



UNVEILING OF MAHATMA PHULE AND SAVITRIBAI PHULE STATUES ON THE 14TH AUGUST

- Ensure the event's success through collective unity
- State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampaluri Prabhakar

Hyderabad: Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampaluri Prabhakar held a high-level review meeting at the S.R. Sankaran Conference Hall in Damodaram Sanjeevaiah Welfare Bhavan, Masab Tank, regarding the arrangements for the unveiling of the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that, in accordance with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's directives, these statues are being installed prestigiously in the heart of Hyderabad to fulfill the aspirations of the Backward Classes (BCs) and ensure effective representation for BC leaders. He announced that the unveiling ceremony would take place at 4:00 PM on August 14, following the Cabinet meeting scheduled for that morning.

He further mentioned that a public meeting would be held at the HMDA Grounds subsequently. He called upon all sections of the BC community to participate collectively and make the event a success, honoring the services and ideals of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule, who served as inspirations for the downtrodden and weaker sections. Anticipating a large turnout of representatives from various state-wide associations, educationists, students, and civil society members, he directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure no inconvenience is caused to anyone. The Minister instructed senior officials from the concerned departments to take proactive measures regarding venue **READ PAGE: 02**

YOU HAVE CHANGED A BIT: KHARGE'S LIGHTEARTED REMARK TO MODI



It was a captivating sight to see top political leaders—who usually clash through constant criticism and counter-criticism—greet each other warmly on the same stage. A video capturing a lighthearted conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, and MP Rahul Gandhi has become a topic of discussion on social media.

The wedding reception of Revathi Sule—daughter of NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule—was recently held in grand style in Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the event, which took place at Sharad Pawar's residence.

During the gathering, he shook hands with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and warmly asked Priyanka Gandhi, "How are you?" When Priyanka Gandhi replied, "I am fine, Sir; how are you?" the Prime Minister said, "I am the same as always."

AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, who was present, intervened and remarked with a smile, "Aap thoda sa badal gaye ho" (You have changed a little compared to before). Surprised, Modi responded, "Is that so?" and laughed while placing his hand on Kharge's shoulder. Rahul Gandhi is also seen smiling in the video as he witnesses this interesting exchange.

The "Lungiwala" controversy that rocked the Rajya Sabha



A 'Lungi-wala' controversy sparked a major uproar in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Chaos ensued after John Brittas, a CPM member from Kerala, alleged that BJP MP Sushmita Dev had used this term to refer to him. Amidst the commotion, Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan adjourned the House until the afternoon. **SEE PAGE 03**

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S KEY SUGGESTION TO GEN-Z



Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered several key suggestions to today's youth (Gen-Z). He warned against taking shortcuts in life, noting that they ultimately lead to severe consequences. He also advised them to exercise caution regarding social media influencers and the trend of making 'Reels'. He spoke on Wednesday in Delhi at the launch event of former President Ram Nath Kovind's autobiography, *Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles*. **SEE PAGE: 05**

The wedding of Supriya Sule's daughter, Revathi, to Sarang Lakhani—an industrialist from Nagpur—took place in Mumbai this past June. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Sonia Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, along with several other prominent political figures, attended the reception recently held in Delhi. The friendly atmosphere observed among these leaders—despite their stark political differences—has gone viral on social media.

- A rare sight at Supriya Sule's daughter's wedding reception
- Light-hearted conversation between PM Modi and Congress leaders
- A friendly atmosphere among leaders, transcending politics

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decoration, arrangements at the meeting grounds, transportation, security, and other logistical requirements. He specifically advised that arrangements for the venue be designed with a clear plan, adhering to protocol norms. He directed that appropriate arrangements be made for the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, ministers, public representatives, and chairpersons of various government bodies and corporations in accordance with their official ranks, including the setup of special daises where necessary. He instructed the concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure there are no lapses during the event and to prepare meticulous route maps. He called upon everyone to view the event as a collective responsibility and

extend their full cooperation to make it a success. Speaking on the occasion, Hanumantha Rao, the Government Advisor on BC Welfare, expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar for taking forward initiatives inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule. He commended measures such as renaming Pragathi Bhavan after Phule and organizing the current statue unveiling ceremony. Recalling the importance Mahatma Jyotirao Phule attached to education and the pioneering efforts of Savitribai Phule in promoting women's education, he emphasized the need to translate their ideals into action. He also welcomed the appointment of chairpersons and vice-chairpersons for

