TIRUMALA BRAHMOTSAVAMS

CM to offer silk robes to Lord Venkateswara on Sept 15

- On the occasion of Srivari Brahmotsavams, Naidu will inaugurate 25 electric buses donated to TTD by Reliance
- Chairman BR Naidu says TTD will maintain a buffer stock of 10 lakh Srivari laddus to meet the expected demand
- This year, cultural programmes will be presented by 27 groups from 25 states, along with artists from Singapore and Germany, during the Vahana Sevas

TTD chairman B R Naidu, EO M Ravichandra, additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary and board members releasing Srivari Brahmotsavams booklet in Tirumala on Wednesday

Pradeep Vennelakanti & Dusi Venkateswara Rao
Tirumala

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will present silk robes to Lord Venkateswara on behalf of the state government during the annual Srivari Brahmotsavams at Tirumala on September 15. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has completed preparations for the nine-day festival.

Speaking to the media after the TTD trust board meeting in Tirumala on Wednesday, chairman B R Naidu and executive officer M Ravichandra said that the annual Brahmotsavams will be celebrated from September 15 to 23. The festivities will formally begin with Ankurarpanam at 7 pm on September 14, followed by the Dwajarohanam ceremony between 5.30 pm and 7 pm on September 15 in Meena Lagnam.

Following Dwajarohanam, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will offer the traditional silk garments to Lord Venkateswara. He will later take part in the Pedda Sesha Vahana Seva scheduled for 9 pm. On September 16, the Chief Minister is scheduled to inaugurate 25 electric buses donated by Reliance to TTD and unveil the TTD calendars and diaries for 2027. In view of the Chief Minister's visit, elaborate security arrangements have been put in place at Tirumala.

The chairman said all arrangements had been completed to conduct the annual Brahmotsavams on a grand scale and ensure that devotees do not face difficulties during the festival. With a large number of pilgrims expected to converge on Tirumala, the temple administration has strengthened arrangements across darshan, accommodation, Annaprasadam, transport, security, medical services, sanitation, power supply and floral decorations.

Special focus has been placed on the Garuda Seva, which is expected to draw a particularly heavy pilgrim turnout. While 6.13 lakh devotees were served Annaprasadam during Garuda Seva last year, TTD has made arrangements to cater to around 9.30 lakh devotees this year, representing an increase of nearly 52 per cent. Security will be maintained by around 5,600 personnel, including 3,000 police personnel.

The temple administration has also decided to maintain a buffer stock of 10 lakh Srivari laddus to meet the increased demand during the Brahmotsavams. Sanitation arrangements have been stepped up as well, with the number of sanitation workers in Tirumala being increased from 3,000 to 3,300 during the festival period.

The Brahmotsavams will also feature a series of cultural programmes ahead of the Vahana Sevas. Artists representing 27 groups from 25 states, besides performers from Singapore and Germany, are expected to participate. TTD has earmarked Rs 1.60 crore towards their travel and accommodation.

Meanwhile, the 2026 booklet containing details of the annual Srivari Salakatla and Navaratri Brahmotsavams was unveiled during the board meeting. TTD Chairman BR Naidu, Executive Officer M Ravichandra and board members jointly released the booklet. It may be noted that the Navaratri Brahmotsavams are scheduled to commence on October 12.

The chairman said that TTD officials are coordinating closely with the police and district administration to manage the movement of pilgrims and provide essential facilities throughout the festival.

LIQUOR TRANSPORT CASE

Govt sanctions ED prosecution of former APSBCL MD

- ED alleges Vasudeva Reddy engineered unauthorized centralised transport policy and inflated costs
- Govt says prima facie material exists for prosecution in money-laundering case

Hans News Service
Amaravati

THE state government has accorded sanction for the prosecution of former Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Limited (APSBCL) managing director Dontireddy Vasudeva Reddy in a money-laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the liquor transportation tender process.

The state government on Wednesday granted permission for prosecution of Vasudeva Reddy in a case registered by the Enforcement Directorate under Section 197(1) of the CrPC, corresponding to Section 218 of BNSS (in connection with ECIR/HYZO/17/2026).

