

Lokesh counters Tharoor, backs Naidu on delimitation

- Defends CM Naidu's stand, says expanding Lok Sabha with proportional seat share is fair and constitutional
- Argues freeze on 1971 Census allocation ends in 2026; warns southern states risk losing representation without corrective measures.
- Rejects Tharoor's criticism, insisting proportional increase preserves balance and ensures wider democratic representation

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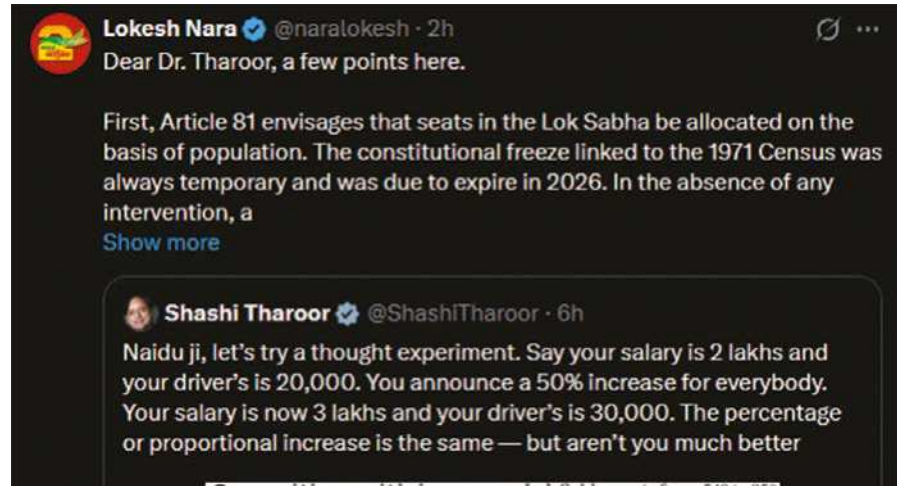
IT and HRD minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday strongly defended Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's stand on delimitation, countering Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and arguing that expanding the Lok Sabha while retaining states' existing proportional share of seats is both fair and constitutionally justified.

In a post on X, Lokesh said the constitutional freeze on seat allocation based on the 1971 Census was always temporary and is due to expire after 2026. He argued that without corrective measures, southern states could face a reduction in their share of representation and blamed the Congress for opposing constitutional changes that could have addressed the issue.

Stating that India's population has grown from about

55 crore in 1971 to nearly 146 crore today, Lokesh said Lok Sabha expansion is a democratic necessity as MPs now represent far more citizens than they did when the freeze was imposed.

He maintained that increasing seats while preserving the existing proportional share of all states would protect states that successfully implemented population control measures while ensuring improved representation for citizens across the



country. The remarks came in response to Tharoor's criticism of Chandrababu Naidu's support for a 50 per cent increase in Lok Sabha seats. Tharoor argued that even with proportional in-

creases, larger states would gain significantly greater political influence due to their higher number of MPs.

Rejecting that argument, Lokesh said parliamentary equations remain un-

changed if all states receive the same proportional increase in representation, adding that no state gains an advantage when the proportional balance is maintained.

YSRCP alleges political interference in SIR

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YSRCP leader and former minister Sake Sailajanath on Wednesday alleged that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Andhra Pradesh is being misused to facilitate large-scale voter deletions through the ruling coalition's MyTDP application and demanded immediate intervention by the Election Commission to ensure a transparent and impartial process.

Addressing the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, Sailajanath said the party had repeatedly urged authorities to conduct the voter roll revision exercise in a democratic and transparent manner. He noted that YSRCP recently submitted a representation to the chief electoral officer raising concerns over voter data collection and its alleged misuse through the

MyTDP app. He alleged that party representatives were not given an opportunity to present their concerns at the Secretariat and recalled that during the earlier "Seva Mitra" exercise, nearly 30 lakh YSRCP supporters' votes were allegedly targeted for deletion before legal intervention prevented it. He claimed similar attempts were now being witnessed in Andhra Pradesh, citing developments in states such as Bihar, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. Sailajanath further alleged that field verification in parts of Anantapur district was being carried out under the influence of TDP leaders and claimed that the MyTDP app had been introduced into official groups used by government functionaries.

