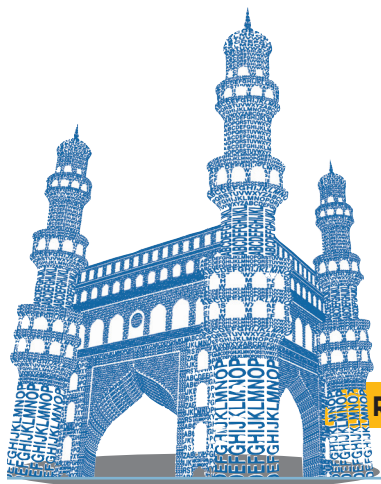




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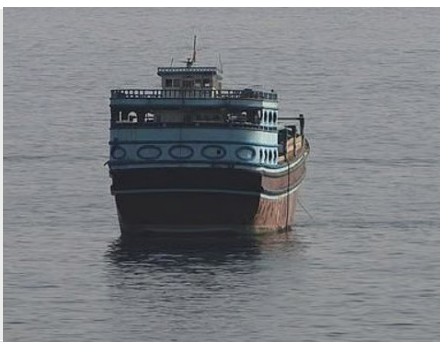


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KTR backs Raj Gopal's corruption allegations against government



HYDERABAD: BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao said that the extent of corruption and irregularities in Telangana is now being exposed not merely by the opposition parties, but openly by legislators belonging to the ruling Congress party itself. He said he fully agreed with the remarks made by Congress MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy. KT Rama Rao said the fact that a public representative from the ruling party was compelled to make allegations of corruption against the government.

Devadula Phase-VI to Go Live in Current Term, says Uttam



HYDERABAD: Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday reaffirmed the Telangana government's commitment to operationalising Phase-VI of the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme during the present term, paving the way for bringing Godavari waters to the Tungathurthi constituency in Suryapet district. Unfurling the National Flag at the 80th Independence Day celebrations in Suryapet, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government had accorded high priority to the completion and full operationalisation of the Devadula project.

Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat-2047 Are

THE BIG GOALS

PM calls for stronger domestic manufacturing, global-quality products, energy security, technological self-reliance and greater participation of youth and women.

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 15



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday addressed the nation from the Red Fort on the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, outlining an ambitious roadmap for a self-reliant India and reiterating the goal of building a developed India — Viksit Bharat — by 2047.

Hoisting the national flag at the historic Red Fort, Modi stressed the need for India to reduce its dependence on other countries by strengthening domestic capabilities, promoting indigenous manufacturing and safeguarding national interests. He called for a renewed focus on 'Make in India', 'Swadeshi' and 'Local for Local', saying the country must develop the capacity to manufacture everything from everyday consumer products to large industrial goods.

'Viksit Bharat 2047' is the big dream

Describing Viksit Bharat 2047 as one of the country's biggest national goals, Modi said India is moving ahead with a new resolve and a clear vision for the future. He said big dreams lead to bigger thinking and urged every citizen to contribute to the task of building a developed India. The Prime Minister highlighted the progress made during the past 12 years and said several goals that could not be

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Rao Slams Cong, Praises Centre's Telangana Push



