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That Developing Countries Are Being Unnecessarily Blamed For Carbon Emissions And That The Per Capita Carbon Emissions “Prime Minister Modi “

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice National Bureau Chief New Delhi September 19: That Developing Countries Are Being Unnecessarily Blamed For Carbon Emissions And That The Per Capita Carbon Emissions “Prime Minister Modi said today International Environment Conference In Delhi inaugurated and speech The International Conference on Environment and Climate has begun in the national capital Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two-day international conference titled 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics' at Vigyan Bhavan on Saturday. The conference is being organized by the National

Green Tribunal (NCT) on September 19 and 20. Eminent judges and legal representatives from 17 countries, including India, are participating in this international conference. Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister said that the 'PM Suryagarh' scheme has been successful and solar panels have been installed for 50 lakh houses. He said that India is providing solutions to modern climate challenges. He also said that the world's longest train is in India. He said that the EV revolution is due in India. Modi said that developing countries are being unnecessarily blamed for carbon emissions, and that the per capita carbon emissions of developed



countries are six times higher than India. The conference will discuss extensively on the environmental and climate challenges faced by the world, identify shortcomings in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of environmental policies, and share experiences on policies and best practices followed in various countries. Technical sessions are being held at the conference on topics such as climate justice, biodiversity, environmental laws, renewable energy, forest conservation, and environmental governance.

To Warangal Airport “Specify the Name “CM Revanth Reddy

Yamsani SAI State Bureau Chief Warangal September 19: The process of establishing Mamunur Airport is in full swing after the post of former CM Revanth Reddy. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has asked for suggestions on what name to give to the new Ramanna Airport in Mamunur. The Chief Minister expressed happiness that the dream of a world-class airport in Warangal is about to be realized. The CM posted articles in the newspapers on the active processes underway for the establishment of Mamunur Airport. The steps taken to set up the Mamunur Airport in Warangal have reached a crucial stage. The Airport Authority of India has decided to undertake the construction work in 3 packages, going beyond the stages of land acquisition and technical review from

the permits. It is known that tenders have already been called separately for the work of 2 packages and the process has been completed. BRS has been in power for ten years. CM Revanth Reddy who said that the dream of Warangal Airport could not be realized, said that the party leaders only focused on their family interests and luxurious houses. He made it clear that finally, under the rule of Congress, the dream of Warangal Airport is now being realized. The Telangana state government has allocated Rs. 295 crore for the acquisition of land for Mamunur Airport and has also acquired unnecessary land. He stated that the dream is taking shape at the ground level with the handover of 5 ports to the Port Authority of India. Revanth Reddy described it as not just an



airport but a new gateway for industries, tourism, education and jobs. Those eagerly waiting to travel from the Warangal Mamunur Airport, which will stand as a new symbol of a developing and connected Telangana state. Environmental clearances are the reason for the delay. Revanth Reddy during his recent visit to Delhi, he met Union Minister Kamal Naidu. He requested that the remaining work on the

Mamunur Airport be completed at the earliest. Rammohan Naidu responded positively and said that the airport review was held with the authority officials. The issue of environmental permits also came up for discussion. In the wake of the AAI officials having already submitted the application with the relevant documents, they said that the 58 process should be completed quickly.

Stay Alert Amidst Heavy Rains “Clear Drains Immediately... “Focus specially on Traffic Management “Respond Swiftly to Emergencies CS Sanjay Jaju

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 19: Following the Chief Minister's directives regarding heavy rain warnings, State Chief Secretary Sri Sanjay Jaju reviewed the situation with concerned officials. He assessed the precautionary measures and preparedness undertaken in light of the rains with commissioners of the three municipal corporations within the Core Urban Region and senior police officials. The Chief Secretary directed officials and staff to remain fully alert in areas likely to be heavily affected by the rains. He instructed them to con-



tinuously monitor main roads, low-lying areas, and drainage systems, and to immediately clear drains in areas prone to water stagnation. He emphasized the need for appropriate measures to

Command and Control Centre, moderate rains accompanied by thunderstorms are likely in parts of Ranga Reddy, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Nagarjun Sagar, Nalgonda, and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts due to the heavy rains. Relevant officials and field staff have been advised to remain extra vigilant, as surface winds with speeds of up to 40 kmph are likely. The Chief Secretary directed all departments to work in coordination to continuously monitor the rainfall situation and provide necessary assistance to the public.

prevent traffic disruptions and directed all departments to work in coordination to ensure a swift response to any emergencies. According to information from the Telangana Integrated

Free Police Job Training for Youth in Nirmal “Training Classes to Begin from September 28 “Programme Conducted with the Support of District Collector Bhavesh Mishra “District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS“

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Nirmal September 19: District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, said that the Police Department, with the support of District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, will conduct a free pre-recruitment training programme for unemployed youth preparing for competitive examinations for police jobs. “The SP said that the training classes will commence in Nirmal from Monday, September

28. Candidates who have applied for Police Constable and Sub-Inspector (SI) posts will be provided training in various subjects related to the competitive examinations, along with guidance on the examination pattern and preparation methods. Interested candidates who have applied for police jobs are advised to contact the SHO of their respective police station, submit their biodata and enroll in the training programme. The complete details re-



garding the training can be obtained from the concerned police station, she said. The training classes will be conducted from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The District SP urged the youth of Nirmal district who are aspiring to secure police jobs to make the most of this free training opportunity, undergo the training with discipline and dedication, and achieve the best possible results in the competitive examinations.

Resolution of ‘22A’ Issues Soon “GOs Issued for 2 Out of 12 Issues So Far Good News Expected on Further Issues“ Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 19: State Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the public will soon receive good news regarding the resolution of land-related issues in the state, in line with the statement made by Honorable Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the Legislative Assembly. He stated that the government is focusing on the 12 issues announced in the Assembly and is fulfilling them in a phased manner; as part of this process, GO 118 addressing colony-related issues and GO 76 regarding the regularization of house sites in the Singareni region have already been issued. Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, accompanied by fellow ministers Ponnampati Prabhakar and Azharuddin as well as other public representatives, distributed certificates to beneficiaries at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium regarding the regularization of houses across 44 colonies in the LB Nagar constituency. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that, in line with the vision of Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy, plans are being formulated to transform this area into a world-class region. He announced that 'Bhu-Aadhar' cards similar to Aadhaar cards would be issued to resolve farmers' issues in rural areas, and assured that the grievances of the people in this area would also be addressed. He remarked that while they cannot respond to every question raised by the opposition, public service remains their primary priority. He recalled that the issue of land-related problems had been discussed at length in the Legislative Assembly recently. He further stated that, following the Chief Minister's directives and addressing 12 specific points, the issues faced by residents in 44 out of the 64 colonies in the Saroornagar constituency have been resolved. He stated that today, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy fulfilled the promise he made while serving as the MP for Malkajgiri to implement GO 118 for the residents of the LB Nagar constituency. He emphasized that, prioritizing public welfare and setting aside partisan considerations, clear instructions have been is-



sued to the District Collectors to address the issues facing the 44 local colonies. He clarified that despite restrictive orders from the previous government, the current administration would resolve the matter and regularize the homes within a month, assuring that no houses would be demolished. He announced that, leveraging GO 118, the issues faced by additional residents in the Medchal-Ranga Reddy districts would also be resolved within the month. Noting that the colonies in this area had long been classified under the '22-A' category, he indicated that the government would soon share good news regarding this classification. He mentioned that the 22-A provision had been in effect since the days of the united Andhra Pradesh state and was open to review, but alleged that some individuals were exploiting the situation to spread misinformation.

