

Rulers, departments ignored early warnings of Montha, complain locals

OFFICIALS OPEN GOPALAPUR LAKE SLUICE GATES USING JCB MACHINES

- Residents say lack of coordination among officials turned into a curse for city
- They say damage occurred because sluice gates of Gopalapur lake were not opened on time
- Citizens express anger over negligence of govt, officials

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HANUMAKONDA

LAST week, the Montha cyclone submerged the city of Hanumakonda. Locals allege that due to the negligence of the Municipal Corporation and Irrigation officials, the drainage canal was not opened, and 100 ft of road canals were blocked, causing water to enter several colonies, causing damage to the people and the government. Finally, on Tuesday, the authorities are taking action on a war footing to



Photo: G Shyam Kumar

drain the flood water. People allege that the public representatives and officials of Warangal and Hanumakonda districts ignored cyclone warnings and failed to take preventive measures, leading to massive losses to crops, lives and property across cities, towns and villages.

After a week of continuous

rainfall subsided, on Tuesday, the irrigation and municipal officials finally opened the Gopalapur lake sluice gates using JCB machines. Locals are furious that this was done too late.

Residents say if the sluice gates and drainage channels had been opened earlier that same day, such large-scale

destruction could have been avoided.

They complain that despite repeated calls and pleas, officials did not respond; their negligence led to flood havoc in Warangal city. Even after a week, people sarcastically remarked that the “officials finally woke up.”

People across the region are criticising the authorities, saying the flood destruction, property loss, and deaths were mainly due to: encroachments on lakes, ponds and drainage channels; lack of coordination and negligence among departments; absence of effective supervision by the rulers.

They say this “curse” has continued from past governments to the present, as lakes and drainage systems were encroached and luxurious buildings were constructed on them. This reduced their capacity, causing floodwaters to overflow onto roads and into houses every monsoon.

Because of the lack of a strong underground drainage system and properly designed main roads, people continue to suffer severe losses each rainy season. They are demanding the government take immediate action — especially since Warangal is called the second capital after Hyderabad. They urge strict measures against long-standing encroachments, demolition of illegal constructions, punishment of offenders and construction of robust underground drainage and main roads.

A week ago, heavy rain and floods caused by Montha resulted in crop, property and human losses.

Citizens are requesting the government quickly collect details through officials and provide compensation to the victims — including financial aid, housing (Indiramma houses) for those who lost their homes, and relief for farmers who lost their crops.



One more RTC bus accident!

PASSENGERS INJURED AS BUS HITS A TRACTOR IN KARIMNAGAR

- The RTC bus from Metpally depot was coming from Hyderabad
- It hit a tractor carrying paddy on the outskirts of Renikunta
- Tractor driver and 15 Bus passengers seriously injured

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KARIMNAGAR

IT hasn't even been a day after the terrible accident of an RTC bus with a lorry in Chevella, another accident occurred; this time in Karimnagar. Passengers in the bus were seriously injured after the road ac-

cident that took place on the Rajiv Rahadari in Renikunta village of Thimmapur mandal in Karimnagar district on Tuesday morning 4.30 am.

The RTC bus (TS21 Z 0116) belonging to Metpally depot coming from Hyderabad and going towards Karimnagar hit a tractor carrying paddy from behind on the outskirts of Renikunta. In this accident, the tractor driver and 15 passengers in the bus were seriously injured.

Meanwhile, after receiving information, the LMD police reached the spot and with the help of locals, shifted the injured to Karimnagar Govern-

ment Hospital for treatment and regulated traffic. It is learnt that the accident happened as the bus driver was sleepy. The grain bags in the tractor fell on the road due to the accident. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar expressed shock over the accident. The Minister, who is on a visit to Manipur, spoke to the Karimnagar District Collector, doctors of the government hospital and asked them to ensure better medical treatment for the injured.

Bandi expressed concern about the series of road accidents in the state and asked the government to pay special attention to the safety of passengers.

Karimnagar celebrates women’s World Cup win

From students to coaches, to private employees to homemakers – everyone’s basking in the glow of the Indian women’s team lifting the World Cup trophy. It’s a strong message about ‘yes, women can!’ for the sports arena and everyone’s here for it

THIRUNAGARI
VENKATESHWARA SWAMY
KARIMNAGAR

THE town of Karimnagar was filled with joy with the slogan of “Jai Ho Bharat” over Women’s Cricket World Cup win over South Africa by 52 runs.

Sharing pleasure over the victory with The Hans India, Karimnagar District Cricket Association President V Agam Rao said that he felt truly delighted and fortunate to have witnessed the match live at DY Patil Stadium.