The ED case followed FIR No. 11/2026, registered by the APCID on February 10, against Vasudeva Reddy and others in connection with alleged irregularities in the APSBCL liquor transportation tender process. Vasudeva Reddy was appointed managing director of APSBCL in September 2019 and was subsequently appointed commissioner of distilleries and breweries in the State government.

The vigilance and enforcement investigation, as referred to by the ED, alleged that Vasudeva Reddy, in collusion with private individuals and alleged benami entities, replaced the existing decentralised district-wise liquor transportation system with a centralised state-level transportation policy without obtaining the required government approval.

The existing mechanism functioned through district-level committees and agreements. The ED investigation alleged that the decentralised system was dismantled and replaced with a centralised transportation arrangement based on allegedly false and misleading recommendations regarding transportation rates and labour-handling issues.

According to the the government, the centralised policy was implemented without categorical government approval for deviating from the existing framework. The government alleged that repeated extensions were granted to the transportation contracts awarded to Sigma Supply Chain Solutions Private Limited (SSCSPL) beyond their original tenure without mandatory government approval or intimation to the competent authorities.

The alleged manipulation resulted in transportation costs increasing from an average of about Rs 19.68 per carton box to as high as Rs 35.57 per carton box, causing an estimated wrongful loss of Rs 195.33 crore to the government exchequer, according to the material examined by the government.

The ED also alleged that proceeds generated through the transportation contracts were layered and diverted through shell entities and alleged fake vendors, including Bonvour, Casta Pink, Ezylod Network Pvt. Ltd. and RK Logistics, for allegedly concealing the origin of funds and distributing kickbacks and commissions among the accused, their associates and relatives.

In the final phase of the APSBCL transportation arrangement, the contract was allegedly awarded to Prasaad Transports, which the investigation described as a front entity allegedly used by Vasudeva Reddy's brother-in-law, Vijaya Narasimha Reddy Marella (VNR), to participate in the tender process.

The order said the investigation found that the firm allegedly lacked the required experience, infrastructure and operational capability for liquor transportation but was positioned as the successful bidder through alleged manipulation of the tender process. The ED alleged that Vasudeva Reddy, while serving as APSBCL managing director, facilitated the award of the contract to the entity, enabling alleged unlawful financial gains to himself, his relatives and associates.

The Enforcement Directorate stated that sufficient material had been collected during the PMLA investigation indicating Vasudeva Reddy's alleged involvement in money laundering. He was arrested by the ED on June 11, 2026, under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and was subsequently remanded to judicial custody by the Special Court dealing with PMLA cases.

Ministers meet Governor, complain against BRS over 'purification' ritual

Adluri Laxman alleges caste discrimination, seeks Governor's intervention

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Hyderabad

A delegation of Ministers led by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and submitted a complaint over the alleged "purification" ritual carried out by BRS leaders at Erravalli.

The ministers apprised the Governor of the conduct of BRS MLAs and MLCs on the first day of the Assembly session, particularly the alleged objectionable remarks directed at Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti, Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Seethakka, Adluri Laxman, Ponnam Prabhakar and Mohammed Azharuddin were among those who met the Governor.

Minister Adluri Laxman accused the BRS of displaying an "arrogant and feudal attitude" and alleged that BRS MLCs had verbally abused the Speaker and his mother.

He alleged that the reported "purification" of the road near KCR's farmhouse, after Dalits staged a protest by playing traditional drums, reflected an anti-Dalit mindset.

"We complained to the Governor about the practice of untouchability exhibited by KCR," Laxman said. He questioned whether the reported purification ritual was carried out at the direction of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

"Is the humiliation of Dalits happening at KCR's behest? If KCR did not order it, why is he remaining silent?" he asked, demanding a clarification from the BRS chief.

Laxman said the Assembly Speaker had responded to a complaint lodged by BRS women MLAs, ordered an inquiry and assured that action would be taken against those found responsible.

He asserted that there was no place for untouchability or caste discrimination in a people's government and said such incidents would not be tolerated.

The minister said the delegation had specifically approached the Governor to bring the alleged conduct of BRS leaders to his notice.

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Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest money: Cess Repair and widening of UP & DN line on DLI-UMB (DUK) Section in jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/DLI.

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Earnest Money: Rs. 15,40,000/-

Completion Period: 09 Months.

Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs on 06.10.2026, opening of e-tender after 15:00 hrs on 06.10.2026.