caste associations, as well as the measures taken to provide them with office space and accommodation facilities. A call was issued for everyone to treat this as their own event; BC leaders and representatives of various associations were urged to mobilize large numbers of people and demonstrate collective unity to ensure the program's grand success. Speaking on the occasion, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender asked all government departments, public representatives, and association representatives to work in coordination to successfully conduct the prestigious statue unveiling ceremony scheduled at Necklace Road. He mentioned that he had personally inspected the venue and reviewed the progress of arrangements on the ground. He directed that comprehensive arrangements be made regarding the venue, stage, transportation, security, and other requirements, emphasizing that all relevant departments must coordinate effectively to ensure attendees face no inconvenience. Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav also called upon relevant departments, public representatives, BC caste associations, and their representatives to work in coordination for the event's success. Noting the likelihood of large-scale participation from various associations, he stressed the need for advance planning and efficient coordination in making arrangements. He urged BC caste associations and representatives to extend their cooperation and mobilize large crowds to ensure the program succeeds. BC Welfare Department Principal Secretary Bala Mayadevi, who attended the meeting, stated that the department would ensure the statue unveiling arrangements are executed meticulously, strictly adhering to the Minister's directives. They also outlined the arrangements being made under the aegis of the BC Welfare Department. Shadnagar MLA Shankarayya participated in the meeting and pledged his cooperation for the event's arrangements. The meeting was attended by chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of various BC welfare corporations, presidents and representatives of various BC caste associations, senior officials from different departments, public representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.



TGSPDCL Completes Electrification of Anganwadi Centres

- Another Major Step by the State Government Towards Strengthening Infrastructure for Women and Child Welfare
- TGSPDCL Plays a Key Role in Achieving Government Welfare Objectives

As part of the Telangana Government's commitment to the welfare of women and children, TGSPDCL has successfully completed the electrification of Anganwadi Centres across its jurisdiction. The initiative has significantly strengthened infrastructure in both rural and urban Anganwadi Centres, thereby supporting child health, nutrition, early childhood education, and the overall welfare of women.

The programme was implemented under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy, with the special initiative of Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Shri Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and the guidance of Minister for Women and Child Welfare Smt. Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka). Through the coordinated efforts of TGSPDCL officers and staff, the electrification works

were completed expeditiously. Under the DA-JGUA Scheme, a total of 9,234 unelectrified Anganwadi Centres were identified within the TGSPDCL jurisdiction. Out of these, 257 centres were found to be not required, merged, non-existent, or not traceable. Electricity connections were successfully released to the remaining 8,977 eligible Anganwadi Centres, thereby achieving 100% electrification of all eligible centres. The programme was implemented in two phases. During Phase-I, electricity connections were released to 7,073 Anganwadi Centres out of 7,297 identified centres, **SEE PAGE: 03**

TGSPDCL Completes Electrification of Anganwadi Centres

and the phase was completed in July 2026. During Phase-II, electricity connections were released to 1,904 Anganwadi Centres out of 1,937 identified centres, and the phase was successfully completed on August 10, 2026. Speaking on the occasion, **Shri Jitesh V. Patil, IAS, Chairman & Managing Director, TGSPDCL, said: "Anganwadi Centres play a crucial role in the holistic development of children and in providing essential services to pregnant women and lactating mothers. Electrification of these centres will further enhance the quality of educational, health, and nutrition services delivered at the grassroots level. Availability of electricity enables better infrastructure, improved learning

environments, and more efficient functioning of Anganwadi Centres." "We are delighted to have successfully completed this important initiative under the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Shri Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and Minister for Women and Child Welfare Smt. Seethakka. It is a matter of pride for TGSPDCL to contribute to the Government's welfare programmes and social development initiatives." The CMD also appreciated the dedicated efforts of Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Divisional Engineers, Assistant Engineers, line staff, and all employees who worked tirelessly to achieve this milestone

within the stipulated timeline. "I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all field officers and staff whose commitment, dedication, and teamwork made this achievement possible. Their efforts have ensured that thousands of Anganwadi Centres now have access to reliable electricity infrastructure, benefiting children, women, and local communities across the State,"* he said. Officials stated that the electrification of Anganwadi Centres will provide a more comfortable environment for children, improve service delivery to pregnant women and lactating mothers, and create better working conditions for Anganwadi staff. The initiative is expected to further strengthen the State Government's comprehensive welfare and development programmes for women a nd children. Reaffirming TGSPDCL's commitment to public welfare, Shri Jitesh V. Patil, IAS, stated that the organisation will continue to support all government welfare initiatives through the development of quality power infrastructure and reliable electricity services, thereby contributing to the overall progress and development of Telangana.