He stated that government orders resolving the issue were expected within a week and issued instructions from the platform to address registration problems and the concerns of those who had not yet submitted applications. It was announced that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would soon share good news regarding this matter. The Minister stated that G.O. 76, concerning the regularization of housing plots in the Singareni region, is set to be implemented and that a three-member committee has been constituted for this purpose. He further revealed that the land-related issues would be fully resolved within the next 45 days. L.B. Nagar and Ibrahimpatnam MLAs D. Sudheer Reddy and Malreddy Ranga Reddy, along with L.B. Nagar Congress party in-charge Madhu Yashki Goud and others, participated in the event.



What if you don't understand the concerns of pensioners?

Two and a half years after coming to power it is strange that the Revanth government has not yet understood the grievances of employees, teachers and pensioners. The role of employees is crucial in the smooth functioning of the government. The promises made to such employees in the Congress manifesto during the 2023 elections have not been fulfilled so far. In this context, the state leadership of TGEJAC, which has 207 unions, has not only launched a Mahadharna to achieve their rights, but also announced a movement to pacify the JAC leaders by making four promises. But since these promises have not been implemented so far, a Mahadharna program has been announced at the LB Stadium on September 10. Seeing the intensity of the movement and based on the intelligence report, the Chief Minister decided not to hold a grand dharna and wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary of the government to hold talks on the 18th of this month and to submit the VRC report to the PRC Chairman, postponing the dharna. Later, the talks scheduled for the 17th and 18th were postponed to the 21st. All we ask is that the PRC, which should be implemented from July 1, 2023, be implemented! This is not a demand of Gonthemma. We are entitled to what we deserve as a fair and just cause! As per the promise you made in the Congress manifesto, you said that you would implement the PRC within six months of coming to power. That promise has been implemented for three years now. Otherwise, what does it mean? When will cashless health care be available? During the discussions held on the 9th of this month, a letter was written to the PRC Chairman to submit a report. But you have not ordered the report to be submitted yet. Therefore, the report could not be submitted. 6 DAs are pending till July 2026. There are no cases of so many DAs pending in any state in the country so far. Therefore, as per the promise given, we demand that five DAs be paid immediately. The promise of implementing cashless medicine in all corporate hospitals as soon as you come to power, without implementing it for at least three years, and finally collecting 1.5 percent contribution from the salaries and pensions of employees, teachers, and pensioners for four months, and still not providing cashless medicine in all corporate hospitals, it is assumed that you do not care at all about the health of the employees. Retirement arrears are still pending. Since March 2024, the retirement dues of the employees who have retired have not been paid in full. Similarly, all the pending bills of the employees are not being paid. Therefore, we demand that 2000 be paid every month. What is the guarantee that you will abolish the Contribution Pension Scheme (CPS) and implement the old pension system as soon as you come to power? Why is it not being implemented in our state even though it is being implemented in some states? Nearly 13 lakh employees, teachers and pensioners in the state are waiting for the leaders of the Employment JAC to discuss all these in detail in the discussions postponed on the 21st and achieve fair demands. If the talks fail on the 21st, there will be a movement. If the talks with the government fail on the 21st, the JAC leaders should immediately formulate an action plan, give a strike notice to the government, and announce the movement by penning down the employees and giving mass holidays to schools. The way we did the 42-day strike for the achievement of Telangana state, we should strike in the same way and make the main demands, such as 51 percent fitment of PRC, five DAs for the achievement, cashless medicine should be implemented properly in all hospitals, retirement arrears and pending bills of employees should be paid at the rate of Rs. 2000 crore, and CPN should be cancelled. 13 lakh people are demanding. Guarantees should be implemented. The promises you made in the Congress.

Kaleshwaram, Tummidihatti projects rock Telangana Assembly amid El Nino debate

The Telangana Assembly witnessed heated exchanges over Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects during an El Nino debate, with the BJP demanding action on irrigation and barrage repairs. Ministers blamed the previous BRS government and sought Central assistance to tackle the water crisis.

Hyderabad: The Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects rocked the Assembly on Friday during a debate on El Nino remedial measures, with heated exchanges between the ruling Congress and BJP over the delay in restoring the Kaleshwaram barrages or constructing the Tummidihatti project even after 33 months of the Congress government.

BJP floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy accused the government of using El Nino to cover up its failures and urged it to stop blaming the previous BRS regime. He demanded immediate steps to utilise Godavari river water, fill reservoirs and tanks and either restore Kaleshwaram or take up the Tummidihatti project. He questioned the delay in acting on the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report and sought a clear timeline for barrage repairs.

Intervening during the discussion, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy attributed the drought situation to the 10-year BRS rule as well as El Nino. He maintained that the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages were unsafe for storing water and not fit for use, and the government could not risk public safety by operating them.

He said the BJP floor leader was misleading the House on the NDSA report, reiterating that the restoration



works were delayed only as per the recommendations of the NDSA. He demanded that BJP leaders take the initiative in convincing both the Centre and the Maharashtra government for speedy construction of the Tummidihatti project.

BJP MLA Palvai Harish Babu said the Congress had failed to resolve irrigation problems in its 33 months in office. Referring to the government's assessment that the State had only 462 TMCft against a project storage capacity of 808 TMCft, he questioned why Pranahita river water, which received around 607 TMCft of inflows since January, was not being utilised.

Another BJP MLA, Payal Shankar, urged implementation of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana to provide relief to farmers. He also wanted the State Level Bankers Meeting convened to consider deferment of agricultural loan collections in view of the El Nino crisis.

CPI floor leader Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao cautioned against turning El Nino into a political blame game. While acknowledging problems with Kaleshwaram, he urged the government to explore immediate alternatives, complete pending works and consider small link canals connecting available Godavari and Krishna waters. He also sought crop-loss compensation and coordinated assistance from the Centre.

