

Opposition parties did 'great disservice' to nation, says Naidu

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A day after the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill was defeated in the Lok Sabha, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said the Opposition parties had done a great disservice to the nation by standing against the Bill.

He stated on X that with the freeze under Article 81 set to end after the first Census conducted post-2026, the forthcoming Census exercise would reset seat distribution purely based on population, potentially leading to a steep decline in representation for the southern, northeastern, and other smaller States.

Deputy Chief Minister



N. Chandrababu Naidu

K. Pawan Kalyan also expressed regret that the "historic opportunity" to strengthen women's representation in India's legislatures had been deliberately blocked by the Opposition. He noted on X that the Opposition's stance made it clear that they lacked the intent to support transformative reforms that strengthen India's democracy and empower women.

Hyderabad theatre icon Babban Khan passes away

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Hyderabad's noted theatre personality Babban Khan, best known for creating the iconic play *Adrak ke Panje*, passed away on April 17, after being in critical condition for nearly a week.

Babban Khan was a prominent figure in the city's cultural landscape and was widely regarded for his contribution to Urdu and Dakhani theatre.



Babban Khan entered the Guinness Book of Records in 1984 edition of UK. FILE PHOTO

Babban Khan's mortal remains were laid to rest at a graveyard in Shantinagar

Centre played a deceptive game, says Karnataka CM

Siddaramaiah accuses Union government of insulting and betraying women; says presenting a Bill abruptly and expecting full support to it from the Opposition is disrespect to democratic process

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In a sharp critique on the Centre's defeated Women's Reservation Bill, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of staging a "deceptive political drama", and called it an "insult to and betrayal of" women nationwide.

In a strongly worded statement, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Centre convened a special session of Parliament in haste and held what he described as a token discussion to ensure the Bill's failure.

On an issue as significant as political reserva-



tion for women, who constituted nearly half the country's population, he said the Prime Minister ought to have held wider consultations with Opposition parties and senior women leaders across sectors.

Presenting the Bill abruptly and expecting unconditional support from

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SIDDARAMAIAH
Karnataka Chief Minister

Opposition parties, he argued, amounted to "disrespect not only to women but also to democratic processes".

Long-term advocate

Reiterating the Congress's position, the Chief Minister stated that it had consistently advocated for women's political reservation,

regardless of its position in power.

He cited 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments introduced under former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, which ensured 33% reservation for women in local bodies.

Mr. Siddaramaiah questioned the delay in implementing the law, noting that the Bill had already been passed by Parliament in 2023.

"If the intention was genuine, why delay implementation for three years?" he asked, alleging that the move was politically motivated and driven by electoral considerations in States such as Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Judge urges Karnataka govt. to reinvest court revenue

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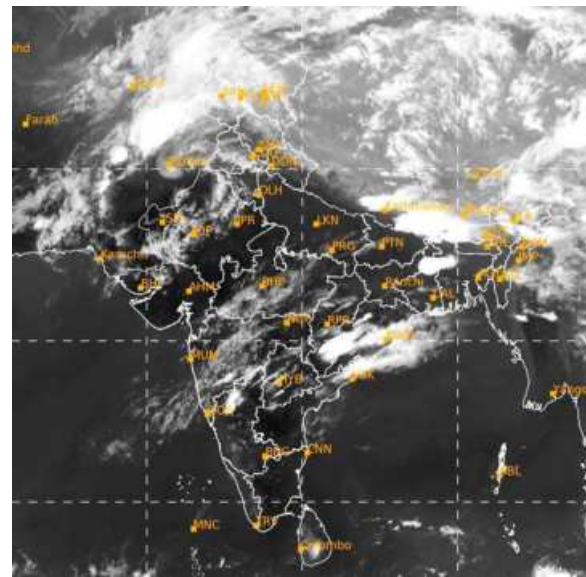
In a rare public nudge to the Executive, Justice Aravind Kumar of the Supreme Court, on Saturday highlighted a fiscal disparity in Karnataka's judicial funding in the past three years, while urging Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to direct officials to allocate at least 75% to 80% of court-collected revenue back for the judiciary's infrastructure.