Naveen's Death is Tragic

- Konda Surekha Expresses Deep Anguish

Kothagudem / Hyderabad: Minister for Forests, Environment, and Endowments Konda Surekha expressed deep anguish over the death of Naveen, a Forest Beat Officer from the Cheruvusingaram Forest Beat in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, who died after getting caught in an electric trap set for poaching wildlife. The Minister described it as unfortunate that Naveen lost his life while on duty in Nakirepeta village, Burgampad Mandal; he had gone with three other beat officers to apprehend suspects following information about wildlife poaching. She spoke with Bhadradri Kothagudem District Forest

Officer (DFO) Siddharth Vikram Singh to gather details about the incident. The DFO informed the Minister that although Naveen was immediately rushed to the hospital, he had already passed away. Minister Konda Surekha stated that the role played by forest staff in conserving forest resources and wildlife is extraordinary. She expressed concern that setting up electric wires to poach wildlife is an extremely dangerous act, posing a threat not only to wildlife but also to the lives of forest department staff and local residents. The Minister directed forest department and police officials to conduct a thorough investigation

into the incident and take measures to ensure that those responsible are strictly punished in accordance with the law. Minister Surekha conveyed her deepest condolences to the family of the deceased Forest Beat Officer, Naveen. The Minister directed forest officials to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of forest staff while on duty. Minister Surekha instructed PCCF Vinay Kumar to take prompt action to provide a job to a family member of the deceased, Naveen, in addition to paying ex-gratia in accordance with Forest Department regulations.

The "Lungiwala" controversy that rocked the Rajya Sabha

- CPM MP complains against BJP MP for calling him 'Lungiwala'
- Sushmita Dev denies making the remarks, claims Brittass is lying
- Both parties file notices against each other for breach of privilege

Brittass brought to the House's attention that on Monday, while he was moving a resolution against the Income Tax Amendment Ordinance, Sushmita Dev—seated behind him—repeatedly addressed him as 'Lungi-wala' upon seeing him dressed in a *dhoti* (panche). He expressed outrage, stating that this amounted to an insult to South Indian culture and the Malayali people. Asserting his pride as an Indian and a South Indian, he revealed that

he had submitted a notice of breach of privilege against Sushmita Dev regarding these remarks. Sushmita Dev vehemently denied the allegations. She clarified that she is a Bengali from Assam and holds immense respect for the traditional attire of various states. She accused Brittass of lying and stated that the facts would come to light in any inquiry. Furthermore, she also filed a privilege notice

against Brittass, alleging that he had made inappropriate remarks regarding religious identities. Opposition parties expressed strong protest over this controversy. Some MPs staged a protest outside the Parliament building while dressed in *dhotis*. Leader of the House J.P. Nadda and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju intervened and urged members to uphold the decorum of the House. The Chairman advised members against making remarks that disparage each other's cultural traditions and attempted to resolve the issue by inviting representatives from both sides to his chamber. Currently, the notices regarding breach of privilege submitted by both sides are under the Chairman's consideration.

DISTRICT COLLECTOR INSPECTS FARMER'S FIELD... APPRECIATES CROP DIVERSIFICATION



Suryapet: District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar inspected the fields of local farmer Pasham Venkata Reddy and appreciated his innovative approach of cultivating multiple crops to ensure continuous income and minimise the risks associated with depending on a single crop.

Venkata Reddy is cultivating six different crops on his two-acre farm, including ridge gourd, chilli, okra, brinjal, bottle gourd and marigold. The Collector enquired about the cultivation practices, crop yields and marketing arrangements adopted by the farmer. The farmer explained that chilli cultivated on 30 guntas is expected to yield around 10 tonnes, while ridge gourd is expected to yield about 4 tonnes and marigold around 1.5 to 2

tonnes. Okra and bottle gourd together are expected to yield nearly one tonne. The farmer said that crop diversification helps avoid major losses from dependence on a single crop and provides a continuous source of income. The Collector appreciated Venkata Reddy for adopting this practical and profitable farming model. The Collector also inspected a five-acre dragon fruit farm being cultivated entirely through organic methods by Parupalli Srinivasa Rao of Srinivasapuram village. He interacted with the farmer and enquired about crop yields and intercropping practices. The Collector advised the farmer to adopt suitable intercropping methods to increase profitability. He also

suggested planting different varieties of trees along the field bunds to generate additional income. The Collector encouraged farmers to adopt crop diversification, organic farming and integrated cultivation practices to improve farm incomes and reduce cultivation risks.



