My Home gets tailor-made sops for ₹3,000-cr cement plant in AP

Project to have 3.5 MTPA clinker and 3.5 MTPA cement capacity, create 2,000 jobs

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A representational image of a cement factory

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ANDHRA Pradesh Government has sanctioned tailor-made incentives for My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd's greenfield cement manufacturing unit at Gamalapadu village of Dachepalli mandal in Palnadu district with an investment of Rs3,000 crore.

My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd has come forward to establish a new integrated cement manufacturing unit with a production capacity of 3.5 MTPA clinker and 3.5 MTPA cement to meet the growing demand from infrastructure and construction sectors with a massive investment with a potential to generate employment opportunities for approximately 2,000 people.

Tailor-made incentives for the project were approved under Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Policy (4.0) 2024-2029. Date of commercial production is slated for March, 2029. Engineering and procurement work will start from next month.

The State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB), which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu recently, while considering the project on par with similar proposals of cement manufacturing units (mega projects) in the State for extending tailor-made incentives under the policy, recommended the project by encouraging it due to huge employment potential. The SIPB remarked that in respect of the request relating to temple/endowment lands located within the mining area, the board has recommended identification of an alternative site on mutually agreed terms with the consent of the local community and completion of the construction and consecration of the temple at the new location prior to commencement of any activity in the existing temple land.

The government through an order resolved to extend the tailor-made incentives to the project proponent by offering it up to 43.48 per cent of fixed capital investment (FCI), limited to Rs1,129.36 crore contingent upon completion of FCI of Rs2,597 crore by March 2029, under AP Industrial Development Policy (4.0) 2024-29 and capital subsidy of 39 per cent of eFCI, limited to Rs943.02 crore, to be disbursed over 10 years from DCP.

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TG BJP chief slams Revanth over remarks on Hindu gods

Hyderabad

SLAMMING Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his remarks on Hindu gods, state BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Tuesday accused him of trying to divide the country along north-south lines and pursuing vote-bank politics.

He alleged that Reddy was "playing at the hands of Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi", whom he accused of not respecting Hinduism.

Rao called for protests across Telangana against Reddy's remarks. Reddy on September 28 claimed that the Congress had succeeded only in the southern states but struggled in the north because the BJP had "stolen Lord Ram", who is revered there, while Lord Shiva is worshipped in the south.

Speaking at an interactive session organised by a media organisation in Delhi, Reddy also claimed that Shiva was the God of the poor, Ram was the God of the rich, and the BJP was a party of the rich.

"Reddy's statement on Hindu gods is highly condemnable. It is objectionable. It is an absurd statement by a person holding a Constitutional post," Rao told media.

Recalling Reddy's past remarks that "Congress means Muslims, Muslims mean Congress", Rao alleged that the CM was seeking to unite Muslims while dividing Hindus.

He alleged that Reddy was trying to divide society by portraying Lord Ram as the God of the rich and Shiva as the God of the poor, and accused him of using religious and north-south divisions for vote-bank politics.

Jio strengthens connectivity leadership in AP, TG circle

HYDERABAD: Reliance Jio continued to strengthen its connectivity leadership in the Andhra Pradesh telecom circle, which includes Telangana, recording robust subscriber additions across wireless mobile, wireline broadband and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) services in August 2026, according to the latest subscriber data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Jio's performance in the region mirrors its strong national momentum, where the company recorded higher mobile subscriber additions than its nearest competitor, Airtel, while maintaining its lead in the home broadband and Fixed Wireless Access markets.

According to the August subscriber report, Jio added 2.12 lakh wireless mobile subscribers in the Andhra Pradesh circle, taking its total mobile subscriber base to approximately 3.29 crore.

At the national level, Jio added approximately 3.7 times more Home Location Register (HLR) net subscribers than Airtel in August, excluding Machine-to-Machine (M2M) connections. Jio was also the only operator to record positive net additions in active VLR subscribers, adding 1.7 million active subscribers during the month.

AP rolls out ₹11,085-cr Palle Panduga 3.0 works

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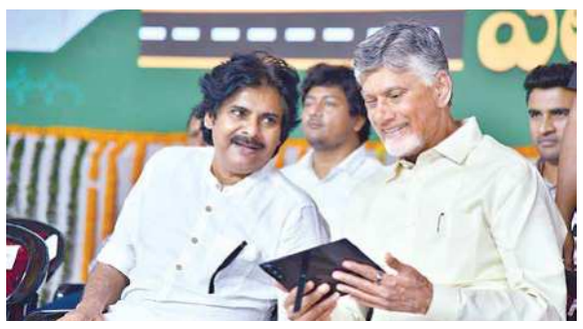
AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan having a lighter moment at the launching of Palle Panduga 3.0 in Udayagiri Constituency of Nellore district on Tuesday

IN a significant step in bringing about a sea-change in quality of living in the rural areas, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan at Kakolluvaripalem in Udayagiri Constituency in Nellore district on Tuesday launched development work worth Rs11,085 crore under Palle Panduga 3.0.

