

URINE BOTTLES, DISCARDED CLOTHES, AND SLIPPERS



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- Special sanitation drive until August 18
- 1,000 personnel and drones deployed for waste removal

Haridwar: The annual Kanwar Yatra in Haridwar has concluded, leaving the entire city littered with waste. Officials estimate that approximately 7,000 metric tonnes of garbage have accumulated. Around 48 million (4.8 crore) devotees participated in the pilgrimage, collecting and carrying away water from the Ganges.

Following the event, heaps of garbage are visible everywhere—at Har Ki Pauri, various ghats, and the Mela grounds. Discarded clothing, footwear, plastic items, and bottles filled with urine have piled up. Notably, similar waste was found even inside the changing

rooms designated for women. Visuals circulating online highlight the severity of the situation.

In response, the Haridwar Municipal Corporation and the district administration have jointly launched a special sanitation drive. This campaign will continue until August 18. An additional 1,000 sanitation workers and over 80 vehicles have been deployed for the task. Drones are also being used to quickly identify and clear the piles of garbage. Officials stated that the waste consists primarily of plastic sheets and old clothes left behind by the devotees.

'INTINTA INDIRAMMA SEWING MACHINES' FOR THE ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE OF BC WOMEN

- Launch of the distribution of 1.19 lakh automatic sewing machines across 119 constituencies
- Applications accepted from August 15 to September 15 Each sewing machine, valued at ₹12,000, provided with a 100% subsidy Goal
- To improve employment opportunities for BC women and foster economic growth – Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar

Hyderabad: Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar formally launched the 'Intinta Indiramma Sewing Machines' scheme—a prestigious initiative by the Telangana government designed to economically empower BC women and encourage self-employment through tailoring—at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that the 'Praja Palana' (people-centric) government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, places high priority on the self-employment and economic empowerment of BC women. He clarified that the government's objective is not merely to make BC women beneficiaries of government

schemes but to transform them into self-employed women entrepreneurs by providing automatic sewing machines with a 100% subsidy. **Continue on page 02**



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Amarawathi / Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu lashed out, stating that the future of Amaravati and Andhra Pradesh was completely devastated by the "three-card trick" (deceptive game) played by the previous government under the guise of the "three capitals" plan. He expressed deep anger that the then-Leader of the Opposition—who had fully supported Amaravati and acknowledged the need for 30,000 acres in the Assembly—went back on his word after coming to power and ruined the state. While participating in the inauguration of the crucial Seed Access Road in Amaravati, he detailed the conspiracies and destruction inflicted upon the capital city over the past five years. **CONTINUE ON PAGE 02**

RASHMI MAKES KEY COMMENTS ABOUT PET OWNERS

Hyderabad: Popular actress and anchor Rashmi Gautam made significant remarks regarding the responsibilities of pet owners. Addressing the recent 'Pitbull' attack incident in Punjab, she urged people to stop criticizing her and instead focus on the core issue. She shared a detailed post regarding this on the platform 'X' on Thursday. **READ PAGE 04**

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- Capitalist Tendencies Must Be Curbed – Shirigiri Varadaraju's Open Letter to the Prime Minister
- Strengthening the Public Sector and Farmer Welfare Hold the Key to the Nation's Future

Srikakulam: Shirigiri Varadaraju, Founding Chairman of the Navachaitanya Youth Service Society, wrote an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asking, "What is the meaning of democracy if the tears of the common man remain undried even after twelve years of governance?" He expressed anguish that, even as the nation approaches eight decades of democracy, certain sections of society are not receiving justice based on merit. He noted that the principles of "One Law, One Dharma, and One Justice" remain confined to paper, while millions await equitable justice. He warned that the capitalist system is making strong inroads in the country today and that **...READ PAGE 04**

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'Intinta Indiramma Sewing Machines' for the Economic Self-Reliance of BC Women

Benefit for 1.19 Lakh Women: The Minister announced that a total of 1,19,000 automatic sewing machines would be distributed across the state's 119 Assembly constituencies, with 1,000 machines allocated to each constituency. Each sewing machine is valued at ₹12,000, and they will be provided with a 100% subsidy, ensuring no financial burden on the beneficiaries. The Minister revealed that applications from eligible BC (Backward Classes) women would be accepted from August 15 to September 15.

Priority for Poor and Single Women: The Minister stated that the primary objective of this scheme is to provide self-employment opportunities to unemployed BC women interested in the tailoring profession. Priority will be given—in accordance with the guidelines—to the extremely poor, widows, single women, the homeless, orphans, persons with disabilities, and women with prior experience in tailoring. The Minister clarified that the beneficiary selection process would be entirely transparent and conducted according to government guidelines. Mandatory training on the use of the sewing machines will also be provided.

Opportunity for 1.19 Lakh Women in the First Phase: Noting that the number of women seeking sewing machines is likely to be high, the Minister stated that 1.19 lakh eligible women would benefit in the first phase. The government plans to expand the scheme in the future to benefit a larger number of BC women.