He said officials acknowledged certain "mistakes" only after being questioned, while efforts to remove the votes of Dalits, minorities and economically weaker sections were continuing.

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Name of the work: "Supply, Erection, testing and commissioning of passenger lift repair at Dr. NTIP's" received through e-procurement. Tender Schedule available date & time: From 11.00 Hrs on 17.06.2026. Schedule Closing Date & Time: 13.00 Hrs on 25.06.2026. Bid submission Closing Date & Time: 14.00 Hrs on 25.06.2026. For further details visit the website: www.approcurement.gov.in Ph: 0866-2882614.

Sd/- P.K.Ramswamy, Nodal Officer & Deputy Secretary(Ser), APGENCO, Vidyut Soudha, Gunasala, Vijayawada-520004
DIPR.R.O.No.: 518APP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22. Dt: 17.06.26

AP to launch largest organised Quantum problem-solving network

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ANDHRA Pradesh is set to take a major leap in emerging technologies with the launch of the Amaravati Quantum & AI Innovation Center (AQAIIC) on June 18. The initiative, being established under the Amaravati Quantum Valley programme in collaboration with IBM, aims to create India's largest organised quantum problem-solving network and accelerate the development of real-world quantum computing applications.

Designed to bridge the gap between industry challenges and academic innovation, AQAIIC will serve as a platform where industry, academia and technology experts collaborate to develop advanced quantum solutions for complex problems across multiple sectors. Under the initiative, industry partners will provide high-value problem statements requiring advanced computational approaches, while professors and students from engineering institutions will work on developing quantum algorithms and practical use cases. IBM will provide technical expertise, access to its quantum ecosystem, including Qiskit, certification pathways, mentoring and research support.

A key strength of the

programme is its extensive statewide network of 380 Quantum Innovation Cells established in engineering colleges across Andhra Pradesh. The network brings together more than 3,000 professors and students, making it one of the largest coordinated quantum talent development initiatives in the country. Through AQAIIC, this network will function as a unified innovation platform, transforming real-world challenges into quantum-powered solutions while nurturing skilled talent, intellectual property and applied research. The centre is expected to drive innovation in sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, financial services, energy, agriculture and public services.

SAI KRISHNA DISAPPEARANCE CASE

CM orders suspension of Vijayawada CI

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CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday ordered the suspension of Krishnalanka circle inspector Nagaraju and directed an IPS-level investigation into the disappearance of Sai Krishna from Vijayawada, following a high-level review meeting at the State Secretariat.

Soon after returning from his Singapore visit, the Chief Minister convened a meeting with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and senior police officials to review the sensational case. During the meeting, officials briefed the two leaders on the circumstances sur-

rounding the disappearance of Sai Krishna, a resident of Krishnalanka.

Expressing concern over the allegations linked to the case, the Chief Minister directed senior police officials to immediately suspend CI Nagaraju and ordered that the matter be investigated by a senior IPS officer. He stressed that the probe must be impartial and thorough and called for stringent action against all those found responsible.

Chief secretary G Sai Prasad, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, intelligence chief Mahesh Chandra Laddha and Vijayawada police commissioner Rajasekhara Babu attended the review meeting. Meanwhile, YS-

RCP state spokesperson Vangaveeti Narendra alleged that the incident had raised serious questions about governance and accountability. He claimed that Sai Krishna was taken into police custody but was never produced before a court and alleged that his body was cremated without being handed over to family members.

Demanding action against all those involved, including senior officials, Narendra questioned whether such an incident could have occurred without political backing and criticized what he described as attempts to settle the issue rather than ensure justice.

VIJAYAWADA METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Office No.11021/89/2026/L8 (c-3299568), Dt: 17-06-2026
Application of Sri Medapati Ramesh Reddy requested for approval of layout in Sy.Nos. 313-4-A, 313-4-B, 313-7-A, 313-8-P, 313-10, 315-8P, 329-3, 330-1, 330-2P, 330-4, 330-5, 330-5A, 330-8-A of Munjeru (V), Bhogapuram (M), Vizianagaram District to an extent of Acs.5.8413 Cts vide Online No. 1167/0073/LP/VMRDA/2026 is under process in VMRDA.

