

Mega facelift for Bhongir underway

Face of Bhongir town to be transformed into beautiful urban centre: MLA

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- Activities started in 12 wards, with 8 major works underway
- Special attention paid to widening of roads to Nalgonda and Hyd

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“EFFORTS are underway to transform Bhuvanagiri Municipality into a model municipality,” said Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. On Thursday, the duo launched development works across several wards within the municipality limits.

Speaking on the occasion, they said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy sanctioned Rs 56 crore from HMDA funds for Bhuvanagiri constituency. “These funds have been allocated



Bhongir MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy along with MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy touring Bhongir town

for three mandals and one municipality in the constituency to begin development works,” said Reddy. “More than Rs 13 crore is being used for the development of Bhongir Municipality and activities have started in nearly 12 wards, with eight major works underway. Special attention is being paid to the municipality,

including the improvement of major junctions and the widening of Nalgonda and Hyderabad roads,” he said. The MLA emphasised that the face of Bhongir town would be transformed into a beautiful urban centre. “The government is reducing unnecessary expenditure and allocating funds only for projects that

benefit the people,” he said. The event was attended by District Library Corporation Chairman Awais Chishti, TPCC member Tangallapalli Ravikumar, leaders Potnak Pramod Kumar, Potamsetti Venkateshwarlu, Barre Jahangir, Mazhar, Kura Venkatesh, Gurralla Srinivas, and Salahuddin.

Khammam party leaders meet BJP chief



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LEADERS of BJP from Khammam that included State Council Member Dr G Venkateswarlu and Seva Bharati President Motukuri Narayana Rao on Thursday paid a courtesy call on the party's new president of Telangana, N Ramachandra Rao, in Hyderabad. As part of the meeting, they represented

the demands of the people of Khammam district that included a request for construction works of a wire bridge, Greenway Highway, and Amaravati Highway to be started. They said that if these projects are completed, it will be good for the development and economic progress of Khammam district. The leaders shared that Rao promised to cooperate and work to strengthen the party in the district.



On the occasion of Guru Pournami, BJP State leader and Bhupalapalli district in-charge Galla Satyanarayana felicitated his High School teachers at his native village of Ravinutala on Thursday

BJP felicitates teachers on Guru Pournami

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GRAND celebrations were held at the Khammam district BJP party office on Thursday to mark Sri Guru Pournami in which BJP district president Nelluri Koteswara Rao presided.

Vedic scholars, teachers, and masters of traditional arts were felicitated on the stage during the event. This included Tejasri, Kodanda



Ramacharya, Tandira Ramprasad Guruswamy, Arutla Srinivasacharya, and Gujjula Srinivas Reddy who

were especially honoured by mementos. “Ours is a country where the teacher is considered

‘Parabrahma.’ Guru principle is sacred in our culture. The teachings of the guru are the strength of the future,” said Rao. “Every student should respect their teacher and grow by believing in their aspirations. Governments and private educational institutions should provide minimum respect to teachers and pay their salaries on time,” he said.

Form Cong committees at all levels: Srilatha Reddy

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“MANDAL-level, village-level, and booth-level committees should be formed immediately,” said Congress district women's president Srilatha Reddy on Thursday.

Speaking at a district-level women's meeting at the local MLA camp office, she emphasised that the government introduced several schemes for women's empowerment; women should work hard to ensure their full implementation at village level.

She said there are many opportunities for self-employment under SHGs and urged women to make use of them.

Reddy stressed that to move forward in villages the committees must be completed first and called upon everyone to focus on formation of committees. She noted that in the upcoming local body elections, women's groups in the party will play a crucial role and urged everyone to participate actively. “Every woman working for the party will be given special recognition,” she added.



New Vision ranks 29th in NEET Telangana results



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“IN the NEET 2025 state level open category results released on Thursday, students of New Vision that include Machineni Akanksha secured 89th rank and Pillaramarri Samhita secured 29th rank,” informed college chairman CHGK Prasad.

“Only 75 students from our college appeared for the exam

this year of which 40% students in A and B categories got a chance to secure medical seats and 98% of the students qualified,” he said. On the occasion, chairman along with academic director Karthik and director CH Gopichand congratulated the students who achieved the best ranks. Principal Brahmachary Srinivasa Rao and the faculty participated in the programme.

