

Kavitha Accuses Revanth Reddy of Trying to Take Credit for Students’ Success

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy released the final Rythu Bharosa installment of Rs. 1,009.15 crore to 1.44 lakh farmers in Khammam and launched the e-Pattadar Passbook programme.



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Rashtra Sena (TRS) president K. Kavitha on Sunday accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of attempt-

ing to take credit for the success of a 36-day student agitation, claiming that the students’ struggle had forced the Central government to seek the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. In a video statement, Kavitha congratulated students and unemployed youth, describing the development as a “great victory” achieved through their sustained struggle. Kavitha criticised the Congress, alleging that the candle march organised by

the party was driven by fears that students might question the state government over its failure to fulfil its promises. She welcomed the proposal to allow 21-year-old youths to enter Parliament but questioned the credibility of the government, alleging that it had failed to fulfil promises related to two lakh government jobs, a job calendar, unemployment allowance, fee reimbursement and financial support for Osmania University. Kavitha said that merely

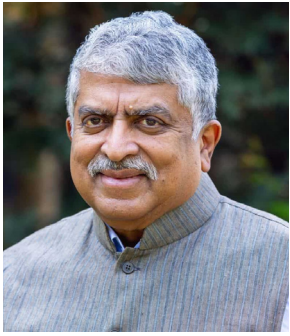
organising symbolic rallies would not erase the questions being raised over the government’s performance. She warned that if the Congress government failed to fulfil its promises made to students and young people, the same students and youth would eventually vote it out of power. Kavitha criticised the Congress, alleging that the candle march organised by the party was driven by fears that students might question the state government over its failure to fulfil its promises.

NANDAN NILEKANI TO PREPARE ROADMAP FOR EXAM REFORMS: MODI

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced the constitution of a task force on exam reforms under Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani.

Prime Minister Modi said that the report of the task force will be used for taking steps to ensure the credibility of upcoming examinations.

The decision to rope in Nilekani, who is the brain behind Aadhaar number, comes a day after a students’ agitation against alleged paper leaks concluded following the resignation by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Sharing a



video statement on Sunday, Prime Minister Modi said, “The Government of India is continuously taking various measures for the future of students. Those who tampered with the students’ fu-

ture are languishing in jail. We have already established fast-track courts. We are also moving towards enacting new legislation in Parliament that incorporates stringent legal provisions.”

“However, we must look to the future. Our examination system needs to be reliable and transparent, and it must make maximum use of technology. Keeping all these factors in mind, we have decided to constitute a high-powered task force under the leadership of the world-renowned technology expert Nandan Nilekani,” the Prime Minister added.

CYBER FRAUD RISK UNDER INDIRAMMA HOUSING SCHEME: VC SAJJANAR WARNS TELANGANA RESIDENTS

Hyderabad: Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar has warned Telangana residents of possible cyber fraud attempts targeting beneficiaries and applicants of the ongoing Indiramma Housing Scheme. In a public advisory issued on Sunday, Sajjanar cautioned that cybercriminals may attempt to deceive applicants through fake APK files, fraudulent WhatsApp links, phishing websites and fake phone calls to steal their personal and banking information. The warning comes amid the commencement of the ₹10,000 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) payment process. Cyber fraudsters may pose as government officials

or representatives of the housing scheme and mislead applicants into transferring money or sharing sensitive information. Sajjanar clarified that brokers or middlemen have no role in the Indiramma Housing Scheme. He said the house allotment process is transparent and that if an applicant is not allotted a house, the EMD amount deposited by them will be refunded directly to their original bank account. The Police Commissioner urged citizens not to trust anyone who promises a house in exchange for money paid to a third party. He also warned people against responding to messages claiming that applications will



be cancelled due to missed deadlines or failure to make an immediate Sajjanar advised residents not to download APK files at the request of unknown individuals or install screen-sharing applications such as AnyDesk or TeamViewer, as cybercriminals can misuse them to gain access to mobile phones and bank accounts.

BJP, Congress spar over Rahul’s demand for accountability in police action on protesting students

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on students who had gathered in the national capital on July 20 to protest against the NEET paper leak and other examination-related issues. Responding to Gandhi’s letter, BJP leader Mrityunjay Tiwari accused the Congress of trying to exploit the issue for political purposes rather than genuinely standing with students. Speaking to IANS, Tiwari said, “They did not do anything for the youth till recently. Now, they raised their voice just to incite agitation. They do not really care about the students. However, the Modi government has ensured that no one can commit any wrongdoing when it

comes to the students, who are the future of this nation.” BJP leader P. V. N. Madhav also criticised Rahul Gandhi, alleging that the Congress leader was frustrated despite the Centre taking steps to address concerns related to students. Speaking to IANS, Madhav said, “Rahul Gandhi has completely turned mad. PM Narendra Modi has shown a magnanimous move by asking our Education Minister to resign. It’s a great move because everybody thought otherwise, but PM Narendra Modi never thinks the unthinkable. So, he has done what was needed and has shown solidarity with the



entire student community that he stands with them.” He further claimed that the Opposition was continuing its criticism despite the government’s actions. The Congress, however, defended Rahul Gandhi’s demand and

maintained that questions surrounding the police action against the protesting students deserved answers. The party also said it would raise the matter during the ongoing Parliament session.