Collector Turns Teacher, Teaches English to Class X Students

Nizamabad District Collector Bhavesh Mishra took on the role of a teacher during his visit to the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) and Telangana Residential School/Junior College at Edapally on Wednesday.

During his inspection, the Collector entered a Class X classroom and personally taught an English lesson to the students. He interacted with the girls, posed questions to assess their understanding and encouraged them to actively participate in the lesson

The Collector closely observed the students' learning abilities and motivated them to develop confidence in English and focus on their studies. He also distributed gifts to the students and advised them to work hard, pursue their education with determination and make their parents and teachers proud.

His interaction with the students as a teacher highlighted his focus on quality education, student participation and holistic development alongside the regular monitoring of educational institutions.





AMIT SHAH SAYS READY FOR DISCUSSION ON ALL ISSUES

- Related to NEET, dares opposition for Parliament debate

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday dared the opposition to submit a formal letter to the Lok Sabha speaker for a debate on students' protests and all related issues, and said he will attend the entire proceedings to address all questions if the discussion begins today, August 12.

' protests related to the NEET issue," he told reporters outside Parliament's main entrance 'Makar Dwar'. On Monday, Rijiju announced that the government is ready for a full-fledged discussion in Lok Sabha on students' protests and police action across the country, and that Shah will give a reply to the debate, provided the opposition promises not to disrupt and listens peacefully. Pointing to the opposition's initial demand that time be allotted for a discussion, Shah said he had made it clear that he was ready to answer all questions in Parliament. "But they simply do not want the discussion to take place. Now, let the people decide who is actually running away," he said, adding that he is also ready to discuss why the opposition "does not" want a discussion. Shah said the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ready for discussions on every issue. Soon after the home minister's statement, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the opposition is not interested in listening to Shah's "lecture" in Parliament and asserted that the younger generation of the country wants to know who ordered that protesting students be shot at with pellet guns. The leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha said if Shah ordered that students be shot at, he is culpable, and if he did not, then he is incompetent, and in both cases, he should resign.

Speaking to reporters in the Parliament House complex, he said it was now up to the opposition whether they want to take part in the debate or to create turmoil in Parliament. "Even today, I say that they should submit a letter to the Speaker by 2 pm. We are ready for all kinds of discussions from 3 pm today until 3 pm tomorrow," Shah said, asserting that the government has nothing to hide. The home minister's remarks came just a day before the Monsoon Session comes to an end after prolonged disruptions of the proceedings in both Houses of Parliament. The protests and sloganeering by the opposition initially started over the NEET paper leak and alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The opposition later pressed for a discussion on the police action against students protesting over the NEET paper leak and also demanded the

presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the home minister, and their statements. Asked about the opposition charges that he was running away from the debate, the home minister took strong exception to the claim and said words like "missing" and "fugitives" are terms that have only recently begun to be heard in India's public and parliamentary discourse. He said ever since the Parliament session began on July 20, he has been coming regularly and sitting in his chamber in the Parliament House, but the opposition is not allowing the either House to function. "So, what is the point of anyone going inside when the proceedings are not being allowed to run? As far as the issue of discussion is concerned, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has made it very clear that the government is ready for a discussion on all aspects of the students

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IF JAGAN HAS THE COURAGE, HE SHOULD COME TO THE ASSEMBLY..

- We are ready for discussion with evidence: Home Minister Anitha

State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha challenged YCP chief Jagan to come to the Assembly and participate in discussions if he has the courage, urging him to present evidence in the House for the allegations he makes while standing on the streets. She remarked that criticizing from the outside without attending the Legislative Assembly goes against the spirit of democracy. She made these strong criticisms while speaking to the media on Wednesday at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, after receiving public grievances.