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said 17 districts had recorded rainfall deficits of 20 to 46 per cent and sought greater Central assistance to tackle the crisis.

Ministers D Seethakka and Ponnampal Prabhakar stated that El Nino was a world-wide phenomenon and the Congress government in Telangana alone could not provide relief to people. They blamed the Centre's failure to provide any relief measures, including financial assistance.

During the five-hour marathon debate, the Congress government sought to explain Telangana's worsening water situation by blaming the previous BRS regime for the crisis, even as Ministers offered assurances that the State was prepared to tackle the impact of El Nino. The government said it was monitoring reservoirs, protecting drinking water supplies and planning for the next agricultural season, but offered no comprehensive relief plan.

Government Masking Failures With El Nino: BJP



HYDERABAD: BJP Legislative Party leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy on Friday accused the Telangana government of trying to cover up its failures by blaming El Nino for the problems faced by farmers.

He said ministers should stop making speeches and give clear answers to farmers. He asked why the government failed to act despite receiving warnings six months in advance, and questioned the status of the expert committee report, constituted at a cost of ₹802 crore, asking how many of its recommendations had been implemented.

Maheshwar Reddy sought details of the contingency plan for the supply of seeds and water for alternative crops. He alleged that farmers were receiving only six to eight hours of power despite the promise of 24-hour free electricity.

He asked whether the government's alleged dues of ₹35,000 crore to discoms and ₹64,000 crore to Singareni were responsible for the power crisis.

The BJP leader also criticised the delay in repairing the Kaleshwaram project and questioned the functioning of pumps at Devadula, Nattampadu and Kalwakurthy. He demanded an inquiry into possible maintenance lapses.

Maheshwar Reddy demanded compensation of at least ₹15,000 per acre for farmers and implementation of the prom-

ised ₹12,000 assistance for farm labourers. He urged the government to declare eight mandals drought-hit, make full use of Godavari waters, fill reservoirs and take strict action against those responsible for irrigation project failures.

Danam Welcomes Verdict, Ready to Face Electorate

Hyderabad: Khairatabad legislator Danam Nagender's disqualification took a curious turn on Friday with his welcoming the High Court verdict and expressing his readiness to seek re-election.

If the High Court order prevails, it will be the second time that Nagender would pay the price for switching parties, though the first instance in 2004 was of his own making. However, Nagender was not debarred from contesting again, as his disqualification was not due to conviction in any criminal case but on the grounds of anti-party activities.

Nagender sought to give the impression that he was not considering an appeal in the Supreme Court, while the Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) described the verdict as a slap on the Congress' face. They also demanded that all other BRS legislators who had defected to the Congress should resign and seek re-election.

Both the parties announced that they would file a caveat in the Supreme Court as there was a chance of either Nagender or Speaker G. Prasada Kumar filing a special leave petition challenging the High Court order. BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy and BJP Legislature Party leader A. Maheshwar Reddy, petitioners in the case, hailed the verdict, in separate press conferences, as a "landmark judgment" that safeguarded democracy and the rule of law.

Speaking to mediapersons after the court ruling, Nagender said electoral battles were not new to him and he would face the electorate once again. Though he did not respond to queries on which party ticket he would seek re-election, Nagender said approaching the apex court was not on the agenda as of now.

Sources in the Congress, however, dismissed Nagender's initial reaction as a strategy to put the onus of defending his membership by challenging Friday's verdict on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Speaker Prasada Kumar, who was made a respondent in the case by the petitioners. Nagender's strained relationship with the Chief Minister was evident from his recent moves including referring to Revanth Reddy as Chandrashekar Rao, and making it appear as a faux pas, at a recent public meeting and attacking the government over shortage of power and water in the city during the ongoing Assembly session. "There is no doubt that there is some gap between him and the CM," sources said.

In 2004, Nagender was denied a Congress ticket to contest from Asifnagar due to differences with the then PCC president D. Srinivas. Though Nagender was a staunch follower of then-Chief Minister, the late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the latter did not intervene. Nagender was offered the Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat but he refused to accept the 'B Form', alleging that some PCC leaders had demanded a bribe from him for his nomination.

Nagender immediately afterwards joined the Telugu Desam and won the Asifnagar segment with a thumping majority. He, however, resigned within months and contested on a Congress ticket in the bypoll but lost to the All India Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen.

Education Secretary Yogita Rana To Present Telangana's Literacy Reforms At UNGA Week

HYDERABAD: Education secretary Dr Yogita Rana will present the state's work on foundational literacy and numeracy reforms during UN General Assembly week in New York, where she has been invited to speak at a ministerial breakfast on September 21.

The invitation was jointly extended by the Global Schools Forum and Lighthouse Coalition, according to an education department statement. The breakfast session, titled "Government Partnerships, Systems Change and Literacy Reform", is scheduled from 8 am to 10 am.

Dr Rana will speak about Telangana's experience with foundational literacy norms reforms, learning outcomes and system-level changes in school education. Representatives from Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Cambodia, international education organisations and GSF members are expected to attend.

Her programme also includes a networking engagement on September 20 and the Education House conference on September 22.

The department said discussions would cover education leadership, middle-management structures and exchange of practices between governments and organisations.



"It Is Everyone's Responsibility To Bring The Judicial System Closer To The People And Accelerate The Resolution Of Pending Cases - Says High Court Judge Justice E.V. Venugopal

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September 19 : It Is Everyone's Responsibility To Bring The Judicial System Closer To The People And Accelerate The Resolution Of Pending Cases,"Says High Court Judge Justice E.V. Venugopal.Said. High Court Judges Justice E.V. Venugopal, Justice N. Rajeshwara Rao, and Justice B.R. Madhusudana Rao inaugurated the Junior Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate of First Class court building at the mandal headquarters on Saturday. Inauguration of the new court in Maripeda; speedy justice must be delivered to the public through Bar-Bench coordination: Honorable Judge. The inauguration ceremony of the new court in Maripeda was conducted grandly. Speaking on the occasion, Justice E.V. Venugopal stated that it is everyone's responsibility to bring the judiciary closer to the people and expedite the resolution of pending cases. He emphasized that coordination between the Bar and the Bench is crucial for the judiciary to function effectively. He advised every lawyer presenting arguments to act as an "Officer of the Court," cooperate with the court, and comprehensively present legal aspects. He noted that judges examine every case with great care, study the legal points, and then make decisions. He also suggested that lawyers should understand court rulings