Government Support for Women's Employment: The Minister stated that, in addition to providing free bus travel for women, the government is creating employment opportunities through initiatives involving petrol bunks, RTC buses, and other self-employment programs. He also mentioned that the 'Intinta Indiramma Sewing

Machines' scheme is enabling BC (Backward Classes) women to earn an income from the comfort of their homes.

The Minister announced that funds are being allocated through the BC Welfare Department to complete the construction of 'Atma Gourava Bhavans' (Self-Respect Centers). He noted that a special action plan for the development of BC communities was formulated following a recent meeting with public representatives from weaker sections. He further stated that the next phase of action for BC development would be taken forward after the completion of the caste census.

Call to Attend the Unveiling of the Phule Couple's Statues: Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar announced that the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule would be unveiled by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at 4 PM on the 14th of this month, opposite the HMDA Grounds. Highlighting the Congress party's commitment to social justice, he mentioned that—in honor of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule—Pragathi Bhavan had been renamed "Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan" and the Secretariat "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat." Additionally, the Minister stated that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would unveil the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud on Tank Bund on the 18th of this month, marking his birth anniversary. Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar called upon BC public representatives, leaders of BC associations, and leaders of various caste-based organizations to participate in large numbers and make these two events a success.

Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao; Government Whips Adi Srinivas and Birla Ilaiah; MLAs Eerlapalli Shankarayya, Naveen Yadav, and Kaleru Venkatesh; chairpersons of various caste corporations; BC Welfare Department Secretary Balamaya Devi; and BC Welfare Department officials Mallayya Battu and Alok Kumar, among others, participated in the event.

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- Inauguration of the Seed Access Road in Amaravati
- Chief Minister Chandrababu attends the event
- Vows to develop Amaravati into one of the world's top five cities
- Chief Minister announces five key principles for the capital's construction
- Chandrababu lauds the sacrifice of farmers who gave up their lands
- Criticizes the previous government for ruining the state with the 'three capitals' policy
- Urges the public to celebrate the 80th Independence Day in an inspiring manner

One thing in the Assembly, a different act outside:

Chandrababu made scathing remarks criticizing the conduct of the previous government. "When the issue was discussed in the Assembly back then, the then-Leader of the Opposition raised his voice, arguing that 30,000 acres were insufficient for the capital and that 40,000 to 50,000 acres were needed. He even put on a show, claiming he would build a house there himself. Yet, after winning the election, he fragmented the state into three parts under the guise of a 'three-capitals' plan. This action deeply pained me," Chandrababu lamented. He lashed out, stating that they sought to destroy Amaravati purely out of political vendetta and, in doing so, insulted the sacrifices made by the farmers.

Those who mocked it as 'graphics' will hang their heads in shame:

Chandrababu lashed out in his characteristic style at those who had ridiculed the Amaravati construction plans as mere 'graphics.' "When we planned iconic buildings with world-class designs, they dismissed them all as 'graphics.' They should pause and consider what their situation would be if those 'graphics' became reality. This grand avenue, inaugurated today, provides the answer to them," he said. Chandrababu alleged that the previous administration had harassed the Singapore government—which had assisted in Amaravati's construction—and stooped so low as to cause them trouble. He criticized them for tarnishing the state's reputation internationally.

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Former TMC MLA Nirmal Ghosh arrested

Kolkatta: A significant development has occurred in the case involving the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College Hospital in Kolkata. Police have arrested former Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLA Nirmal Ghosh in Sambalpur, Odisha, over serious allegations that the victim's body was hastily cremated.

The victim's father lodged a fresh complaint at the Khardah Police Station, alleging that Nirmal Ghosh and his team orchestrated the

cremation without the family's prior consent or signatures as part of a conspiracy to destroy evidence and prevent a second post-mortem. He alleged that the process was rushed through with extreme haste—bypassing other bodies—and that neighbors' signatures were obtained on the cremation documents instead of the family's. Based on this complaint, the police have registered cases under serious charges, including destruction of evidence and criminal conspiracy, and have accelerated the investigation.





Amaravati as a World-Class Capital: Chandrababu stated that Amaravati is not merely a city but a magnificent vision for the future. He outlined five key principles guiding its construction:

1. **No-Poles City:** An underground duct system to ensure no electric poles or wires are visible on the roads.
2. **Blue City:** A city vibrant with water bodies, utilizing waters from the Krishna and Godavari rivers.
3. **Green City:** Aiming to be number one globally with over 50% green cover and exceptional biodiversity.
4. **Green Energy:** Developing it into a 'Net Zero Carbon' city through renewable energy sources like solar power.
5. **Knowledge Economy:** Transforming the region into a hub for a knowledge-based economy through deep technology, quantum computing, and higher education institutions.