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Sd/- Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) And 9 (1)]
Sale notice for sale of Immovable Properties

E-AUCTION SAFE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 (6) AND 9 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive / Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on dates below mentioned, for recovery of amount mentioned below due to the Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited Secured Creditor from Borrower mentioned below. The reserve price and property details mentioned below.

Sr No.	Borrower(S) Name		Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price
	Loan Account Number	Description Of The Mortgaged Property		
1.	1. Meesala Laxmanaidu 2. Meesala Appayamma	All that part and parcel of the Vacant Site situated at Kotha Kollam Village, Devuni Kollam Grama Revenue, Devunikollam Gramapanchayat, Denkada Mandal, Nelamara Sub Registration Office and Vizianagaram District, comprised in Survey No. 20/3 Part, bearing measurements, boundaries are given below: Boundaries: North: Mango Garden of Attada Maheswararao; South: Mango Garden of Attada Akkanna; East: Vacant Site of Meesala Seetharam and others; West: Government C. C. Road. Measurements: East to West: 77 Feet (23.46 Mtrs); North to South: 146.09 Feet (44.52 Mtrs) & Extents: 1249.88 Sq. Yards, (1045.02 Sq. Mtrs).	1. E-Auction date: 20 th July 2026 (Between 02:00 p. m. to 03:00 p. m.)	1. Reserve Price: Amount of Rs. 45,40,818/- (Rs. Forty Five Lakh Forty Thousand Eight Hundred & Eighteen Only)
	2.	4375032101016212	2. Last date of Submission of EMD with KYC: 18 th July 2026	2. Earnest Money Deposit of the Property: Rs. 4,54,081/- (Rs. Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand & Eighty Only)
3.	Rs. 44,50,032/- (Rs. Forty Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand & Thirty Two Only) as on 16.06.2026 along with applicable future interest.	3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection: 17 th July 2026 between 11:00 a. m. to 02:00 p. m.	3. Incremental Value: Rs. 45,408/- (Rs. Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred & Eight Only)	

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited Secured Creditor's website i.e. (www.hfs.in)

Place : Andhra Pradesh Sd/-
Date : 16.06.2026 Authorized Officer, Hiranandani Financial Services Private Limited

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:-

- The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities.
- Particulars of the property / assets viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ.
- E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries / due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids.
- Auction / bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontender.net> Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the service provider **M/s. eProcurement Technologies Limited**, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform.
- The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor / Service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash, own power failure etc.
- For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact No. 9265562818, 9265562821) Mr. Ramprasad Sharma Mob. 800-002-3297. Email: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net.**
- For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at <https://sarfaesi.auctiontender.net> well in advance & shall get the user ID & password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider.
- For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft / NEFT / RTGS in favor of "Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited" on or before 18.07.2026.
- The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on <https://sarfaesi.auctiontender.net>) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer, "Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited" Regional Office 9th Floor, Sigma Tower, Hiranandani Business Park, Technology Street, Powai, Mumbai 400076 latest by 03:00 p. m. on 18.07.2026. The sealed cover should be super scribbled with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale" in the Loan Account No. 4375032101016212 (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower Name".
- After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD to the Secured Creditor) to the service provider **M/s. eProcurement Technologies Limited** to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.
- Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i. e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension.
- Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone.
- Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer, and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid Amt. (including EMD) within 24 Hrs. of the sale, being knocked down in his favor & balance 75% of bid Amt. within 15 days from the date of sale by DD / Pay order / NEFT / RTGS favoring Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited.
- In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
- At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount.
- The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorized officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorized Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited.
- Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property.
- Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges.
- Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser.
- The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 15 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.
- The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable.
- All bidders who queried the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and will be bound by them.
- For further details & terms, contact Authorized Officer, Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited., Mrs. Lavanya Arava - 9581614676.
- This publication is also 30 days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule (6) (9) (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date & place.