with a broad perspective. On this occasion, he shared an experience regarding a case he had handled during his time as a practicing lawyer. He stated that after thoroughly studying the court's verdict, he identified a crucial point he had failed to raise during the arguments. He used this experience to highlight the importance of continuous study and introspection within the legal profession."Constitutional Rights Must Reach Every one" He emphasized that the responsibility of ensuring equal access to the fundamental rights and legal protections guaranteed by the Indian Constitution lies not only with the judiciary, the bar, and the executive but also with every citizen. He stressed the need to bring the spirit of Articles 14, 19, 21, and 51A of the Constitution closer to the people. He suggested that the judiciary and the executive should work in coordination to ensure that legal protection and welfare services reach vulnerable sections of society, children in care homes, and others in need."Priority on Judicial Infrastructure Development" The Honorable Judge noted that adequate court buildings, staff, technological facilities, and other infrastructure are essential to effectively manage the increasing workload on the judiciary." He also pointed out the need to establish appropriate judicial infrastructure for the

new districts following the district reorganization. He requested the necessary cooperation from both the Central and State governments regarding this matter. He emphasized the urgent need for a full-fledged district court building for Mahabubabad district, which was formed after separating from Warangal district. He stated that steps are underway to ensure the foundation stone for the Mahabubabad district court building is laid soon by the Honorable Chief Justice. He noted that this event would require coordination among the District Collector, police officials, judicial officers, and other relevant departments. "Appreciation for the District Collector's Efforts" The judge commended the District Collector for her commitment to developing judicial infrastructure and providing better services to the public. He also acknowledged her efficient handling of programs during the Chief Minister's recent visit to the district. He expressed his gratitude to the District Collector, district police officials, PDJ Murali Mohan, other judges, court staff, Bar Association presidents, lawyers, and concerned officials for their cooperation in establishing the Maripeda court. He extended special appreciation to the members of the Maripeda Bar Association, lawyers, officials, and the public for their large-scale participation, which made the

event a success. He expressed the hope that, through Bar-Bench coordination, the Maripeda court would evolve into a center that delivers prompt and effective justice to the people. Judges N. Rajeshwar Rao and B.R. Speaking on the occasion, Madhusudana Rao expressed happiness over the inauguration of the court building in the district and emphasized the need to provide immediate legal services to everyone. He spoke about the significance of establishing a court in the historically important town of Maripeda and recalled his own experiences in the district. Earlier, Government Whip Dr. Jatothu Ramachandru Naik, District Collector Sneha Shabarish, and SP Dr. Shabarish welcomed the judges at the R&B Guest House, exchanged pleasantries, and presented them with bouquets. The event was attended by Principal, Senior, and Junior Judges including D.K. Muralimohan, Shalini Shakelli, Swathi Murali, Krishna Tej, Dheeraj Kumar, Jeevan Kumar, Mahathi Vaishnavi, Akhila, Dileep Kumar Naik, Surya Chandrakala, Cyan Lal, Chande Sharada Devi, and Jyothsna along with District Collector and Magistrate Sneha Shabarish, SP Dr. Shabarish, Bar Association presidents and secretaries, senior advocates, and members of the public.



Arrangements for Ganesh Immersion at Damsalapuram Tank – District Collector Diwakara T.S.

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September 19: Precautions must be taken to prevent electrical accidents during the transportation of Ganesh idols, and robust security measures must be implemented for the immersion. The District Collector and the Police Commissioner inspected the immersion arrangements at Damsalapuram Tank on-site."District Collector Diwakara T.S. directed officials to make foolproof arrangements to ensure the Ganesh immersion proceedings take place in a peaceful atmosphere. On Saturday, he inspected the immersion arrangements at Damsalapuram Tank (within the Khammam Corporation limits) alongside Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt, Khammam Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Agastya, and Additional Collector

P. Srinivasa Reddy. The Collector provided guidelines to officials regarding necessary amenities, traffic control, and other aspects related to the immersion. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Diwakara T.S. stated that arrangements, complete with all necessary facilities, are being made to conduct the Ganesh festivities in Khammam district on a grand scale and without any difficulties. He advised officials from all departments to work in coordination and implement stringent security measures, given the likelihood of a large number of devotees arriving for the immersion. Given the water levels in the tank, officials were ordered to keep barricades, expert swimmers, cranes, boats, and safety equipment ready. Instructions were issued to install warning

boards in hazardous areas, ensure continuous police monitoring, and arrange adequate lighting for immersions taking place at night. Plans for traffic control, parking, and entry-exit routes must be finalized in advance to ensure emergency vehicles face no obstruction. Measures must be taken to transport tall Ganesh idols to immersion sites without difficulty; this requires advance planning regarding routes, traffic management, police security, and transport arrangements. Facilities such as drinking water, sanitation, and medical aid must be made available to devotees, and departments including Police, Revenue, Municipal, Electricity, Health, Fire, and Irrigation must coordinate to ensure the immersion proceeds peacefully and safely. Special precau-

tions are required to prevent electric shock accidents during the transportation of idols, and proactive safety measures must be implemented to eliminate the risk of short circuits. The Collector urged everyone to exercise self-restraint to ensure a peaceful immersion process and called upon festival committee members to extend full cooperation to police officials. Additionally, instructions were given to set up medical camps at every immersion point and to ensure the availability of 108 ambulances and anti-venom for snakebites. He directed that sanitation staff be deployed in shifts at immersion points to ensure continuous cleanliness. He stated that additional crane operators and mechanics for crane repairs should be kept available at the

immersion sites. He instructed that the cranes be ready by 6:00 AM on the day of immersion and that tree branches obstructing the movement of idols be trimmed beforehand. He also directed the deployment of an adequate number of expert swimmers in shifts at the immersion points, emphasizing the need to consult with them in advance regarding their duty schedules. He called for the advance preparation of route maps for the immersion procession and urged all departments and festival committees to work in coordination to ensure the event's success. District Fisheries Officer Mallesham, Khammam RDO Srinivas, Khammam Urban Tahsildar Jayachander, officials from various departments, and others participated in the program.



Grand Chandi Homam Performed at Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi in Hanamkonda Katanguri Satyanarayana Reddy

Bureau Chief Hanamkonda September 19 : As part of the ongoing Sri Ganapathi Navaratri celebrations, a grand Ganapathi Sahitha Chandi Homam was solemnly performed today under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi, Hanamkonda. The sacred ritual was conducted by the eminent priestly team of Veda Tripura Peetham, under the scholarly guidance of Loke Ramu. The Vedic rituals were executed with traditional fervor by a team of distinguished priests, including Gattu Vineel Sharma, Vedantam Ramesh, Shishtla Praneeth, Rajesh wara Shastri, Dinesh Sharma, Lakshmi Narasimha Sharma, and Thummuri Rao. Following the conclusion of the holy rituals, Maha Annaprashadam (sacred food distribution) was organized for all the



attendees. The event witnessed active participation from the management and devotees. Among those present were Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi President Katanguri Satyanarayana Reddy, and active committee members Prabhu Chaitanya, Naveen Reddy, Surya, and KV Rao. Representing the women's wing, Matajis Sarojanamma, Anita, Lakshmi Devi, Shilpa, and Aruna attended the program. Youth wing volunteers Ramesh, Srikanth, and Naresh, along with Manda Sammaiah and over a hundred residents of the locality, participated in the event and received the blessings of the deity.