Speaking at the 22nd biennial State-level conference of judicial officers here, Justice Kumar noted that the State exchequer annually received ₹376 crore, ₹439 crore and ₹470 crore from 2023-24 to 2025-26, in forms. However, the government allocated only between ₹40 lakh and ₹1.4 crore during this period, other than the non-salary allocation for the judiciary.

"This means it is peanuts compared to the revenue received," Justice Kumar observed. He lamented that while litigation had surged from 17 lakh cases in 2023 to 22 lakh in 2025, government officials paid "slow attention" to judiciary proposals and often approve reduced demands. He cited that against a request for 666 staff for the Karnataka High Court's three Benches, only 230 were sanctioned; similarly, district judiciary requests for 680 staff were cut to 400.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka. Hot and humid weather likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala.....		34.9.....	26.2	Kozhikode.....	.....	37.3.....	29.2
Ahmedabad.....		41.8.....	26.0	Kurnool.....	.....	43.8.....	29.2
Aizawl.....		32.3.....	20.5	Lucknow.....	.....	41.0.....	24.0
Allahabad.....		43.2.....	24.6	Madurai.....	.....	39.0.....	25.6
Bengaluru.....		36.4.....	23.9	Mangaluru.....	.....	33.4.....	26.9
Bhopal.....		41.4.....	23.4	Mumbai.....	.....	34.3.....	25.1
Bhubaneswar.....		36.7.....	28.0	Mysuru.....	.....	37.0.....	22.8
Chandigarh.....		40.0.....	19.4	New Delhi.....	12.....	39.5.....	19.8
Chennai.....		36.6.....	28.4	Patna.....	.....	39.6.....	27.4
Coimbatore.....		38.6.....	25.6	Port Blair.....	.....	31.8.....	25.5
Dehradun.....		37.5.....	19.0	Puducherry.....	.....	34.5.....	27.6
Gangtok.....	34.....	18.5.....	14.2	Pune.....	.....	41.1.....	25.1
Goa.....		34.5.....	25.5	Raipur.....	.....	43.2.....	29.7
Guwahati.....		31.0.....	23.2	Ranchi.....	.....	38.8.....	22.0
Hubballi.....		38.0.....	22.0	Shillong.....	4.....	21.5.....	14.1
Hyderabad.....		40.4.....	28.2	Shimla.....	.....	30.2.....	17.5
Imphal.....	0.3.....	29.3.....	16.3	Srinagar.....	.....	14.....	15.8.....
Jaipur.....		40.8.....	25.4	Thiruvananthapuram.....	.....	35.8.....	26.9
Kochi.....		33.8.....	28.8	Tiruchi.....	.....	38.9.....	26.6
Kohima.....		22.7.....	14.5	Vijayawada.....	.....	39.0.....	27.2
Kolkata.....		36.4.....	27.6	Visakhapatnam.....	.....	33.2.....	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	
Ahmedabad	87	49	34	110	173		In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bymahal
Bengaluru	12	75	20	67	106		Meghalaya recorded an
Chennai	5	4	34	63	49		overall air quality index
Delhi	25	82	53	174	245		(AQI) score of 280
Hyderabad	2	8	27	78	106		indicating an unhealthy
Kolkata	7	48	33	54	92		level of pollution. In
Lucknow	13	54	51	262	152		contrast, Puducherry
Mumbai	3	14	54	44	139		recorded a healthy AQI
Pune	36	61	55	63	101		score of 21
Visakhapatnam	33	44	16	23	81		

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Focus on Irrum Manzil on World Heritage Day

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Marking World Heritage Day 2026, the Quli Qutub Shah Urban Development Authority organised a clean-up and treasure hunt event at the historic Irrum Manzil Palace on Saturday in collaboration with the Roads and Buildings Depa-

rtment and Deccan Archive. The initiative brought renewed attention to the heritage structure, drawing participation from more than 60 volunteers. Special Chief Secretary of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development department, Jayesh Ranjan, highlighted Irrum Manzil's historical significance.