Place : Andhra Pradesh Sd/-
Date : 16.06.2026 Authorized Officer, Hiranandani Financial Services Private Limited

Special Instructions / Caution : Bidding in the last minutes / seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hiranandani Financial Services Pvt. Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Trade unions to protest in Delhi on June 29 against Labour Codes

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A joint action programme by central trade unions and farmers' organisations against the labour and public policies of the Central Government will be announced at a convention to be held at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi on June 29, AITUC State General Secretary S Venkatasubbaiah said on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference here, he alleged that the Centre's policies were detrimental to workers and common people. He warned that any move to privatise the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant would trigger a mas-

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sive agitation across Andhra Pradesh, stating that the industry was established

through the sacrifices and struggles of students and youth.

Referring to the recent accident at the steel plant, Venkatasubbaiah described it as highly unfortunate and said trade unions would continue their fight until justice was delivered to the affected workers' families. He said a delegation of central trade unions would visit Visakhapatnam on June 24 to assess the situation at the steel plant.

He criticised both the Central and State governments for their failure to enact a comprehensive welfare law for workers in the unorganised sector. He further alleged that the renam-



ing of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was part of a larger effort by the Centre to weaken the legislation. Venkatasubbaiah also accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of forgetting the promises made to workers during the previous elections.

Speaking on the occasion, AITUC State Treasurer B V P Kondala Rao demanded the withdrawal of the La-

bour Codes and restoration of the earlier labour laws. He said that 154 employees and workers' organisations would jointly formulate a common programme of action at the June 29 protest in Delhi. AITUC State Vice-President Tatipaka Madhu, District General Secretary K Rambabu, Working President Allam Venkateswara Rao, District Vice-President V Kondala Rao and other union leaders were present.

TCS plans major expansion in AP



TCS Visakhapatnam Delivery Centre Head Ravi Bhavaraju addressing students in Bhimavaram on Wednesday

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TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) is set to significantly expand its presence in Andhra Pradesh, with plans to strengthen its Visakhapatnam operations and build a workforce of nearly 20,000 employees over the next three to five years, according to TCS Visakhapatnam Delivery Centre Head Ravi Bhavaraju.

Addressing final-year engineering students at a free

placement talk organised by the Training and Placement Cell of SRKR Engineering College here on Wednesday, Bhavaraju highlighted the company's growth plans and the increasing opportunities for aspiring engineers in the state. The programme was presided over by Dr K R Satyanarayana, Head of the Training and Placement Cell.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhavaraju said TCS intends to work closely with educational institutions and

government organisations to promote innovation, skill development, and technological advancement. College Principal Dr KV Muralikrishna Raju and Dean of Training and Placement Dr K R Satyanarayana stated that TCS has consistently extended strong support to SRKR Engineering College over the years. TCS Business HR Head D Mallik, Senior HR Recruiter Prafulla Bamidi, faculty members, and students participated in the programme.

Rudra Raju warns against large-scale voter deletions

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FORMER AP Congress Committee (APCC) president and special invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC), Gidugu Rudra Raju, on Wednesday expressed serious concerns over the Election Commission of India's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state, alleging that the exercise could result in large-scale deletion of genuine voters.

Addressing a press conference here, Rudra Raju said the SIR process, covering more than 4.16 crore voters in the State, is currently underway with house-to-house verification scheduled from June 15 to July 14, followed by publication of draft electoral rolls on July 21. Claims and objections can be filed between July 21 and August 20, while the final electoral rolls will be published on September 22.

He said the Congress party



would closely monitor the revision process and ensure that no eligible voter is deprived of the constitutional right to vote. Party cadres would assist citizens in verifying voter details, filing complaints and seeking corrections wherever necessary.

Rudra Raju alleged that similar revision exercises conducted in several States had resulted in large-scale deletions of voter names. Referring to figures from Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, he said the experience of SIR elsewhere had raised concerns among opposition parties about the possibility of genuine voters being removed from electoral rolls.