Addressing the gathering, Naidu said Andhra Pradesh is making rapid strides in various spheres due to active support from the Government of India under the Prime Ministership of Modi. He said the 'double engine ki sarkar' is implementing Palle Panduga 3.0 to change the lifestyle of the rural population by improving the basic amenities and quality of living and basic amenities. Sustainable practices are being encouraged in a big way, he stated.

Showering praises on Pawan Kalyan, he said the Jana Sena founder as Rural Development Minister has brought many changes in the department. He is also credited with bringing several changes in the Panchayat Raj Department.

In his remarks, Pawan Kalyan declared that the Palle Pandaga 3.0 will change the face of the villages and came down heavily on the previous YSRCP regime for neglecting the rural development and panchayat raj portfolios by not releasing adequate funds.

The launching of works was marked by unveiling of plague by the Chief Minister, Deputy CM and BJP State President PVN Madhav, who were given a grand welcome on arrival at the meeting venue.

The works to be funded by the Centre and the State Government jointly were kicked off amid loud cheers by a mammoth gathering. Under the programme, CC roads will be laid in villages covering 6,000 km at a cost of Rs2,700 crore. BT road works covering 9,500 km will be taken up at a cost of Rs7,550 crore. Around 22,000 mini Gokulams (cattle sheds) will be constructed to benefit dairy farmers at a cost of Rs300 crore. The Horticulture Department is making arrangements to take up plantation activities across 50,000 acres at a cost of Rs225 crore and 1,000 km of magic drains will be developed at a cost of Rs110 crore.

Bus shelters, gram panchayat buildings, Rachabandas and other works will be taken up at a cost of Rs200 crore. Of the total Rs11,085 crore, the Central share will be Rs5,391 crore and the State will fund the remaining amount. Works worth Rs1,750 crore will be taken up under VB-G RAM G, Rs3,800 crore under the Global Horticulture Hub, and another Rs2,000 crore through NABARD, SASKI and other funds.

Under Palle Panduga 1.0, the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department laid 4,000 km of CC roads, 22,514 cattle sheds, 21,000 farm ponds and horticulture plantations across 64,000 acres. Under Palle Panduga 2.0, works included 2,500 km of CC roads, 8,300 km of BT roads, 15,750 cattle sheds, 15,500 cattle water troughs, 86,000 farm ponds, 82,000 individual soak pits and 32 km of magic drains.

TG to get three Army engineers for SLBC, Kaleshwaram work

Hyderabad

Tunnel 1, part of the SLBC, is a 43.93 km-long tunnel originating from the left bank of the Srisailam reservoir

THE Telangana government is considering the deputation of three officers from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers for the SLBC tunnel project and the repair and rehabilitation of three Kaleshwaram barrages.

Telangana Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy recently met Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth in New Delhi and requested the deputation of experienced Army engineers to the state.

Reddy explained the technical complexity and strategic importance of the Srisailam Left Bank Canal tunnel and the repair and rehabilitation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project, his office said in a release here on Tuesday. Following the meeting, the Military Secretary's Branch of the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence offered three officers for selection by the Telangana government—Lt Col Satyadev Singh, Lt Col Ranjit A Menon and Lt Col H V Bhalla, the release said.

The state government is likely to take all three officers on deputation and deploy them on its technically challenging irrigation projects, it said.

The release said Reddy, a former Indian Air Force officer, shares an institutional bond with General Dhiraj Seth as both are alumni of the National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla in Pune.

"As a former military officer, I have the highest regard for the professional standards, knowledge, integrity, discipline and problem-solving abilities of Armed Forces personnel. Military officers are trained to perform in difficult terrain, disaster situations and highly challenging operational environments. They combine technical competence with leadership, accountability and a mission-oriented approach," Reddy said.

ShowKeen to make Hyd debut in Oct

HYDERABAD: Following the success of its Mumbai debut in 2025, ShowKeen is set to make its first-ever appearance in Hyderabad at HiTex Exhibition Centre on October 17 and 18. Marking another milestone in ShowKeen's growing multi-city presence, the Hyderabad edition will bring together one of the largest curated showcases of modern Indian art under one roof, alongside a selection of contemporary Indian art, jewellery, and timepieces. The showcase will feature works that reflect artistic excellence, exceptional craftsmanship, cultural heritage and enduring design.

Andhra EC denies reports about delay in local body polls

VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission on Tuesday dismissed as false reports that another two months would be required for announcing the election schedule for the local body elections in the state.

State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha stated that false and unauthenticated information was being circulated on social media and other communication platforms, stating that another two months would be required to announce the election schedule.

"The said information further claims that the Commission would proceed with the election process only after obtaining clearance in the court cases relating to electoral rolls and reservations. It is also being stated that even if the elections are delayed, internal arrangements for conducting elections have already been initiated, the State Election Commissioner said.

