

19 ministers inducted into CM Shivakumar-led cabinet in Karnataka

Seven of these 19 new ministers were part of the previous government led by Siddaramaiah. The former CM was absent from the swearing-inceremony



Bengaluru: In the first expansion of the two-month-old Karnataka Cabinet led by Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, 19 MLAs were sworn in as ministers on Monday, August 3, even as a Congress legislator resigned from his post over his exclusion from the ministry. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to new Ministers in a ceremony held at the Lok Bhavan prem-

ises here. The Congress legislators sworn in as ministers are PM Narendraswamy (Malavalli), Shivaraj Tangadagi (Kanakagiri), Rudrappa Lamani (Haveri), K S Basavanthappa (Mayakonda), B Nagendra (Ballari rural), T Raghu-murthy (Challakere), B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan (Chamarajpet), Rizwan Arshad (Shivajinagar), Santosh Lad (Kalahatagi), Madhu Bangarappa (Soraba), Putturangashet-

META TELLS PARLIAMENTARY PANEL READY TO APOLOGISE OVER PM VIDEO

New Delhi: Social media giant Meta is learnt to have told a parliamentary committee on Monday, August 3, that it is ready to apologise for the brief restriction on a post by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Facebook, as a section of members demanded legal action and sought fixing of accountability.

At a meeting of the department-related standing committee on information technology, members pointed out that while Meta earns huge revenue from India, it does not follow the law of the land, according to sources. "While content like porn freely available, genuine



content removed" They also grilled Meta officials who appeared before the panel over the issue of algorithmic bias, saying while objectionable content like porn is freely available on the platform "genuine" content was re-

moved. When Facebook has not removed a lot of other objectionable content, who removed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video from the platform, an MP asked Meta representatives. "Who bears the ultimate responsibility for this?" the sources quoted the panel member as saying.

The questioning came against the backdrop of the government's summons to Meta's top executives after Prime Minister Modi's recent Facebook post addressing India's youth and promising stringent action against paper leaks was briefly restricted on the platform.

FIRS, DOXXING: HINDUTVA X HANDLES TARGET CJP WOMEN PROTESTERS

YOUNG WOMEN HAVE COME UNDER ATTACK BY FAR-RIGHT-WING AND HINDUTVA SUPPORTERS WHO BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE "TAUGHT A LESSON."

Women who participated in the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) led Jantar Mantar protest in New Delhi are being targeted by several Hindutva social media accounts, revealing their identities and addresses, making them vulnerable targets of both online and offline abuse, including sexual innuendos, reported Young women have come under attack by far-right-wing and Hindutva supporters who believe they should be "taught a lesson" and Parliamentarians like Kangana Ranaut, who called them "Generation Gutter," for using derogatory language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Find her; she has disrespected Prime Minister Modi – was the

caption of Hindutva X handle "The Jaipur Dialogues," exposing another young woman protestor. In one post, it tagged Delhi Police asking the force to "send her to jail and teach her a lesson" Mr Sinha, a staunch Modi supporter, shared images of two young women asking his followers to post their place of residence, their college or workplace. "Their neighbours, colleagues, and classmates could be informed about their alleged mentality," read the post. Vikram Pratap Singh, who describes himself as a 'proud Hindu' and 'Modi devotee' on X, shared an image of girls participating in the protest. CJP spokesperson Ratna Singh told The Wire Hindi



that they are aware of the online harassment and she has endured it too. "We were assured that there would be no harassment of any kind. I am in constant touch with the concerned officials. I have also forwarded copies of the FIR related to the Noida incident to them."

G. KISHAN REDDY UNVEILS NEXT-GEN ELECTRIC BUS, KETO MOTORS HANDS OVER FLEET

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy unveiled India's next-generation commercial electric bus during a launch and fleet handover ceremony organised by KETO Motors Limited at the IAS Officers Association Club, Begumpet, on Sunday. The event was attended by TGSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy and KETO Motors Director Venkatesh Challa. The fleet handover marked another step towards promoting sustainable public transportation and clean mobility in India. G. Kishan Reddy Launches Next-Generation Electric Bus Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy

unveiled India's next-generation commercial electric bus during a special launch and fleet handover ceremony held at the IAS Officers Association Club, Begumpet, in Hyderabad on Sunday. The event was organised by KETO Motors Limited. Senior Officials Attend the Launch Ceremony The launch ceremony was attended by: G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal and Mines Y. Nagi Reddy, TGSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Venkatesh Challa, Director, KETO Motors The dignitaries also witnessed the fleet handover ceremony during the event. KETO Motors Showcases

Zero-Emission Electric Mobility Solutions During the programme, KETO Motors showcased its zero-emission, 100% electric commercial mobility solutions. The company said the initiative is aimed at: Promoting sustainable public transportation Supporting India's clean energy initiatives Advancing green mobility across the country Electric Bus Fleet Handed Over The ceremony also included the handover of electric buses to strengthen eco-friendly transport operations. The initiative is expected to contribute to cleaner and more sustainable commercial transportation.



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Limited. Attended by Y. Nagi Reddy and Venkatesh Challa, the event highlighted 100% electric, zero-emission mobility solutions and reinforced the push for sustainable public transport and green mobility in India.