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APPENDIX - IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6) & Rule 9(1)]
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6) AND RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 (RULES)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to M/s Heritage Finlease Ltd, Hyderabad the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is, As is What is and Whatever there is" basis on 08.05.2026 for recovery of Rs.2,85,18,10/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten Only) as on 09.02.2026+ interest due from 10.02.2026 + incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Heritage Finlease Limited, Hyderabad Secured Creditor from Borrowers M/s Validus Projects, rep by its Managing Partner Tumula Siva Prasad, 1) M/s Validus Projects, 2) Mr. Siva Prasad Tumula, S/o, Venkateswara Rao Tumula, (Managing Partner/M/s Validus Projects) 3) Mr. Manthana Anil Chakravathy, S/o, Gandhiraju Manthana, (Partner/M/s Validus Projects) 4) Mr. Yerneni Murari S/o, Nagendra Nath Yerneni, (late) (Partner/M/s Validus Projects) 5) Mr. Yerneni Venkata Nagesh, S/o, Nagendra Nath Yerneni, (late) (Partner/M/s Validus Projects) 6) Smt. Manthana Devi, D/o Manthana Gandhi Raju (Borrowers) (Partner/M/s Validus Projects) Description of Immovable properties, Reserve price, EMD to be deposited, Auction date & timings and Bid increment amounts are mentioned here below:

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1. [M/s Jay Ess Associates (Prop: Sri Venkat Vasarla S/o Sri V. Suryanarayana)	Reserve Price
Property ID: SBIN9092079622: All that Piece and Parcel of House bearing municipal No.5-4-1304/3, constructed on plot no 258, admeasuring an area of 161.87 square yards (as per mortgage deed document dated 22.03.2022) having a plinth area of 1008 square feet with RCC roofing in Survey No.49/A/1 and 50/A/1 in Sharda Nagar Colony situated at Sahabnagar Kalan Village, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District under Ward No.5, Block No.4 of GHMC LB Nagar Circle III, under registration sub district Vanasthalipuram and bounded by: North: Plot No.259, East: 25 Feet Wide Road, South: Plot No.257, West: Plot No.282	Rs. 94,00,000/-
Total Dues as on 16.04.2026: Rs.1,23,44,937.00 and interest from 16.04.2026, till closure of all loan accounts along with incidental expenses and legal costs, on actual basis, present and future, if any.	EMD: Rs.9,40,000/-
Securitization Application (SA) filed and pending at DRT I, Hyderabad vide SA No.465/2024, filed on 03.12.2024. The present stage is mentioned as pending in DRT web site. Sale Certificate is subject to final order outcome in the subject matter by the competent Court / Tribunal.	Bid Increment Amount: Rs.10,000/-
2. [M/s D-Crafts Dental Lab, Partners: Mr. Yalamanchi Srinivas S/o Sri Y Nageshwar Rao and Yalamanchi Narmili D/o Sri Y Srinivas]	Reserve Price
Property ID: SBIN90919675223: All that part and parcel of Residential Flat No.303, Third Floor, in the building complex "Anthali Enclave" on Plot No.20 Part and 21, in Survey No.148/Part, (as per link document 148/A), covered by HUDA Layout Permit No.8/MP2/PLG/H/05 and File No.5731/MP2/HUDA/2004 in Gangasthan, situated at Dollapally Village under Kompally Municipality, Dundigudi, Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District with built up area 1135 sq ft., including common area along with UDS of land to an extent of 38 Sq yards., out 897 Sq.Yards standin in the name of Yalamanchi Srinivas and ownership converted to him vide Registered Sale Deed 2874/2022 dated 24.02.2022. Boundaries of the Flat No.303: North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No.304, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky.	Rs. 41,00,000/-
Total Dues as on 16.04.2026: Rs.59,06,193.00 and interest from 16.04.2026, till closure of all loan accounts along with incidental expenses and legal costs, on actual basis, present and future, if any.	EMD: Rs. 4,10,000/-
MA 17/ 2026 filed on 18.12.2025 is pending at DRT I, Hyderabad. The present stage is mentioned as pending in DRT web site. Sale Certificate is subject to final order outcome in the subject matter by the competent Court / Tribunal.	Bid Increment Amount: Rs.10