adding to the launch, Pallavi Puri, Tata Play's Chief Commercial and Content Officer, said, "This partnership brings together Tata Play's strong household reach and Spotify's world-class audio platform to create greater value for consumers. By combining our strengths, we are making it easier for customers across India to access a richer and more personalized audio entertainment experience, while enabling both

brands to expand their reach and engagement." Rami Jamal, Partnerships Head, Spotify, South Asia Middle East and Africa said, "Everyone deserves to hear their favourite music the way it's meant to sound - no ads, no interruptions, just high-quality audio and a listening experience built around how you listen. Partnering with Tata Play brings Spotify Premium to millions of households already passionate about entertainment, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them in." Subscribers can redeem the offer using a promotional code through Tata Play's platforms. Once activated, Spotify Premium Standard can be enjoyed across compatible devices, offering ad-free listening, offline downloads, unlimited skips, and access to over 100 million songs and over 7 million podcast titles.

Study shows nutrition supplement helps improve growth, bone and muscle health in Indian children at risk for undernutrition

“Hyderabad” Abbott, the global healthcare leader, announced findings from a randomized controlled trial showing that Indian children at risk of undernutrition who received an oral nutritional supplement alongside dietary counseling experienced significantly improved growth outcomes. Children in the supplemented group had approximately 2.4 times greater height gain and nearly 15% higher lean mass over six months compared to those receiving dietary counseling alone. “The trial, published in the journals *Children* and *Journal of Clinical Medicine*, included 223 Indian children between ages about 3 to 7 years with picky eating habits who were undernourished or at risk of undernutrition. “Over a six-month period, families and children in the study received dietary counseling, with approximately half of the children also receiving two daily servings of PediaSure, an

Abbott pediatric oral nutritional supplement. Investigators assessed growth, dietary intake, body composition and other health indicators at predefined intervals. “Impact of Oral Nutritional Supplementation and Dietary Counseling on Outcomes of Linear Catch-Up Growth in Indian Children Aged 3–6.9 Years: Findings from a 6-Month Randomized Controlled Trial” was published in *Children* on August 29, 2025. The paper reported outcomes related to linear catch-up growth, dietary intake, nutrient adequacy and anthropometric measures. “Effects of Oral Nutritional Supplementation on Body Composition and Bone Health in Undernourished Children: A Randomized Controlled Study” was published in the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* on October 1, 2025. The paper reported outcomes related to body composition and bone health measured using DXA. The trial was conducted between August 2023 and May 2024 and was registered as CTRI/2023/04/051566.

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