Leaders Pay Tribute to Sai Charan in Cheerlavancha

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Karimnagar September 19: Several leaders paid their last respects to the mortal remains of Sandhanala Sai Charan (23) son of Sandhanala Srinivas, the former Deputy Sarpanch of the Cheerlavancha R&R Colony following his passing. They consoled the family members and expressed their deepest condolences. Participants in the event included senior BRS leader Enugu Manohar Reddy,



CES Director Haricharan Rao, former ZPTC member Makala Ravi, former MPP Bura Vajramma-Babu, Sarpanches Muttha Sanjana-Mahesh and Uradi Sunitha Rajireddy, and former Sarpanches Rangu Sattavva-Ramulu, Kondapalli Venkataramana, Venkatesh, Bhaskar Goud, Nadigotla Hari Krishna, Srinivas Goud, Balaraju, and Srikanth, among others.

Shooting Ball Selection Trials

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Karimnagar, September 19. Syed Arif, President, and Mufazil, General Secretary of the United Shooting Ball Association (Karimnagar District), announced that the selection trials for the 45th Junior Shooting Ball Tournament (for boys and girls) will be held on the 21st of this month at St. Alphonsus High School. They stated that players selected during these trials would participate in the state-level competitions scheduled for October. Participants are advised to report at 9:00 AM with a photocopy of their Aadhaar card, a passport-size photograph, and an entry fee of ₹200.

Veleru Mandal Congress Party President undergoing treatment at MGM Hospital Consulted MLA Kadiya Srihari

Boddu Sharath Kumar Reporter Dharmasagar September 19: Dharma sagar Mandal Keshav nagar Village Mark seriously injured in attack by Italian criminals, treated at Warangal MGM hospital Congress Party President Former Deputy Chief Minister, Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari Garu consulted. MLA Kadiya Srihari Garu Laxman Nayak Health himself reached MGM hospital. Inquired about the situation from the doctors. Hospital superintendent and team of doctors to provide him better medical services suggested. Later he spoke to the victim and



his family members and expressed courage. Gave assurance that I will be fully committed both personally and party-wise. On this occasion, MLA Kadiyam Srihari Garu said... Such physical attacks in democracy. They called it a heinous act. It is clear that such violent incidents will not be tolerated in matters of politics or peace. Take strict action against the culprits, conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and immediately arrest the accused. Told the police officers to do so. "In this program, hospital superintendent, team of doctors, Congress party leaders, Activists and others participated.

New Approaches Needed in Mathematics Teaching

Bureau Chief Hanamkonda, September 19: Innovative teaching methods should be adopted to make mathematics easier, more interesting and engaging for students, said Prof. Malla Reddy, Chairman, Board of Studies, Department of Mathematics, Kakatiya University. He was speaking at the valedictory session of the state-level NTTS seminar organized by the Department of Mathematics, University Arts & Science College, Kakatiya University. Prof. Malla Reddy said that mathematics should not be taught merely as a subject confined to textbooks,

but should be presented through practical applications and real-life examples. He emphasized the need to adopt new approaches that would help students understand mathematical concepts easily and develop greater interest in the subject. "Prof. Sukumar of IIT Hyderabad said that the use of modern technological tools could make mathematics teaching more effective and engaging. He stated that digital resources and technology-based learning methods could help students understand complex mathematical concepts in a simple manner. "Prof. Gayatri of Pondicherry University stressed the importance



of active student participation in the classroom. She said that teachers should encourage students to interact, ask questions and participate actively in the learning process. "Vice-Principal S. M. Rehman said that teaching should focus on creating greater interest in mathematics among students. He emphasized the need to bring mathematics closer to students by adopting simple, practical and student-friendly teaching methods. "Dr. Nagaiah, Coordinator of the seminar, said that such seminars provide students with an opportunity to learn about new teaching methodologies and contemporary approaches in mathematics education. "Faculty members of the Department of Mathematics, including Dr. Anjan Rao, Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dr. Manjula and Dr. Srilakshmi, along with students, participated in the programme.

District-Level 'Yuva Tourism Clubs' Competitions A. Suresh, District Youth and Sports Officer

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Peddapalli September 19: Objective To foster awareness among students about tourism and cultural heritage. "Participation: Three students and one teacher per school/college." Prize s: Cash awards, mementos, and participation certificates for winners. District Youth and Sports Officer A. Suresh announced that district-level competitions for 'Yuva Tourism Clubs' will be held on September 26 at the Peddapalli Collectorate meeting hall. The initiative aims to raise awareness among students regarding

tourist destinations, cultural heritage, environmental conservation, and the significance of tourism in Telangana. He stated that three students and one teacher from each school or college in the district are eligible to participate. He further noted that five competition categories have been established: short film/reel competitions or social media tourism campaigns; tourism awareness skits, songs, dances, or plays; reports on lesser-known tourist destinations, forgotten arts, or handicrafts; community participation activities at popular tourist sites; and innovative ideas. Cash Prizes for

Winners "A. Suresh stated that winners who excel in the district-level competitions will be awarded cash prizes, along with mementos and participation certificates. He mentioned that in the school category, the first prize will be ₹15,000, the second prize ₹12,000, and the third prize ₹10,000. It was announced that cash prizes of ₹20,000, ₹15,000, and ₹12,000 would be awarded for the first, second, and third places, respectively, in the college category. Winners at the district level will be selected for the state-level competitions. District Youth and

Sports Officer A. Suresh requested schools and colleges wishing to participate to register their names either in person or by phone by 5:00 PM on September 23, 2026, at the District Youth and Sports Officer's office (Room No. 232, 1st Floor, IDOC Complex). He stated that the competitions would commence at 10:00 AM on September 26, and that participating students and teachers must arrive on time; arrangements for meals would be provided for the attendees. The officer further noted that for any additional details regarding the competitions, one may contact the number 9963960063.