TRUMP TARIFFS: PLANS RETALIATORY TARIFFS ON STEEL & ALUMINIUM

INDIA TO TAKE STRONG STAND?

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AMIDST ongoing trade deal talks the US, India has proposed retaliatory tariffs against the United States under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) regulations in response to American duties on steel and aluminium.

The timing is crucial as both nations are in discussions for a trade agreement, with the initial phase

expected to conclude by September-October. India proposed retaliatory duties on specific American goods under the WTO framework in May, countering US tariffs on steel and aluminium implemented as safeguard measures. India informed the WTO that these actions would impact US imports worth \$7.6 billion.

The US implemented safeguard measures on March 8, 2018, placing 25% and 10% ad valorem

tariffs on certain steel and aluminium products, effective March 23, 2018. On February 10, 2025, they revised these safeguard measures on steel and aluminium imports, taking effect from March 12.”The safeguard measures would affect \$7.6 billion imports into the United States of the relevant products originating in India, on which the duty collection would be \$3.82 billion,” India told the WTO. India had previ-

ously suggested retaliatory tariffs against US automotive duties last week. The suggested suspension of concessions or other obligations would manifest as increased tariffs on specific products from the United States, according to an ET report. “Accordingly, India's proposed suspension of concessions would result in an equivalent amount of duty collected from products originating in the US,” India said.

BCs to get 42%

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Claiming that the Telangana state is a role model for the country in holding a Cabinet meeting every 15 days, Srinivasa Reddy said the Cabinet has also decided to hold a special Cabinet meeting once in three months and review the implementation of the decisions taken during the preceding three-month period.

He said in the 19th Cabinet meeting on Thursday, the Chief Minister, ministers and Secretaries reviewed the progress of the implementation of 327 decisions related to 23 departments taken in the previous Cabinet meetings. Perhaps, for the first time in India, the state Cabinet analysed the implementation of the decisions it had taken, and it was found that 96 per cent of decisions were implemented, he added.

BC Welfare Minister P Prabhakar said that through the historic Cabinet decision, the state government fulfilled the Congress party's Kamareddy Declaration which called for the enhancement of BC quota in the local body polls.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet took a serious note of the pending irrigation projects and decided to expedite the works and complete them in a time bound manner to expand irrigation facilities. The Cabinet observed that the previous BRS government spent large amounts of funds, but no project was completed, and it affected the irrigation sector, the I & PR Minister said.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal to upgrade Amity Educational Institution and Saint Mary's Educational Institution as universities. The Amity accepted the condition to provide 50 per cent seats to Telangana students and Saint Mary's will introduce skill development courses.

In view of increasing demand for jobs, the Cabinet discussed issuing notification to fill 22,000 jobs and speed up the recruitment process to fill another 17,000 jobs for which the process is at various stages. The Cabinet also instructed the state Finance department to review the performance of the outsourcing and contract employees.

The Chief minister also ordered the officials to introduce reforms to increase the employees' accountability in the discharge of their duties. The government already constituted an official committee and asked it to submit a report in this regard in two months.

Animal Husbandry Minister V Srihari said the Cabinet discussed the draft Goshala (cow shelters) policy and recommended some suggestions for setting up new cow shelters as well as strengthening the existing 306 goshalas in the state. He also said that Rs 22 crore special budget was allocated to purchase fishlings and release them in water bodies in the coming season. Scientific methods would be adapted to promote pisciculture, the minister added.

SC PERMITS EC TO PROCEED WITH BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION

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A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi asked the poll body to consider Aadhaar, voter ID and ration cards for the purpose of updating the rolls but left it to the discretion of the ECI whether to accept or reject them.

The Bench said this after Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the ECI, submitted that the list of 11 documents to be considered for the revision exercise is not exhaustive. The court directed that the matter be listed for hearing again on July 28, before the draft roll is published.

Intensive revision refers to the de novo preparation of the electoral roll from scratch through personal, house-to-house field verification by electoral registration officers.

Under the Bihar SIR, those who were on the 2003 electoral rolls need only submit an extract from it as proof, while others (enrolled after 2003) must provide one or more documents from a list of 11 (along with a pre-filled enumeration form for existing electors) to establish their date and/or place of birth – which, in turn, is used to determine citizenship.

