

Peddi Sudarshan Reddy loses battle to illness

Senior BRS party leader and former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy passed away while undergoing treatment at Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad in the early hours on Friday. He was 54 years old. On July 26, he fell critically ill at his residence in Hanumakonda and after receiving emergency treatment at Rohini Hospital, he was shifted to Hyderabad. He suffered cardiac arrest due to a pulmonary embolism (blood clot in the lungs). Although he recovered after nearly 45 minutes of CPR, his condition became critical due to a lack of neurological response. Despite the medical team's six-day effort to save him, they were unsuccessful.



Narsampet constituency plunges into deep grief

WHOLE WARANGAL CONVERGES TO BID FAREWELL TO THE LEADER

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THE demise of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy plunged the Narsampet constituency into deep grief. People from villages, tribal hamlets and towns turned up in large numbers to bid a final farewell to a leader who had stood by them in their times of need, walked alongside them during the Telangana movement and worked for the development of the constituency as an MLA. BRS leaders, party workers, former public representatives and Telangana activists, besides people from various sections cutting across political affiliations, participated in the final journey.

The main roads of Narsampet turned into a sea of humanity as people participated in the final procession. People lined the route and paid tearful tributes to their beloved leader. The massive

turnout disrupted vehicular movement in Narsampet for nearly six hours.

The mortal remains of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy were taken from Hyderabad to Narsampet on Friday morning in a specially decorated vehicle. After reaching Hanumakonda, the mortal remains were brought to the Martyrs' Stupa at Adalat Junction around 8 am. Political leaders, Telangana activists, BRS leaders, party workers, journalists, followers and members of the public paid rich tributes to the former MLA, who had played a significant role in the Telangana statehood movement. The mortal remains were later taken towards Narsampet via Hunter Road. At around 9 am, when the mortal remains reached Girmibavi on the outskirts of Narsampet, a large number of people gathered to receive their beloved leader. Many broke down on see-



ing his mortal remains and paid their last respects amid slogans of "Peddhi Amar Rahe." The final procession then began through the main roads of Narsampet.

Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy's wife, Sapna, broke down on seeing thousands of people arriving from across the constituency to pay their last respects to her husband. She became emotional at the

outpouring of affection and respect shown by the people. The affection displayed by the public and the emotional farewell along the route moved the family members as well. Several followers and party workers recalled their association with Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy and mourned his death.

After the final procession in Narsampet, the mortal re-

mains of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy were taken to his native Nallabelli. Thousands of people from Nallabelli and neighbouring villages and tribal hamlets gathered to bid a final farewell to their native son. BRS working president KT Rama Rao, former minister T Harish Rao, former public representatives from the erstwhile Warangal district, party leaders, activists, Telangana movement colleagues and followers reached Nallabelli and paid their respects.

Later, the last rites were performed as per traditional customs in the presence of family members, relatives, close associates, Telangana movement colleagues, political leaders and followers. The cremation was completed around 6 pm.

Amid tearful farewell of thousands of mourners, the mortal remains of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy were consigned to the flames.

KCR mourns loss of close friend, Telangana activist

Leaders across party lines condole demise of Peddi Sudarshan Reddy



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LEADERS cutting across party lines, public representatives and Telangana movement associates condole the demise of former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy.

They said his death was a great loss to the Telangana movement, the politics of erstwhile Warangal district and the people of Narsampet constituency.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock over the demise of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy. He said his role in the Telangana movement would always be remembered and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar described his death as

deeply saddening. Recalling his active role in the Telangana movement and his services as chairman of the Civil Supplies Corporation, he conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family.

BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao expressed deep shock over the demise of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy. He mourned the loss of a close friend and fellow activist who had fought alongside him during the Telangana statehood movement. He said Peddhi's death was a great loss to the BRS, recalling his unwavering commitment to the party and his dedication to the cause of Telangana.

Former MP Boinapally Vinod Kumar expressed deep shock over the de-

mise of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy. He said they had lost a great people's leader and Telangana activist. He recalled Peddhi's contribution to the Telangana movement and the development of Narsampet constituency, saying his services would always be remembered.

Minister Konda Surekha, MLAs Naini Rajender Reddy, Kadiyam Srihari, KR Nagaraju, Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, Revuri Prakash Reddy and Mamidala Yashaswini Reddy, along with BJP State leader Rao Padma, among others, condoled the demise of Peddhi Sudarshan Reddy. They said his role in the Telangana movement and his services to the people would always be remembered and conveyed their heartfelt condolences to his family.

TG PRODIGY SETS GLOBAL RECORD IN READING

Georgia-based Devansh earns recognition from the America Book of Records and Worldwide Book of Records after reading 101 books continuously in 10 hours

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A 10-year-old boy from Telangana has achieved an extraordinary feat by reading 101 books continuously in 10 hours, earning recognition from the America Book of Records and the Worldwide Book of Records.

Devansh, the son of Padmalatha Pasham and Srinivas Gupta Dubba, currently lives in the US state of Georgia with his family. Passionate about books from an early age, Devansh noticed that children in today's digital era are gradually moving away from reading. With a determination to promote the habit of reading, he completed a 'Reading Marathon' at the Forsyth County Library in Georgia, setting a remarkable record. His love for books has also inspired him to become an author. Devansh wrote a children's book titled 'THE SEMPEROS: Will They Ever Win?' dedicated to his favourite football icon, Cristiano Ronaldo. Speaking about his achievement, Devansh said his real goal is not setting records but

encouraging children to develop a reading habit. He also dreams of building a 'Digital Superpower' that uses artificial intelligence and community resources to solve peoples' problems.