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1.	Name of work with its location	Standardization of turnouts & maintenance of track infrastructure in various yard in the section under ADEN/JIND. (NIT-40-2026-27-W-IV)
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3.	Earnest Money	(1) Rs. 4,59,400.00 /-
4.	Date and Starting time for filling e-tender & tender opening time	Starting time for filling e-tender is **Date: 17.09.2026** at 15:00 hrs. & Tender opening time is **Date: 01/10/2026** at 15:00 hrs.
5.	Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

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BRS leaders take police 'atrocities' row to Governor

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- Women legislators' alleged harassment
- KCR death threats and MLC suspensions raised with Shiv Pratap Shukla

BHARAT Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday to bring to his attention recent state incidents, including alleged insults to female legislators, death threats directed at party chief K Chandrashekar Rao, and the suspension of two party MLCs, seeking his direct intervention as constitutional head. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao stated that the delegation briefed the Governor on prevailing political conditions in Telangana. Expressing outrage over police intercepting leaders on main roads while heading towards the Assembly, he criticized law enforcement for behaving inappropriately towards female legislators, adding that video footage of police aggression against former Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy was presented to the Governor.

KTR stated that the delegation explained how police created a Dusshasana parvam by pulling the sari of MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy. Wearing a black shirt in protest, he emphasized that BRS leaders maintain deep respect for the Speaker while noting that citizens and public representatives alike faced severe humiliation. The Governor was informed that Congress cadres were allegedly urged to gather at the residence of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to assault him.

According to KTR, the Governor assured the delegation that an inquiry would be conducted into issues raised outside the Assembly, while examining matters related to legislative proceedings.

Relying on this assurance, the opposition expects constitutional intervention to halt ongoing aggression. The BRS delegation clarified that members faced attacks simply for demanding the fulfillment of public promises and seeking justice. Formal complaints have already been lodged regarding AI-generated images and videos circulated by political opponents, with the party warning of strict legal action against those utilizing fabricated material to file false charges.

KTR added that if state authorities fail to deliver justice, BRS leaders will approach the National Commission for Women at the national level to lodge formal complaints, ensuring accountability for police misconduct and political harassment targeting female representatives.

Mahesh clears air, says KCR may face trouble from kin, not Cong

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Hyderabad

TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Wednesday said the Congress party respected BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and had never wished him ill. Addressing the media at the Assembly media point on Wednesday, Goud said the Congress wished KCR a long and healthy life. He noted that as Leader of the Opposition, KCR was being provided security by the government second only to that of the Chief Minister.

Goud said respecting opposition leaders was part of the Congress culture and cited former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and senior Congress leader S Jaipal Reddy as examples.

He recalled that the Congress government had facilitated medical treatment for Vajpayee when he was unwell and supported Jaipal Reddy during his medical treatment. He also said that after Congress came to power in Telangana, KCR was shifted to a hospital through a "Green Channel" after he reportedly suffered a fall at his residence. Goud said it was inappropriate to blame the Congress for issues concerning KCR's personal or family matters and alleged that KCR had rarely attended Assembly proceedings.

Goud condemned the reported performance of 'Pinda Pradanam' for a sitting Chief Minister by BRS, calling such political practices inappropriate and unhealthy for democratic discourse.

The TPCC president demanded an explanation from BRS leader T Harish Rao over allegations that he commissioned occult rituals allegedly aimed at affecting KCR's health.

Referring to remarks attributed to K. Kavitha in a video clip, Goud said the allegations required clarification. He also termed comments made by BRS leader Tata Madhu objectionable.

Goud said the Congress had a history of empowering Dalits by appointing members of the community to the country's highest constitutional positions.

He urged political parties to maintain dignity and a humanitarian approach in public life.

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21:35	21:40	New Delhi	11:15	11:20
22:30	22:32	Ghaziabad	10:08	10:10
23:06	23:08	Hapur	09:08	09:10
00:45	00:55	Moradabad	07:30	07:40
02:18	02:20	Bareilly	05:57	05:59
03:28	03:30	Shahjahanpur Jn.	05:00	05:02
04:13	04:15	Hardoi	04:03	04:05
06:30	06:40	Lucknow	02:10	02:20
09:40	09:45	Ayodhya Cantt	23:40	23:45
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