TELANGANA PLANS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION TO LOWER ELECTION AGE

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday, July 25, announced that his government would soon convene a special session of

the state assembly to pass a resolution urging the Centre to lower the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections to 21 from the existing 25. Addressing a candle light rally organised here over NEET paper leak issue, he claimed that the Gen Z agitation defeated the “56-inch chest” (a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi) and forced Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan to step down from his post. “We will hold special session of assembly and legislative council in the first week of August. We will discuss in the assembly and a pass resolution to make 21 years as the minimum age to contest as MLA and MP and send it to Prime Minister,” he said. He suggested amending the Constitution to provide the opportunity for those who

are 21-year-old to contest as MLAs and MPs. Citing examples, he said an 18-year-old youth can become Prime Minister and President in Germany and Britain. In Singapore, a 21-year-old can become Prime Minister. Addressing a candle light rally organised here over NEET paper leak issue, he claimed that the Gen Z agitation defeated the “56-inch chest”.

STALIN QUESTIONS CM VIJAY’S SILENCE OVER ALLEGED CUSTODIAL DEATH, DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY

Chennai: DMK president M.K. Stalin has strongly criticised the Tamil Nadu government over the death of a 24-year-old man from Thoothukudi, alleging that the incident reflects a disturbing pattern of custodial deaths in the State.

He questioned when Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay would respond to the recurring incidents and accused the government of failing to show accountability or compassion.



The criticism follows the death of Arunachalam, a resident of Amudha Nagar in Thoothukudi district, who died while undergoing treat-

ment at the Government Medical College Hospital after allegedly sustaining injuries during police custody.

According to available information, Arunachalam was arrested by the police on July 17 on charges of selling liquor illegally in the black market. Following his death, members of his family alleged that he had been assaulted by police personnel during custody and claimed that the injuries he sustained led to his death.

Agitation has entered new phase, time for reforms now: Wangchuk

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New Delhi: Activist Sonam Wangchuk on Saturday, July 25, welcomed Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan’s resignation as “a victory of democracy”, but stressed that “accountability” must now be followed by reforms in education and governance. He also urged the Centre to fulfil its commitments on Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. In a video statement issued after Pradhan stepped down, Wangchuk said the resignation marked the success of a peaceful democratic movement but cautioned that “resignation alone does not make a nation.” “I welcome the decision taken by the government and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on his resignation. It shows sensitivity on the part of the government. It is a victory of democracy, and we should all cherish it,” he said. Declaring that the agitation has entered a new phase, Wangchuk said, “There has been accountability. Now it is time for reforms in education so that we have a robust



system that makes us a great nation.” “Resignation alone does not make a nation,” he said, adding that no child or family should have to undergo the ordeal faced by students affected by the alleged NEET paper leak. Broadening his appeal beyond education, the environmentalist said he hoped that the government would usher in governance reforms. “We should have a fear-free India, an injustice-free India and a corruption-free India,” he said, adding that justice must prevail “whether it is in examinations, elections, the corridors of power or the courts of India.”

He said governance should be based on “love for citizens, not fear.” Referring to his long-running campaign for Ladakh, Wangchuk said he hoped the process of democratic restoration in the Union Territory would now be pursued “with utmost sincerity” and expressed the hope that the Centre would also fulfil its promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Congratulating Gen-Z, members of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) and citizens who participated in the protests, Wangchuk credited the movement’s peaceful nature for its success.

BJP MOVES CEO AGAINST TELANGANA CM OVER VOTER REMARKS

Hyderabad: Alleging that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had threatened voters with denial of welfare benefits if they were not included in the voters’ lists during SIR, the BJP on Saturday, July 25, urged the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to issue a notice directing him to withdraw his remarks. “Threatening citizens with the withdrawal or denial of such government welfare benefits based on where they choose to register as voters is legally flawed and violates established electoral and constitutional principles.”

Let’s get rid of this regime’, says Rahul Gandhi after Pradhan’s resignation

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Congratulating students for what he termed a successful democratic movement, Gandhi said Pradhan’s resignation marked an important step



towards reforming India’s education system. Dharmendra Pradhan’s resignation is a huge step towards reshaping our education system. Well done to students across the country; we are proud of all of you,” Gandhi said in a post on X.

Extending his congratulations to the protesting students, the Congress leader said the development demonstrated the power of collective action in defending democracy, constitutional values, and the future of the country’s youth. “Hearti-

est congratulations to every young person and every student who took to the streets and stood firm to protect democracy, the Constitution, and their future,” he said. However, he said that two key demands of the student community remained unresolved. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should apologise to students and the nation for the alleged failures in the examination system, and strict action should be taken against those responsible for violence against students during the protests.