He expressed confidence that, guided by these five principles, Amaravati would be developed into one of the top five capital cities not just in India, but globally. He affirmed that this goal would be achieved with the cooperation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pawan Kalyan. He assured that the NDA alliance government is working selflessly to rebuild the state, which had suffered devastation. Chandrababu reiterated that today marks the first step, that Amaravati's development will now accelerate rapidly, and that the city will stand as a center for realizing the aspirations of the five crore people of Andhra Pradesh.

"I, [Name]..." – Every Citizen is a Soldier

Expressing his vision for India to become 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and Andhra Pradesh to become 'Swarnandhra Pradesh' (Golden Andhra Pradesh) by 2047, Chandrababu called upon every citizen to participate in achieving this goal. "Everyone should make a solemn resolve, saying, 'I, [state your name]...' and pledge what they will do for their own progress, their family, their state, and their country. One must work while keeping that resolve in mind every day. Participating in nation-building does not mean fighting wars. If a farmer grows a good crop, a student studies well, or an individual excels in their profession—that is true patriotism," he emphasized. He urged everyone to hoist the national flag atop their homes and to instill a sense of patriotic spirit through 'Tiranga' rallies in observance of Independence Day on August 15.

A HISTORIC FARMERS' MOVEMENT

Chandrababu lauded the struggle waged by farmers for Amaravati. "If there is any movement destined to remain etched in history, it is the Amaravati farmers' movement. I witnessed the hardships you endured firsthand. When the party lacked funds to support you, I personally collected contributions to aid your legal battle. Even my wife removed her bangles and donated them to the cause. This capital is rising again upon the foundation of such sacrifices. I bow my head in reverence to you," he said emotionally. He recalled that even though attempts were made to stall the project by creating minor legal hurdles, the High Court clarified that public interest was paramount.

Towards the end of his speech, the Chief Minister assured that the inauguration of this road was merely the first step in the journey of development and pledged to work daily from this point forward towards the construction of Amaravati. Thanking the farmers and the public for participating in this auspicious event, he concluded his address with the slogans, "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," "Telugu Thalliki Jai," and "Jai Amaravati."

Ministers Narayana and Nadendla Manohar, along with Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), senior officials, and a large number of farmers, participated in the event.

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- Actress Rashmi Gautam responds to the Pitbull attack incident.
- She attributes the problems to the irresponsibility of owners.
- She demands strict regulations regarding the breeding and sale of foreign dog breeds.
- She appeals to people to stop criticizing her and instead help resolve the issue.

"Buying a dog of a specific breed is easy, but many people are not prepared to shoulder the responsibilities that follow. Certain breeds, in particular, require adequate exercise and training," Rashmi stated. She warned that confining animals indoors for long periods without providing proper training and exercise increases the risk of them developing aggressive behavior. She also expressed the view that many foreign dog breeds are entirely unsuited to the Indian climate and lifestyle.

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"Stop harboring hatred towards me and instead offer constructive suggestions to prevent such incidents in the future," she wrote in her post. It is worth noting that an incident in Patiala, Punjab—where a Pit Bull attacked and severely injured a couple who had gone to view a house for rent—has sparked a nationwide debate. Against this backdrop, Rashmi's comments have gained significant attention.



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failure to curb this trend poses a threat to the very existence of democracy. He urged Prime Minister Modi—who hails from an ordinary middle-class family—to recognize these realities and prioritize fostering a peaceful atmosphere in the country. While acknowledging the joy of celebrating Independence Day with grandeur, he criticized the lack of sincerity among those in power regarding the fulfillment of the goals of independence. "We need an Independence Day focused on results, not just publicity," he stated. He alleged that the commitment and honesty seen in the early days of independence are now absent, while corruption, irregularities, and atrocities have crossed all limits. He further pointed out that infrastructure projects—such as roads and buildings constructed for the national interest—often lack quality and deteriorate within a few years, serving as evidence of the misuse of public funds. He emphasized that the public sector has weakened and asserted that utilizing India's abundant human resources and resolving the unemployment crisis is possible only through the public sector. He demanded measures to improve

the living standards of long-serving retired employees and those who took voluntary retirement. Amidst the decline of the agricultural sector, he proposed the establishment of a nationwide cultivation corporation, price stabilization, and mandatory government insurance for farmers aged between eighteen and seventy. He expressed concern that while the vote is a "powerful weapon of democracy," many citizens today find themselves in a plight where they cannot even exercise their right to vote. He urged for an end to the waiver of massive loans taken by prominent figures from national banks, called for ensuring banking services reach the common man, and advocated against handing over systems to corporate entities through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. He also appealed for the provision of national-level pensions and healthcare facilities for retired journalists. Shrirang Varadaraju expressed the hope that true Independence Day celebrations would only be realized if justice is delivered to those sections of society that have been denied it by the time the upcoming Independence Day arrives.