He clarified that the information is false and is neither genuine nor issued by the Commission. The public, political parties and all other stakeholders are, therefore, advised not to believe, rely upon or circulate such unverified and unauthenticated information, he said.

Telugu NRI girl bags Dame Marie Bashir peace prize in Australia

Vijayawada

IN a proud moment for the Telugu community across the globe, Dhanya Vasanta , a young NRI student of Telugu origin, has been conferred the prestigious Dame Marie Bashir Peace Prize 2026.

The award was presented on Monday at the New South Wales (NSW) State Parliament, Sydney, recognising her outstanding contributions to community service, youth leadership, and promotion of peace.

Dhanya's work reflects exceptional initiative and impact at a young age. She founded "A Little Library" at just 12 years old, beginning with a donation of 200 books to Westmead Children's Hospital. Under her leadership, the initiative has grown into a grassroots literacy movement—collecting over 10000 books, distributing books to regional, remote Australian communities, and communities overseas in African countries. She has also built partnerships with multiple organisations, raised funds to sustain the initiative, and mobilised volunteers.

Dhanya displaying her certificate

Her service extends beyond literacy. For over four years, Dhanya has volunteered weekly at a music therapy clinic, supporting children with physical disabilities and neurodivergence to build communication, emotional resilience, and confidence.

She has also actively advocated for the importance of music therapy through student publications. A strong youth leader, Dhanya has contributed to community engagement through initiatives such as the Northern Beaches Youth Advisory Group and "Have Your Say Day," which drew significant youth participation.

Visakha railway station celebrates 130 yrs of rail heritage

The milestone was commemorated with a 'Station Mahostav' and cultural festivities

Visakhapatnam

THE Visakhapatnam Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh, which began its journey in 1896 with two platforms and a footfall of just 200 passengers, commemorated its 130th anniversary.

Over the last 130 years, Visakhapatnam railway station has grown into a bustling railway hub, serving over 65,000 passengers daily through its eight platforms.

"From its modest origins in 1896 with just two platforms and a daily footfall of barely 200 passengers, Visakhapatnam Railway Station has grown into a bustling transit hub serving over 65,000 passengers daily across eight platforms," said Sandeep Mathur, general manager, South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone in an official press release late on Monday.

The milestone was commemorated on Monday with a 'Station Mahostav' and cultural festivities, as part of the Ministry of Railways' nationwide initiative to honour the historical significance and legacy of key railway stations across India.

The occasion traced the station's historic journey from the erstwhile Waltair era to its present stature as one of the busiest and most dynamic transit hubs on the eastern coast of India.

The celebrations commenced with a flag march, followed by a curated historical photo exhibition and an exhibition of heritage artefacts. The exhibitions showcased rare archival photographs, vintage memorabilia, and historic relics depicting the evolution, operational milestones, and the rich legacy of the erstwhile Waltair Railway Division and Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

Railway officials flagging of a train as part of the station mahotsav celebrations at Visakhaptnam railway station on Tuesday. GM Sandeep Mathur was the chief guest

A commemorative coffee table book titled 'Waltair Visakhapatnam', capturing over a century of transformative history, iconic heritage structures and rail milestones was released, among other anniversary commemoration activities. Mathur observed that railway heritage is an invaluable part of our collective identity, embodying the relentless efforts of generations of railway personnel.

"As we advance our ongoing world-class redevelopment plans to expand the station to 14 platforms—creating a next-generation mobility centre with modern amenities, seamless intermodal connectivity, and sustainable infrastructure—this extraordinary 130-year journey truly exemplifies our guiding ethos," the general manager added.

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NALCO plans 0.5 MT aluminium smelter in AP

KOLKATA: State-owned National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) is contemplating a new 0.5 million tonne smelter in Andhra Pradesh to convert all of its expanded alumina capacity into aluminium, and will not export alumina after the expansion, its CMD B P Singh said.

NALCO's alumina production capacity is currently 2.1 million tonnes per annum and will go up to 3.1 million tonnes with the commissioning of its new refinery by FY28. The company presently exports about 0.13 million tonnes of alumina, but with the vision of the ministry, the aluminium major aims to produce value-added aluminium from its entire alumina capacity. Singh, speaking on the sidelines of a roadshow for Angul Aluminium industrial park, said that with the Andhra Pradesh smelter, NALCO can use 100 per cent of the expanded alumina capacity of 3.1 million tonnes for its own aluminium production. The company is targeting aluminium capacity of about 1.5 million tonnes.

"Land is not yet visible. We are holding talks with the state government. Once that comes, it will be announced," he said. NALCO's current smelter capacity is 0.46 million tonnes per annum. In September this year, the company signed a technology licensing agreement with the UAE's Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) to use its DX+ Ultra smelting technology for a 0.5 million tonne per annum brownfield expansion at Angul in Odisha.