FULL SUPPORT TO FCI TO EXPAND FOODGRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY: UTTAM

Hyderabad: Telangana Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said the state government would extend full support to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for expanding its foodgrain storage infrastructure to match the state's record paddy procurement. Reddy gave the assurance during a courtesy visit by FCI General Manager Anuj Tyagi. The two discussed issues related to foodgrain procurement, storage infrastructure and logistics. During the meeting, FCI officials highlighted the corporation's need to augment its grain storage capacity in Telangana due to the state's rapidly increasing paddy procurement, an official release said. They outlined plans to substantially increase storage infrastructure by establishing modern warehouses in the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy assured FCI of the Telangana government's complete co-operation for the successful implementation of the storage expansion programme. The minister also stressed



the need to streamline procurement operations, the release said. He called for closer coordination between the state government and FCI to improve procurement efficiency, storage management and logistics. Telangana emerged as the country's second-largest paddy procuring state during the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2025-26, the release said. Despite the record procurement, Telangana currently has only about 31.00 LMT of Central Pool storage capacity, leaving a storage deficit of 16.25 LMT under FCI's storage norms. Uttam Kumar Reddy had on June 9 said Telangana created an "all-time record" in paddy

procurement despite the Centre "reducing its procurement target" for the state. He said the state government had procured 75 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy by June 9 itself during the current Yasangi (Rabi) season, against the Centre's approved target of only 52 LMT. He called for closer coordination between the state government and FCI to improve procurement efficiency, storage management and logistics. Reddy gave the assurance during a courtesy visit by FCI General Manager Anuj Tyagi. The two discussed issues related to foodgrain procurement, storage infrastructure and logistics.

EXCISE DEPT SEIZE 55 SMUGGLED LIQUOR BOTTLES NEAR PAHADISHAREEF



The Excise Special Task Force (STF) of the Prohibition and Excise Department seized 55 bottles of Goa liquor during a vehicle-checking drive near Hyderabad's Pahadishareef on Saturday, August 1. On a tip-off that liquor bottles were being transported from Goa via Hyderabad Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport), Shamshabad, into the city in violation of excise regulations. During the operation, the teams intercepted a vehicle and seized 55 bottles of Goa liquor. The seized liquor was handed over to the Excise Station, Shamshabad, for further legal action. Investigation is underway to identify those involved in the illegal transportation.

AI-POWERED CROWD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MAKES GRAND DEBUT AT BONALU FESTIVAL

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The Hyderabad City Police on Sunday, August 2, introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based crowd management system for the first time as part of security arrangements for the annual

Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu festival in Secunderabad. City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar inspected the newly established AI-enabled crowd management facility at the Mahankali Police

Station and reviewed its functioning. According to the police, the system has been deployed to facilitate real-time monitoring of crowd movement and strengthen safety measures during the festival, which attracts large numbers of devotees. The Commissioner interacted with officials and reviewed the system's monitoring capabilities, operational efficiency and its role in assisting police personnel in managing crowds and responding promptly to emerging situations. System to supplement conventional po-

licing The AI-based platform is expected to supplement conventional policing by providing continuous surveillance and helping authorities regulate the movement of devotees during peak hours. City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar inspected the

newly established AI-enabled crowd management facility at the Mahankali Police Station on Sunday, August 2, and reviewed its functioning. Senior police officers who attended the inspection included M. Srinivasulu, Rakshitha K. Murthy, Vaibhav Gaikwad

Repay debt to motherland by investing here: Deputy CM to NRIs

Baltimore (USA): Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has called upon Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards the development of their home state and native villages. Bhatti Vikramarka was speaking at the 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) National Convention here as the Chief Guest on Sunday, August 2. He said Telangana is being developed to compete not just with other Indian states but with developed nations globally, and urged NRIs to come forward and invest in the state. "We have established a single-window system for you. All approvals will be granted swiftly, and the state government will extend full support. We will stand by you in every industrial and social initiative. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has sent me here specifically to invite you," he said. Bhatti Vikramarka

said that the Congress government is moving forward with a clear vision to transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He noted that Telangana is now being governed in line with the aspirations of its people, with optimal utilisation of resources. The state provides world-class infrastructure essential for investments and industries. As part of this, the 56-kilometre Musi River in Hyderabad is being rejuvenated and beautified on the lines of the River Thames in London, ensuring clean water flow and transforming the city's landscape. He recalled that infrastructure projects like the Outer Ring Road and the international airport, developed during the tenure of late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, have become major assets for Telangana. Emphasising that human resource development is key to the state's progress, Bhatti said the government is introducing

transformative changes in the education system. To ensure that students from ordinary families can rise to global levels, initiatives like the 'Young India Integrated Residential Schools' are being launched. One such school is being established in each of the 100 constituencies across the state, spread over 25 acres with an investment of ₹200 crore each, built to international standards. Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government is considering the establishment of a legally empowered special mechanism to address issues faced by NRIs and their parents residing in Telangana. This platform, he assured, would enable prompt resolution of their concerns, whether faced abroad or by their families back home. Bhatti Vikramarka was speaking at the 19th American Telugu Association National Convention here as the Chief Guest on Sunday, August 2.

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