He said after their incredible performance in the semifinals, he simply could not afford to miss the match at any cost. “Indian cricket is currently experiencing one of its finest eras, and I believe much of the credit goes to passionate fans like us who have supported the game through every phase. I’m confident that Indian women’s cricket will now reach even greater heights from here on,” Rao said. Kota Manasa, a PG student, said, “It



Chinthoju Bhasker, social activist

is very inspiring for women, especially Jemimah Rodrigues. When it comes to the 2025 Women’s World Cup, the first thing that comes to mind for every Indian fan is Jemimah.”

“This batter made such an indelible impression in the tournament. A single innings took her to heights. Jemimah’s name is now being remembered in Indian cricket. If it wasn’t for her fight in the semi-final, India’s story would have been different. No one expected



Anaberi Nithisha, private employee

India to break the world record target against Australia. Jemimah’s amazing century (127 not out) made the home team do the impossible,” she said.

A private employee, Anaberi Nithisha added an emotional note, “The moment the women’s team lifted the World Cup, it wasn’t just about cricket — it was about every sleepless night, every silent tear, every unspoken promise they made to themselves and this nation.”

“This victory speaks of resilience of girls who practiced under fading lights, of women who were once underestimated but never gave up on their worth. They didn’t just play a game; they played for respect, for recognition, for every little girl waiting for her chance to be seen.”

“Today, they wear not just medals, but the pride of a billion hearts. The Indian Women’s Cricket Team has



V Agam Rao, Karimnagar District Cricket Association President

proven that the world doesn’t hand you your place — you earn it, one brave inning at a time. This is not just their triumph; it’s India’s awakening,” Nithisha said.

“For years, women in cricket fought not only opponents on the field but also stereotypes off it. Every run they scored carried the weight of expectations, every boundary broke another barrier. And today, as they stand at the world’s top, they’ve shown that dreams don’t need permission — they only need determination,” said social worker Chinthoju Bhasker.

“To me, this victory is not just about cricket; it’s about confidence, courage, and change. These women didn’t just bring home a trophy — they brought home hope. Hope for every little girl who dares to pick up a bat, and every parent who now says, “Yes, my daughter can,” Bhasker said.

UTKOOOR RAILWAY STATION TO BE UPGRADED AS CROSSING STATION

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MAHABUBNAGAR

ANIMAL Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Vakiti Srihari has announced that Utkoor Railway Station will soon be upgraded to a crossing station, fulfilling a long-pending dream of residents from the region.

The Minister met with South Central Railway (SVR) General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava in Hyderabad on Tuesday and discussed the proposal in detail.

During the meeting, he emphasized that the project would greatly benefit the people of Makthal, Narayanpet, and Vikarabad regions, along with 30 nearby villages, improving transport and employment opportunities



Vakiti Srihari meeting with South Central Railway General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava in Hyderabad on Tuesday

for nearly 60,000 residents. Srihari said the Telangana State Cabinet has already sanctioned Rs 438 crore for land acquisition under the Vikarabad-Krishna new railway line project, which has been a

long-cherished aspiration of the people of the area. The 122-km line will connect Krishna-Makthal-Narayanpet-Damaragidda-Balampet-Doulthabad-Kodan-gal-Parigi-Vikarabad, with Utkoor being one of the key

stations along the route.

He explained that once Utkoor is upgraded to a crossing station, it will make travel and daily commuting easier for thousands who depend on nearby cities for livelihood. “This upgrade will mark a new chapter in rural connectivity and economic development for the entire region,” the Minister said.

Responding to the Minister’s appeal, Srivastava assured that the upgradation process would be taken up soon.

The meeting was also attended by SCR Deputy General Manager Kotla Uday Nath, Railway Secretary Srinivas, Utkoor Congress Party President Yagneshwar Reddy, Shiva, and other local representatives.

COTTON FARMERS CRY!

Photos : G Shyam Kumar

Farmers agitated as cotton in Warangal’s Enumamula market yard gets soaked due to rain on Tuesday.

Town submerged as heavy rains lash Nagarkurnool

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UNDER the influence of a deep depression, Nagarkurnool town experienced heavy downpours accompanied by thunder and lightning for nearly two hours on Tuesday evening. The sudden cloudburst turned several colonies into waterlogged zones, severely disrupting traffic and normal life.

Major junctions such as the Telephone Exchange area and Ambedkar Chowrasta were inundated, leaving several vehicles stranded in floodwaters. Residents were taken by surprise as the unseasonal rains wreaked havoc across the town.

Locals expressed concern that the erratic weather pattern — with unusually heavy rains at the onset of winter — is causing serious inconvenience. Tanks, ponds, and local streams are overflowing due to the relentless showers, leaving several low-lying areas submerged.