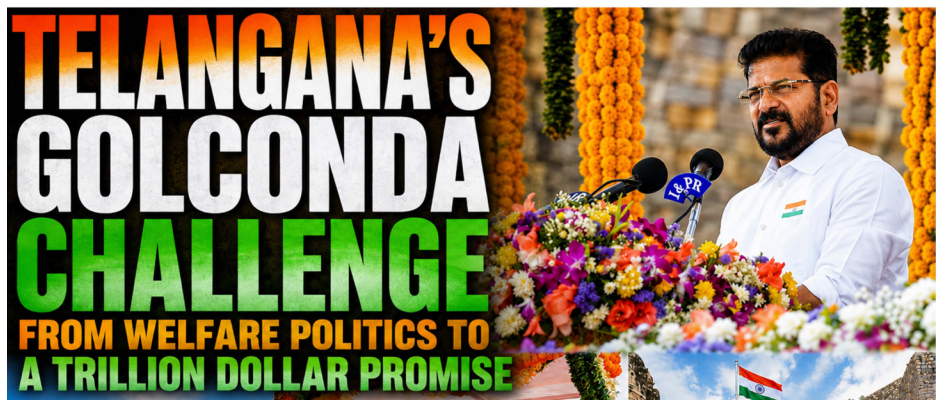
HYDERABAD, AUG.15

State BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday accused the Congress government of pushing Telangana deeper into a debt trap, and claimed that the state's development was largely being driven by funds and projects from the Narendra Modi-led Central government. Addressing the 80th Independence Day celebrations at the BJP state headquarters after hoisting the national flag, Rao paid tributes to freedom fighters and extended greetings to the people. Rao highlighted several Central projects in Telangana, including the Sammakka-Sarakka Tribal University, railway station modernisation, Kazipet Railway coach manufacturing Unit, revival of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, Kakatiya

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TELANGANA AIMS TO EMERGE AS NATIONAL LEADER BY 2047: VIVEK

Medak, Aug.15: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at the Medak district police headquarters on Saturday. Minister for Shakti (Labour, Employment, Training & Factories) and Mines & Geology Dr G. Vivek Venkatswamy hoisted the National Flag at the Parade Ground, inspected the police parade and received the ceremonial salute. Students presented patriotic and cultural programmes showcasing the spirit of the nation and the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was working with the vision of 'Telangana Rising-2047' to transform the State into a national leader and enhance its prominence on the global stage. He said comprehensive plans were being formulated to ensure balanced economic, social and administrative development across Telangana.



BY C. SUBRAHMANYAM

From the historic walls of Golconda Fort, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy used Independence Day to present his government's 32-month record and put a much larger political and economic proposition before Telangana. His message was clear: welfare must mean dignity, agriculture must remain the foundation of prosperity, women must become economic stakeholders, Hyderabad must drive a wider regional growth story and Telangana must aim for a

one trillion dollar economy by 2034 and a three trillion dollar economy by 2047. But the real examination will begin after the speeches, ceremonies and statistics are over. The government now has to prove that its ambitious numbers can translate into jobs, farm incomes, infrastructure, investment and better living standards across the state.

There was unmistakable symbolism in Revanth Reddy choosing Golconda Fort for his Independence Day address. The historic fort, which has witnessed changing rulers,

battles, commerce and the rise and fall of political power, became the backdrop for a speech about a young state attempting to define its next economic chapter.

After paying floral tributes at the Veerula Sainika Smaraka in Secunderabad, the Chief Minister hoisted the national flag at Golconda and delivered an address of roughly 55 minutes. He used the occasion to honour the freedom movement, remember the sacrifices of those who fought for independence and invoke

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GOVERNOR APPRECIATES CHERIYAL NAKASHI ART

HYDERABAD, AUG.15

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has appreciated the rich artistic heritage of Cheriya Nakashi painting, a traditional folk art form that has brought a distinct identity to the State. The Nakashi masks, representing the centuries-old folk art tradition, was a special attraction at the Independence Day At Home reception to be hosted at Lok Bhavan on Saturday evening.

As part of the arrangements for the independence day At Home reception, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and his wife

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Rebuilding Telangana, Building a

STRONGER FUTURE

CM Revanth highlights 32 months of governance, welfare expansion and economic growth; promises stronger irrigation, women-led enterprises, pensions and faster grievance redressal

HYDERABAD, AUG.15

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the State government was striving to rebuild Telangana and put it on a strong path of development by restoring systems, expanding welfare measures and creating a roadmap for a brighter future.

Addressing the people after hoisting the National Flag at Golconda Fort in Hyderabad on Saturday on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day, the Chief Minister said the fruits of the government's 32 months of hard work were now becoming evident.

"During the last 32 months, the State government restored systems that had been deliberately weakened, expanded welfare measures and charted a new course for development. We are moving forward with a roadmap for a bright future for Telangana," he said.

Citing the latest RBI statistics, Revanth Reddy said Telangana's per capita income stood at ₹4,18,931 during the 2025-26 financial year. "Telangana's per capita income is approximately 91 per cent higher than the national average. This is a remarkable achievement that underscores the strength of our economy," he said.

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