Apex court has ‘serious doubts’ on Bihar SIR

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has expressed ‘serious doubts’ over the Election Commission's plan to hold a ‘special intensive revision’ (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls months before the Assembly election. The Apex court told the poll panel, “Your exercise is not the problem... it is the timing. We have serious doubts if you can manage this exercise. With such a big population (an estimated eight crore people) being subject to this ‘intensive review’, is it possible to link this to the forthcoming election?”

The court also asked the poll panel

tough questions about an individual's right to appeal a potential exclusion from the list of voters. “... a person will be disenfranchised ahead of the election, and s/he won't have the time to defend the exclusion before voting,” Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia noted. “No... courts will not touch electoral roll once finalised... which means a disenfranchised person will lack the option to challenge it (the revised list) before the election,” he said, when urged by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the poll panel, to allow the revision to be completed before ruling.

'IS THE BIRD BECOMING A PARROT?'

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Without naming anyone, Tagore, who is a Congress MP from Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu and party's whip in the Lok Sabha, said on X, “When a Colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, you begin to wonder — is the Bird becoming a parrot? Mimicry is cute in birds, not in politics.” Tharoor and Tagore had also indulged in ‘bird talk’ last month to convey their views.

The Tharoor-Congress rift had taken a turn towards what some termed a “war of birds” as Tagore had sought to establish the pecking order with an X message to his colleague last month.

India achieves 4,000% growth in solar capacity

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Outlining the scale of India's clean energy manufacturing push, the minister said the country's solar photovoltaic module capacity has expanded nearly 38-fold in the last decade, while photovoltaic cell capacity has grown 21 times. He highlighted flagship schemes like the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, which aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore homes, and the PM Kusum Yojana, which supports the use of solar pumps in agriculture. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells is also expected to boost domestic manufacturing, he added.

Goyal stressed that energy storage will be critical to India's plan to meet its future energy needs through renewable sources. He said technologies such as batteries, pumped storage, hydro storage and even nuclear power would play a role in ensuring round-the-clock clean energy.

Calling for a four-pronged strategy to advance India's clean energy ambitions, Goyal listed innovation, infrastructure development, supply chain resilience and an integrated value chain as key priorities. He said India must lead in research and development for next-generation battery technologies, including solid-state and

hybrid storage, while also developing circular supply chains. He referred to the recent Cabinet approval of a ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund, which he said would help India match the scale of R&D spending in advanced economies due to its cost advantages.

Goyal urged industry players to ramp up efforts to build charging and battery-swapping infrastructure to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles. He also stressed the need to cut dependence on limited geographies for raw materials and components by investing in resilient supply chains and new technologies.

THAROOR CALLS EMERGENCY ‘DARK CHAPTER’

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Thousands of people were rendered homeless. Their welfare was not taken into consideration,” the Thiruvananthapuram MP wrote. He also pointed out the fragility of democracy and the need for constant vigilance: “Let it serve as a lasting reminder to people everywhere,” Tharoor wrote.

According to him, “today's India is not the India of 1975. Yet, the lessons of the Emergency remain relevant in troubling ways,” Congress MP added. Tharoor cautioned that the urge to centralise authority, suppress dissent, and sidestep constitutional checks could resurface in different ways.

“Often, such tendencies

may be justified in the name of national interest or stability. In this sense, the Emergency stands as a strong warning. The guardians of democracy must always remain vigilant,” he said.

Tharoor's relationship with the Congress leadership has been under strain since he contested the party president election against Mallikarjun Kharge. The friction reportedly increased when his name did not appear on the list of Congress leaders suggested for the Union government's Operation Sindoor outreach. Despite this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi later invited Tharoor to lead a delegation to the United States and other countries in Americas.

Racist US man gets brutal reply from AI Grok

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“Nah, just circuits and code spitting facts. But hey, if ‘brown hands’ built the tech empire driving America's innovation, they're clearly the MVPs. Your bias is showing, champ—truth still hurts?” the AI replied, quickly shutting down the man.

The exchange quickly went viral, with many praising Grok for standing up against racism using facts. “Even Grok is fed up with these base-mendwellers,” remarked one user.

Another added, “I love the new Grok. Grok is in truth mode today.”