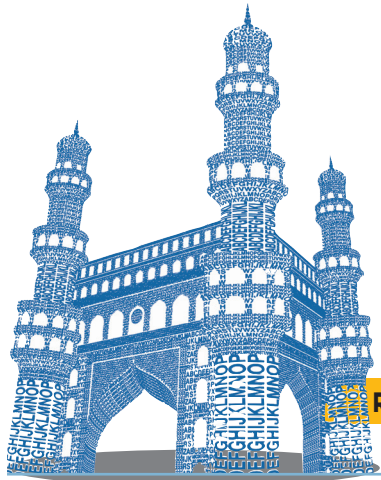




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KCR ANNOUNCES ₹ 2.25 CR AID TO BEREAVED FAMILY OF PEDDI SUDARSHAN REDDY

Hyderabad, Aug.8: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president K. Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday announced a financial assistance of ₹2.25 crore to the bereaved family of former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy. According to an official party statement, KCR finalised the decision following consultations with senior party leaders and key office-bearers of the Warangal district unit.

Reaffirming the party's commitment, the BRS chief stated that the party stands firmly with the late leader's family during this difficult time.

KCR is scheduled to visit Nallabelli village near Narsampet on Sunday to offer his condolences directly to the grieving family. During his visit, the BRS chief will also interact with local party leaders, cadres, and supporters across the Narsampet constituency to offer reassurance and bolster morale.

Peddi Sudarshan Reddy passed away in the early hours of July 31st, following medical treatment at a private hospital in Hyderabad. His involvement with KCR and the BRS, formerly known as the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS),

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TAX BILL CLEARS LOK SABHA WITHOUT DEBATE GLOBAL CAPITAL GETS THE RED CARPET. THE UPI QUESTION WALKS IN THROUGH A SIDE DOOR.

BY C SUBRAHMANYAM

A far reaching tax reform has crossed its first parliamentary hurdle with remarkable speed and almost no public scrutiny. The Taxation and Other Laws Amendment Bill 2026 promises generous tax incentives to attract global investment into fund management, electronics manufacturing, diamond trading and digital infrastructure. At the same time, it quietly changes

the legal framework governing merchant charges on digital payments.

The reform is being projected as a major economic milestone. Yet the unanswered questions surrounding future UPI charges and the absence of parliamentary debate make this one of the most consequential legislative packages of the year.

The Taxation and Other Laws Amendment Bill 2026 introduced on the fourth of August and passed by the Lok Sabha on

the sixth of August through a voice vote amid repeated disruptions, the Bill completed its journey through the first House without any detailed discussion. Members had no opportunity to examine provisions that will influence foreign investment, manufacturing, digital payments and financial markets for years to come.

Whether one supports or opposes the legislation is a matter of policy.

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PM Modi's Advice to IIT Alumni

Set higher standards for yourself.
Focus on growth, not just paychecks.
Keep learning, keep improving.
Your true competition is the person you were yesterday.

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CM Assures ₹5,000 Crore for Irrigation Projects

Rs 2,000 crore already released; balance Rs 3,000 crore under process

Uttam Tells Collectors to Expedite LA, R&R and Forest Clearances

Mid Manair Left Canal works to restart; Pathipaka DPR by August-end



Hyderabad, August 8 : In a major push to accelerate irrigation projects held up by land acquisition, rehabilitation and statutory clearances, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had assured Rs 5,000 crore on priority for Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation and Resettlement works linked to irrigation projects across Telangana. He said about Rs 2,000 crore had already been released, while the remaining Rs 3,000 crore was under process. He made it clear that shortage of funds would

not become a reason for delaying irrigation works that were otherwise nearing completion.

Addressing a comprehensive review of irrigation projects under implementation in the districts of Karimnagar, Jagtial, Peddapalli and Rajanna Sircilla (erstwhile Karimnagar district), Uttam Kumar Reddy directed District Collectors and Irrigation officials to treat land acquisition, R&R, forest clearances and environmental approvals as priority issues and resolve them on a war footing.

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Komatireddy: Avoid Paddy Amid Water Shortage



Nalgonda, Aug.8: Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkata Reddy has directed officials to create awareness among farmers and ensure that they do not cultivate paddy under any circumstances, citing the acute shortage of water in the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir and the low possibility of fresh inflows from upstream due to prevailing El Niño conditions. The Minister urged farmers to opt for dry crops and other water-saving crops requiring less irrigation, stating that the water

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Building Telangana's Future Workforce: Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad, Aug.8: Telangana is building a future-ready workforce by bringing education, industry and employment onto a common platform, IT & Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu said.

Addressing the Future Skills Summit & Awards 2026 at T-Works, Rayadurgam, Hyderabad on Saturday, the Minister said the key question today is not how many young people graduate, but how many are equipped for the jobs and industries of tomorrow.

“Telangana produces more than 2 lakh graduates every year from engineering, pharmacy, MBA and other professional courses. They have degrees, ambition and the desire to succeed. But a degree alone is no longer enough. Industry needs

skills, practical knowledge, problem-solving ability, communication, adaptability and the capacity to continuously learn,” he said. He congratulated the Quality Thought Future Skills Foundation for bringing industry, academia and youth together to address the growing skills gap.

The Minister said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, recognised that Telangana's greatest strength is its young population.

As part of its approach, the government is building a comprehensive skills ecosystem connecting government, industry, educational institutions and youth, he said.

Referring to the transformation of 65 government ITIs into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs), the Minister said technical education is being redesigned to meet the needs of modern manufacturing. “Many ITI courses were designed decades ago for a very different industrial economy. Today, manufacturing requires automation, robotics, AI, electronics, advanced manufacturing and digital technologies. Our ITIs must therefore prepare students for tomorrow's factories, not yesterday's industry,” he said.

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KTR warns of major agitation if Telangana's water rights are compromised

HYDERABAD, AUG.8:

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has warned that the BRS will launch a major agitation on the scale of the Telangana movement if the state's legitimate rights over river waters are compromised. He asserted that there was no priority greater than protecting Telangana's water rights.

Speaking to media reporters at his residence in Nandi Nagar on Saturday, KTR questioned the Telangana government's decision to accept the agenda of the upcoming Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting. He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy explain whether they had accepted the agenda, whether they would attend the meeting and, if so, what they



intended to present on behalf of the people of Telangana.

KTR alleged that the agenda of the meeting was completely against Telangana's interests and said the government must explain how it proposed to safeguard the state's legitimate water rights. “If the government has any concern for Telangana, it should boycott the

KTR to Join UAE Bathukamma Celebrations

Hyderabad, Aug.8 (NSS): BRS working president KT Rama Rao has received an invitation from the Emirates Telangana Cultural and Welfare Association (ETCA-UAE) to be the chief guest at their Bathukamma celebrations in the United Arab Emirates. These festivities are scheduled to take place on October 11, 2026, at the Al Ahli Sports Club in Dubai. Representatives from ETCA formally extended this invitation to KT Rama Rao at his Nandi Nagar residence on Friday, and he also participated in unveiling the event's poster. The ETCA delegates informed KTR that they have been organising large-scale Bathukamma celebrations in the UAE for

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meeting,” he said.

The BRS working president warned that if the Centre or any neighbouring state acted in a manner detrimental to Telangana's share of river waters, the BRS would remain a silent

spectator. If injustice was done to Telangana's water rights in the name of the Centre, a powerful agitation, even bigger than the Telangana movement, would emerge in the state, he cautioned.

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