"It is the fundamental responsibility of elected MLAs to raise issues concerning their constituencies in the Legislative Assembly. However, it is unfortunate that Jagan and the YCP MLAs are not attending the



House. Jagan, who previously passed a resolution to abolish the Legislative Council, is now sending his representatives to that very Council; yet, he is preventing the MLAs directly elected by the people from attending the Assembly," Anitha alleged. She asserted that there is no better platform than the Assembly to address allegations against the government and stated that they are ready to discuss and provide answers on every issue.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S KEY SUGGESTION TO GEN-Z

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi states that shortcuts in life are dangerous.
- Advises caution regarding social media influencers and 'Reels'.
- Urges the youth to read the biographies of great personalities.
- Remarks made at the launch event of former President Kovind's autobiography.

Page 01, Continue... On this occasion, the Prime Minister recalled a warning frequently seen at railway stations: "Shortcut will cut you short." He noted that this message applies not only to railway tracks but also to real life. He warned that despite the availability of foot-over bridges, some people dangerously cross the tracks in a rush, and such thoughtless decisions can prove fatal. Prime Minister Modi urged the youth to abandon wrong paths and choose a meaningful direction in life. "You must read the biographies of the great figures you admire. Drawing inspiration from them can help you find the right path," he advised. He particularly emphasized the need to remain constantly vigilant regarding content created by influencers who shape mindsets.



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TRAGEDY IN PATHAKOTA AND PEDANGO VILLAGES

- YCP demands ₹10 lakh in financial aid for families affected by lightning strikes
- YCP leaders urge that assistance be provided similar to the aid given to Danayya's family in Palasa
- YCP leaders console affected families in Mandasa Mandal following directives from Seediri
- It is revealed that the deceased women were the sole breadwinners for their families
- Several YCP leaders and party workers participated in the program

Palasa, August 12: YSRCP leaders have responded to the incident in Mandasa Mandal where two tribal women lost their lives after being struck by lightning during a storm accompanied by thunder and lightning on Sunday. They demanded that the government provide financial assistance of ₹10 lakh to each of the victims' families. They urged the government to extend aid to the families of the lightning victims, similar to the assistance provided to the family of Danayya, who recently died in a road accident in Palasa.

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Palasa, August 12: the family of Danayya, YSRCP leaders have who recently died in a responded to the road accident in Palasa. incident in Mandasa Acting on the Mandal where two tribal instructions of former women lost their lives Minister Dr. Seediri after being struck by Appalaraju, YSRCP lightning during a storm leaders from the Palasa accompanied by constituency visited thunder and lightning and consoled the on Sunday. They families of Savara Jora demanded that the (from Pathakota village, government provide Budarsing Panchayat) financial assistance of and Katta Saumudri ₹10 lakh to each of the (from Pedango village) victims' families. They in Mandasa Mandal on urged the government Monday. to extend aid to the District Vice-President families of the lightning Paila Chittibabu, YSRCP victims, similar to the Palasa constituency assistance provided to official spokesperson

Bammidi Duryodhana has now been left destitute Rao, and YSRCP youth following her mother's death and leader Senapati the earlier demise of her father. Kishore spoke on the They pointed out that the two occasion. They deceased women were the sole highlighted the plight breadwinners for their respective of Savara Jora's families. They urged the family, noting that her government to immediately come husband has lost to the aid of these tribal families, sight in one eye and who rely on daily wage labor for is unable to work, their livelihood. A request was while her daughter is made to MLA Sirisha on behalf of mentally challenged. the YSRCP to provide financial Regarding the late assistance of ₹10 lakh to the Katta Saumudri, they families of those who died in the lightning strike, similar to the aid given to the family of Danayya, who died in an accident in Palasa. They assured that the YSRCP would extend all possible support and assistance to these families.

TRAGEDY IN PATHAKOTA AND PEDANGO VILLAGES



PALASA, JUNE 12

YSRCP Palasa Town President Shistu Gopi, Palasa MPP representative Unga Sai Krishna Yadav, Dalli Janaki Reddy, Agguna Suryarao, Marpu Venkataramana (Krishna), Tamari Sobhan Babu, Suresh Panigrahi, Savara Ram, Savara Neelakantham, Kura Gowda, Bongu Venkataramana, Maddili Balakrishna Yadav, and others participated in this program.