Expedite Works Proposed Under 16th Finance Commission Funds Collector Dr. Satya Sharada reviews District Panchayat Development Plan

Dayyala Meena Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 19: District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada has directed officials to expedite the development works proposed in the district using 16th Finance Commission funds, ensuring compliance with regulations and the submission of comprehensive proposals and details. On Saturday, the Collector held a review meeting at the District Collectorate conference hall regarding works to be undertaken with 16th Finance Commission funds and the District Panchayat Development Plan (DPDP). During the meeting, officials briefed the Collector on the details of the proposed works across various mandals. The Collector instructed them to thoroughly examine the proposals, requirements, and related details, and to

prepare comprehensive proposals containing all necessary information. She also advised taking special measures for groundwater conservation in light of the impact of El Niño. Officials were directed to accelerate works related to soak pits, farm ponds, and rainwater harvesting under the 'Jalasiri' program, and to take measures to capture rainwater and boost groundwater levels. The Collector emphasized the need for systematic execution of works, prioritizing water conservation, groundwater replenishment, and the provision of essential infrastructure in rural areas. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada ordered officials to immediately initiate construction on 'Indiramma' housing projects that had not yet started. She instructed officials to coordinate with beneficiaries to facilitate the start of construction and to continuously monitor



ongoing projects to ensure their completion within the stipulated deadlines. Relevant officials were also directed to ensure there is no shortage of sand supply for the Indiramma housing projects. "The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Y.V. Ganesh, ZP CEO Vasantha, RWD EE Nirmala, Housing In-charge PD Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, DM&HO Dr. Raji Reddy, Additional Mandal Special Officers, MPDOs, Panchayat Raj engineering officials, Mission Bhagiratha officials, and others.

UK in four Pieces

Yamsani Srinivas New Delhi' September 19' Fiddington.. is a small village in the UK or Britain. The population here is 350. This hamlet does not want to remain in Britain. This matter was revealed in a recent referendum held in the village. This village, which has been an integral part of Britain since the beginning, now wants to separate from it and join Europe. Out of the 311 people who participated in the referendum, 285 of them made it clear through their vote that they want to separate from the UK (United Kingdom). In fact, this is not the only village. Three regions that are important parts of the United Kingdom are also trying. The regions of Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, which have been part of Britain for decades in terms of geography and administration, met three days ago and made a decision to this effect. Britain was known as the world's leading monarchical power until the end of the 19th century. At one stage, it controlled about 24 percent of the world's land area. It ruled over about 65 countries. That is why Britain was called the Empire on which the sun

never sets. However, the situation changed over time. Each country gained independence from British rule. However, 14 countries still continue to be British Overseas Territories. This means that these countries have their own governments.. But Britain oversees key defense and foreign affairs. It is noteworthy that the UK, which has such a glorious history, will split into smaller countries. To decide on this, the first ministers of the three countries recently met and signed an agreement that will give their regions self-determination as independent countries. They all spoke out for the right to self-determination so that they can decide their own future. If this agreement comes into force, the UK will be formed into the countries of Britain, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Since the governments of the regional parties that want independence from Britain are in power in all three countries that want separation, developments are taking place in favor of separation. The First Ministers of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland accused the Westminster government in London of neglecting the interests of

their regions at this meeting. They made it clear that local people should have the right to decide the future of their regions. The defeat of the UK's ruling Labour Party in the recent local elections has strengthened the argument of nationalist parties. On the other hand, the comments made by British Prime Minister Andy Burnham in Parliament have also fueled the dormant secession movement. In addition to Burnham's comments that he would hold another independence referendum if there is a clear change in public opinion in Scotland and Northern Ireland, US President Donald Trump's comments that Ireland may soon be unified are also considered signs of coming changes. The relationship between these three countries on the issue of separation is not only likely to break Britain but also completely reduce Britain's importance in the geopolitical, social and economic system. The fact that these three countries are trying to separate from the UK is not new. A referendum was held in Scotland in 2014. But at that time, the majority of Scottish people pre-

ferred to remain in Britain. However, in 2016, the UK left the European Union (EU). Although the majority of Scottish people voted in favor of remaining in the EU in the referendum held before that, the people of Scotland did not like the idea of the UK leaving the EU according to the will of the British people. In recent times, the rise of independence-seeking parties in Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland is increasing pressure on the UK. It is noteworthy that Scottish First Minister Swinney commented before the swearing-in that for the first time in the history of the UK, these countries are led by First Ministers who support independence. He said that there is no other option but to separate from the UK. Although these three regions are also countries, there are special reasons for behaving as the UK. Great Britain is geographically an island. It consists of England, Scotland, and Wales. In addition to these, Northern Ireland is also part of Britain, so they are collectively called the United Kingdom. The UK is the only member of the United Nations. In 1999, the British government

granted autonomy to these three countries. According to this, each country will take care of matters such as health, education, transport, police, environment, and medicine on its own. Defense, foreign affairs, national security, currency, taxes, and other matters are under the jurisdiction of the UK Parliament and Westminster. The people of these four countries have a British passport. These four teams participate separately in sports such as football, rugby, and cricket. However, in international sports such as the Olympics, they participate as a single team under the British flag. If Britain, which was defeated after World War II, is divided into four countries, it will lose its fifth place in the world's GDP as a single country. It may also lose its veto power in the United Nations.



Maha Annadanam under the Auspices of Sneha Youth Association

Bureau Chief Hanuma konda September 19: As part of the Ganapati Navratri celebrations A Maha Annadanam was organized at Raganna Darwaja under the auspices of Sneha Youth Association.State Youth Congress leader Vishnu Vardhan Reddy was the chief guest for this program.On this occasion,they visited the Ganesha idol and performed special pujas. With the blessings of Ganesha,they wished that all the people would live happily,happily,and that peace and prosperity would prevail in every family. They also advised the people of the colony to celebrate the festival with devotion and in a peaceful atmosphere.They asked the organizers about the puja programs and devotional programs being held at the Vinayaka Mandapam.They advised everyone to celebrate Vinayaka Chavithi in an



environmentally friendly manner, observing social responsibility along with devotion.Everyone should contribute their bit to environmental protection by promoting clay Vinayaka idols.Later,the Maha Annadanam program was inaugurated.Local Congress leaders like idol donor Kakti Veeraswamy,former corporator Thota Venkanna,Kakti Anand,Puppala Prabhakar,Kanuganti Shekhara,former councilor Gopu Saraiah,Cheekati Kishore,Cheekati Naveen, Cheekati Sambasiah,Cheekati Kranthi,Cheekati Kiran,Cheekati Kirti and others participated in this program.

Election schedule released for Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Khammam District Branch governing body members... Srinivas, Chief Planning Officer Election Officer

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Khammam, September 19. A. Srinivas, the Election Officer and District Chief Planning Officer, released the notice and schedule on Saturday for the election of governing body members for the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Khammam District Branch. He stated that the election process is being conducted under the directives of the Khammam District Collector. Elections will be held for a total of 15 district executive committee member positions, and the nomination fee has been fixed at ₹10,000 (non-refundable). Nominations will be accepted on the 24th of this month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the IDOC, Collectorate, Khammam. Scrutiny of

nominations is scheduled for the 25th of this month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Election Officer stated that the window for withdrawing nominations is scheduled for the 26th of this month, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and the final list of valid nominations will be announced after 3:00 PM on the same day. Candidates elected unopposed (in the absence of a contest) will be announced after 5:00 PM on the 26th. Polling will be held on October 4 (Sunday) from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the TTDC building near the Ramalayam at Yellandu Cross Road, Khammam. Vote counting, the declaration of results, and the selection of office bearers will take place immediately after polling concludes on October 4.