Devansh has actively participated in social services. When he was just eight years old, he volunteered for over 76 hours in food-packing drives for needy families. In recognition of his service, he received the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold Honor) in the United States. Devansh chooses taekwondo to develop disciples, and after practicing for over 3 years, he also achieved a black belt.

His parents recalled organising a baby hygiene awareness campaign when he was just six months old by creating the world's largest diaper cake--a cake-shaped structure made using nearly 6,000 diapers--which were later donated to families in need. They said his achievements reflect not only talent but also compassion, discipline and a desire to make a meaningful difference in society.

Thalassemia, sickle cell patients to get pensions: CM

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has said social security pensions would be provided to all persons suffering from thalassemia and sickle cell anemia in the state.

He asked officials to initiate the process of identifying eligible beneficiaries and sanctioning the relief. Reddy, who held a meeting with officials of the Panchayat Raj department, directed them to begin the distribution of the pensions to the identified beneficiaries from August 15, an official release late on Thursday night.

Both thalassemia and sickle cell anemia are an inherited blood disorders. He told officials to ensure that all widows, single women, weavers, and toddy tappers across the state get the pensions as per the existing scheme. The CM also instructed that every single village in the state should have blacktop (tar) road and also Gram Panchayat office. He asked the officials to ensure that the 'Indiramma' free sarees distributed to 10 million women are of high quality and



feature attractive designs. He suggested taking inputs from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) students for the design of the sarees. The CM further instructed the officials to take appropriate precautions regarding drinking water supply in view of the possible deficit rainfall due to El Nino conditions.

Under the 'Cheyutha' social security pension scheme, the government provides monthly pension of Rs 4,000 for eligible beneficiaries, including senior citizens, widows, single women, beedi workers and AIDS, filaria and dialysis patients. Persons with disabilities are entitled to Rs 6,000.

Sexual harassment case booked against ex-MLA Kantha Rao

A woman alleges that she was sexually exploited for over years on the false promise of marriage, cheated and blackmailed with private pictures

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A sexual harassment case was registered against former MLA Rega Kantha Rao at Punjagutta Police Station. Following a complaint by a woman alleging that she was sexually exploited for over years on the false promise of marriage, cheated and blackmailed with private pictures.

According to the FIR a complaint was filed on July 26 by a 22-year old woman resident of Durga Nagar, Somajiguda and a native of Yellandu in Bhadradi Kothagudem and she works in the media sector.

In her Complaint, she alleged that she first met the former MLA in 2022 during an interview when she was 18 years old.



She alleged that he later called her to a private flat on the pretext of launching a New YouTube channel and entered into a physical relationship with her on the promise of marriage.

She claimed they lived together in a flat in Ameerpet owned by actor Sanjosh. She further alleged that he took her private photographs and blackmailed her when-

ever she refused to meet him. Their physical relationship allegedly continued until the first half of 2025.

The complainant further alleged that the former MLA took Rs 4 lakh from her in investing in real estate, promising to return double the amount, but later began avoiding her. She also alleged that in May 2024 he accessed her mobile and contacted her

friend Lakshmi Padaala.

While She was facing her health and financial difficulties in early 2026, her acquaintance Anjali introduced Rega Kantha Rao's social media handler, Guntaka Praveen. She further alleged that contractor Nookarapu Ramesh, transferred RS 5 lakh and Rs 3.5 lakh on March 16 and March 18.

The woman further alleged that she had earlier approached the SHE Teams through an online complaint. She claimed that bank transaction details were submitted before the authorities and that she was falsely portrayed as attempting to extort money.

Based on her complaint, Panjagutta Police registered a FIR under Sections 69 and 351(2) of the BNS and launched an investigation.

KTR appears before ACB court in Formula E case

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao appeared before the Special ACB Court at Nampally on July 31 in connection with the ongoing probe into alleged irregularities in the Formula E race.

Before leaving to attend the funeral of senior BRS leader Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, KT Rama Rao attended the court hearing. Advocates representing the BRS working president re-

iterated that the Formula E case is politically motivated and completely bogus, emphasizing that funds were transferred strictly to promote Hyderabad's global image and urban development.

Defense counsel argued that no misappropriation of funds occurred as alleged by the government. The money was transferred from HMDA accounts directly to the company CEO, remaining intact in the account without recovery by the government.



Advocates stated that government claims regarding transfers made without cabinet approval, financial

irregularities, or misappropriation are entirely false and stem from political vendetta, noting no evidence

links KTR directly. Defense lawyers criticized the prosecution for failing to issue a charge sheet even after three years, alleging that the government prolongs the case and fabricates new charges whenever facing political opposition.

Alongside the BRS working president, senior officials including IAS officer Arvind Kumar and former chief engineer BLN Reddy appeared before the ACB court. ACB officials stated in their charge sheet that the car race

caused a financial loss of Rs 54.88 crore to HMDA.

Investigating authorities named KTR, Arvind Kumar, BLN Reddy, and the FEO Company as key accused in the case. The court formally took cognisance of the matter following the filing of the charge sheet, paving the way for trial proceedings to commence. The ACB court subsequently adjourned the hearing to August 25 while ordering KTR to furnish a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh along with two sureties.