Direct elections for Municipal Chairman



Special Story

- *Political equations in Palasa*

- From voting by councilors to a direct mandate from the people
- Increase in the number of wards has led to a rise in SC, ST, BC, and minority voters
- Five names from the alliance and four from YCP are under consideration
- The vote banks of the Kalinga and Kalinga Komati communities are crucial
- The government will soon introduce the bill, followed by the election process

Palasa, August 12: Political activity in the Palasa constituency has gained momentum following the proposal to hold direct elections for the post of Palasa Municipal Chairperson. With the public set to vote directly for this position—which was previously filled through an election by councilors—all political parties are gearing up well in advance. Cadres from both the alliance and the YCP have swung into action, handling everything from candidate selection to campaign strategies. Meetings in every ward and discussions within various colonies have already commenced. Previously, the Palasa municipality comprised 31 wards; however, the number of wards has increased significantly following the municipality's expansion. The electoral equations have shifted significantly due to the high concentration of poor, middle-class, and marginalized communities in the newly added wards. The increase in the number of wards—and the consequent rise in voters from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities—presents a new challenge for the political parties. Consequently, the parties are focusing their efforts on wooing these new voters. Development works undertaken in Palasa during the previous YCP government's tenure are currently a topic of discussion. Initiatives such as the construction of the 'Jagananna Colony,' the Smart City proposal at

Kosangipuram, the widening of the KT Road, the establishment of a Kidney Research Centre and a 200-bed hospital (costing ₹70 crore), and the setting up of Urban Health Centres have earned public recognition. The construction of the Pesarapadu road has been completed. Infrastructure improvements—including CC roads, borewells, drainage systems, streetlights, and parks—have been carried out in the town's colonies. YCP leaders are actively reminding the public of these developments. Party leaders assert that schemes implemented during the YCP regime—such as the volunteer system, the ₹2,750 pension, Amma Vodi, YSR Asara, Cheyutha, and Rythu Bharosa—have successfully reached the people. They are campaigning on the message that government benefits have reached every household through the 'Gadapa Gadapa ku Samkshemam' (Welfare at Every Doorstep) program. The party is also strategizing to capitalize on the public sympathy generated in Palasa following the arrest of former state minister Dr. Sidiri Appalaraju. Recently, the 'SSR' (Special Summary Revision) process regarding the voters' list was concluded. In the Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality, the Kalinga community holds the largest vote bank, followed by the Kalinga Komati community. Political analysts believe that the support of these two communities will be crucial in the elections. Consequently, political parties are prioritizing social equations when selecting



candidates. Against this backdrop, Malla Srinivasa Rao—a prominent businessman from the Kalinga Komati community and the Chairman of the Palasa Agricultural Market Committee (AMC)—is signaling his interest in the local municipal chairperson post to the TDP leadership while actively engaging with people from all sections of society at the grassroots level. He is holding meetings in various colonies to share his views and is working to garner support from the business community. The names of Duvvada Srikanth, Kota Purnachandra Rao, Malla Srinivasa Rao, Malipeddi Narendra (Chinni), and Lodagala Kameswara Rao are under consideration from the alliance parties. Duvvada Srikanth has served as a councilor four times and is said to have a strong grasp of local issues. Malla Srinivasa Rao, the current Chairman of the Palasa Agricultural Market Committee (AMC), maintains connections within both business and political circles. Kota Purnachandra Rao

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highlights his administrative experience, having previously served as Municipal Chairman during the TDP government's tenure. Malipeddi Narendra (Chinni) is being discussed as a young leader, while Lodagala Kameswara Rao is recognized as a senior leader. From the YCP, the names of Shishtu Gopi, Modalavalasa Manmadha Rao, PV Satish, and Sujatha Panda are prominently mentioned. Sujatha Panda serves as the YSRCP women's wing president for the Palasa constituency; given that women constitute nearly 52% of the electorate in Palasa, there are demands to field a female candidate. Shishtu Gopi is a party veteran, Modalavalasa

Manmadha Rao is known for his influence among the youth, and PV Satish enjoys a good reputation among party cadres. YCP ranks are actively conducting door-to-door campaigns in every ward. They are reminding the public of the welfare schemes implemented during the previous government's tenure while criticizing the current government's policies. Leaders of the alliance have also intensified their field visits, explaining the new schemes and development programs being implemented by the government to the people. Within the twin towns of Palasa-Kasibugga, the YSRCP holds significant strength in Kasibugga, whereas Palasa has a large

workforce. Both parties consider winning over the working class crucial to their success; consequently, campaigning involves meetings with labor unions and assurances regarding their issues. The government is set to introduce a bill for direct elections in the Assembly soon. The election process in Palasa will commence immediately after the bill is passed. As a result, political parties are busy finalizing their lists of candidates. Both sides are preparing to launch full-scale campaigns before the election schedule is announced.

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