Nomination papers can be obtained from the Chief Planning Officer's office (Room No. F-27) at the IDOC/Collectorate in Khammam; contesting candidates must personally submit their nomination papers to the Election Officer, accompanied by their first and second proposers. An individual may serve as a proposer (either first or second) for only one candidate, and two passport-sized photographs must be submitted along with the nomination. Members arriving to vote are required to bring their IRCS identity card, Aadhaar card, or any other government-issued identity card. It was stated that for further details and the voters' list, one may contact the office of the District Chief Planning Officer.

Re-survey Process to be Accelerated; 60 Survey Instruments Distributed to Surveyors District Collector Sneha Sabarish Calls for Accelerating the Re-survey Process

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Mahabubabad September 19: District Collector Sneha Sabarish has directed the concerned officials to complete the land re-survey process swiftly, transparently, and efficiently. To ensure there are no delays in the survey work, she distributed 60 new, modern survey instruments to the surveyors. She stated that the primary objective of this re-survey is to provide a permanent solution to land-related issues faced by farmers and landowners. She noted that using modern equipment would not only expedite the survey work but also eliminate the possibility of errors in determining

land boundaries. She urged the surveyors to meet the re-survey targets within the stipulated timeframe using the distributed modern instruments."She explained that technology-enabled instruments would be used to record precise GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) for every land parcel. She added that upon completion of the survey, landowners would be provided with clear land title documents free from any disputes. He urged the public, especially farmers, to cooperate with the resurvey program and ensure the success of the land measurement process. He instructed surveyors to be



available in the field and expedite the work. Noting that 11 out of the 70 selected villages in the district have already been completed, he directed that the survey proceed transparently and swiftly in accordance with government regulations. The Collector advised surveyors to ensure that farmers in the respective villages receive advance notice through Panchayat Secretaries and GPOs, thereby preventing any difficulties or issues during the survey. Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Anil Kumar, AD (Survey & Land Records) Srinivasulu, Mahabubabad Tahsildar Rajeshwar, Lakshman, and government and private licensed surveyors participated in the meeting.

Grand Annadanam Held at Beeranna Devasthanam in Arepally on association with Disney Land High School..

Koduru Sathish Kumar "Direct Voice Reporter – Warangal"September 19, 2026: A grand Annadanam (free distribution of sacred food) was organized at the revered beeranna Devasthanam in Arepalli village under the initiative and supervision of the Disney Land High School

Management."The programme was conducted with great devotion and spiritual fervour, attracting a large number of devotees and local residents. As part of the religious observances, Prasadam and Annadanam were distributed to devotees, who participated in the

programme with enthusiasm and devotion. The School Management took the initiative to organise the Annadanam as a gesture of service to society and devotion to the deity. The arrangements were made in a systematic manner to ensure that devotees were served with sanc-

tified food in a peaceful and orderly atmosphere. The event reflected the spirit of faith, service, community participation and social responsibility. Devotees and villagers appreciated the sincere efforts of the Bisina School Management in organising the Annadanam and extend-

ing their service to the community."The programme concluded on a devotional and harmonious note, with the blessings of Lord Beeranna Swamy sought for the welfare, prosperity and well-being of all.

Vigilance Inspections at Sumathi Reddy Engineering CollegeInquiry into Bogus Admissions and Fee Reimbursement



Ch. Abhinay, Bureau Chief Warangal September 19: Vigilance officials have conducted inspections at Sumathi Reddy Engineering College. The inquiry reportedly focuses on issues concerning bogus admissions, fee reimbursements, and scholarship funds. Officials are examining admission details, student attendance records, college documentation, and papers related to fee reimbursements. They are also gathering relevant information from the college management. A comprehensive report based on the findings of the inspection is expected to be submitted to the government.

Amaravati Gets Mass Transport Plan, 250-Metre Assembly Spire Proposal Cleared

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has asked officials to prepare a comprehensive mass transportation plan for Amaravati, linking the capital with Vijayawada, Guntur and other adjoining areas to meet future mobility needs.

The directions came at the 66th capital region development authority (CRDA) meeting that he chaired at the secretariat on Friday. Several major proposals for Amaravati were approved at the meeting.

The CRDA decided on the construction of a 250-metre-high spire tower and lifts atop the new assembly building at an estimated cost of ₹661 crore. Naidu asked the officials to explore the introduction of a viewpoint in the assembly building and said the spire should become a distinctive attraction at the seat of democracy.

He also stressed that the assembly, high court and secretariat towers, along with the Quantum Towers and BITS Pilani buildings, should emerge as distinctive landmarks of Amaravati.

The meeting decided to invite tenders worth Rs 1,548 crore for infrastructure development in LPS zones across 29 capital villages. It also approved recommendations of the ministerial committee for allotment of land for hotels and schools.

The CRDA meeting also approved payment of annuity to



farmers holding less than one acre in the second phase of land pooling.

The Chief Minister directed the AP capital region development authority to ensure that 50 per cent of Amaravati has sustainable green cover, while protecting its biodiversity. He called for extensive plantations, including flowering species, and asked officials to prepare a blueprint to develop the hills and water bodies in the capital region as

major attractions.

Naidu called for an extensive national and international publicity campaign to establish Amaravati as a globally recognised city.

Referring to an incident in Ladakh where a child recognised a biker from Andhra Pradesh and asked whether he was from Amaravati, he said it reflected the growing focus to the capital's name in public minds.

He suggested promoting Amaravati around five themes — zero electricity poles, blue-green development, deep technology, green energy and sustainability — so that every citizen would identify with it as “my city”.

The Chief Minister also called for a study of future revenue models to make Amaravati a self-financing city and directed that a committee be constituted for the purpose. He said Amaravati would eventually evolve into a mega city encompassing the Vijayawada, Guntur, Mangalagiri and Tadepalli corporations.

Urban development minister P Narayana, chief secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials from the municipal administration, finance, industries and infrastructure, CRDA and APCRDA departments attended the meeting.

Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders to Develop Rs.15,000 Cr Greenfield Shipyard in AP



VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday announced setting up of a ₹15,000 crore Greenfield shipyard at Dugarajapatnam in Vakadu mandal of Tirupati district in Andhra Pradesh.

In this regard, in the presence of AP CM, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) chairman and managing director Capt. Jagmohan (Retd.) and National Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries Park-AP (NSHIP-AP) managing director Praveen Adithya C.V.

Naidu said Dugarajapatnam would put Andhra Pradesh in the forefront of India's ambitious plan to emerge as one of the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047. MDL, the Navaratna public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, will invest ₹15,000 crore over the next five to seven years, subject to approvals and clearances.

The project is expected to generate direct and indirect employment for nearly 45,000 people in the state.

The Chief Minister underlined that AP would leverage its long coastline, strategic location, and industrial ecosystem to drive maritime-sector growth. The Dugarajapatnam shipbuilding cluster, with MDL as the anchor shipyard, would help position AP as a major shipbuilding hub, while attracting investments in ancillary industries.

The proposed shipyard will have an initial design capacity of 1.2 million gross tonnes annually, with scope for expansion. It will build tankers, bulk carriers, container ships, LNG carriers, and other specialised large vessels for domestic and international markets.

A techno-economic feasibility report estimates the cost of shipbuilding and ship-repair yard at ₹29,254 crore. Developing the Dugarajapatnam port will cost ₹9,513 crore. The port is proposed to be developed by the centre.

The shipbuilding and ship-repair cluster is being developed under the centre's Shipbuilding Development Scheme. NSHIP-AP is a special-purpose vehicle jointly formed by the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board and Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA).

Capt. Jagmohan disclosed that Dugarajapatnam has the scale and maritime potential to support a globally competitive shipyard.

VPA chairperson Jasmeet Singh Bindra said the port authority, a 50 per cent shareholder in NSHIP-AP, would facilitate coordination with the centre and its agencies. Infrastructure and Investment secretary Kona Sasidhar maintained that MDL opting for Dugarajapatnam is an important milestone in AP's maritime development. It could create a major shipbuilding and ancillary ecosystem.

Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board will facilitate land, infrastructure, and statutory clearances for timely execution of the Greenfield shipyard project.

Lokesh's Stress on AI, Global Standards for AP Residential Schools

Vijayawada: Education minister Nara Lokesh is aiming to turn Andhra Pradesh's residential schools into talent factories by stressing on international standards and making AI Skilling compulsory so as to prepare students for a technology-driven world.

At the 59th governing body meeting of the AP residential educational institutions society (APREIS) on Thursday, Lokesh called for a major upgrade of residential education, combining academic excellence with modern infrastructure, technology, sports and industry-linked vocational training.

The board of governors approved the development of 10 AP residential schools as Centres of Excellence. The Tadikonda and Kodigenahalli schools are already functioning as Centres of Excellence. The board also cleared the setting up of an IIT-JEE/NEET Academy at the APR Junior College in Nimmakuru, Krishna district, from the next academic year.

Six residential schools will be upgraded into junior colleges, Lokesh said and asked officials to examine developing the Bhupathipalem residential school in Jaggampeta constituency as an education and sports hub with a world-class sports ecosystem.

With technology changing rapidly, computer laboratories and AI skilling will be made mandatory in APR junior colleges. Officials were also told to introduce vocational courses in areas where residential schools operate, aligned with local industry requirements.

The meeting approved a staffing pattern based on student strength and gave in-principle approval for critical infrastructure and permanent buildings. Physical education teachers would be upgraded as physical directors.



Besides, a committee would be constituted to frame service rules for APREIS institutions.

The retirement age of APREIS employees was raised from 60 to 62 years, while guest faculty remuneration would be made comparable with that offered by other educational societies. The APREIS secretary would be authorised to spend up to ₹1 lakh on students' medical emergencies. Proposals for automated smart kitchens in all residential institutions would also be prepared.

Officials informed Lokesh that AP residential institutions had produced nearly 27 IAS officers, 20 IPS officers, 13 IRS officers and four IFS officers, besides many others who have reached prominent positions.

At the 78th board of Intermediate education meeting, chaired by Lokesh, an increase in remuneration for staff involved in conducting and evaluating Intermediate examinations was approved for up to 25 per cent.

The board decided on stringent action against serious evaluation lapses. It also resolved to digitise all certificates issued since 1978 and integrate them with blockchain technology. The retirement age of Intermediate board employees was raised from 60 to 62 years.

This year, students appearing for Intermediate theory examinations would be provided 32-page answer booklets.

ED NOTICE TO EX-MINISTER AMBATI RAMBABU IN LIQUOR CASE



Vijayawada: The ED served the notice on YSRC senior leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu on Friday in connection with the liquor case, asking him to appear before the agency.

Rambabu told the media at Tadepalli that the notice served on him had already lapsed and requested the ED to issue a fresh written notice so that he could seek legal advice and decide on further action.

He alleged that the notice was part of a political vendetta by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar and minister Nara Lokesh. He said he would not be intimidated by notices, threats or cases.

Nandi Theatre Festivals To Return in January: Durgesh

VIJAYAWADA: The Andhra Pradesh government will revive the Nandi Theatre Festivals in January, with Tenali in Guntur district hosting a week-long event to promote Telugu theatre and culture, state tourism, culture and cinematography minister Kandula Durgesh said on Friday.

Addressing the media at the Secretariat in Velagapudi, Durgesh said the festival would begin on January 10 with the presentation of the Kandukuri awards, followed by performances of selected plays for a week.

The notification inviting entries for the Nandi Theatre Awards would be issued within two or three days and the selection committee constituted in October, he said. A preliminary list of selected plays would be announced in December, with the festival ending with the Nandi Theatre Awards presentation.



For the first time, Telugu theatre groups from other states would also be allowed to participate. Durgesh said selection would be based on video recordings of performances and would be conducted transparently on the lines of the National School of Drama. The government has increased the number of Kandukuri awards from three to five, with each recipient receiving ₹1 lakh. The awards would be named after theatre and literary personalities, including Sthanam Narasimha Rao, Acharya Atreya, Garikapati Raja Rao and Bandaru Rama Rao.

Under the Kandukuri Distinguished Awards, 100 individuals and organisations would be honoured based on the 28-district structure. Three persons from each district and another 16 individuals who rendered special services would be selected. Awards would cover padma natakam, social drama, writers, technical personnel and theatre groups.

Defence Output Touches Rs.1.8 Lakh Crore: Rajnath

New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India's indigenous defence production had increased from ₹40,000 crore in 2014 to nearly ₹1.8 lakh crore.



Defence exports had risen from about ₹600 crore to nearly ₹40,000 crore, with Indian equipment now reaching around 100 countries, he said.

Addressing an event in Kochi, Kerala, Singh described the youth as India's greatest strength and said they were building start-ups, creating unicorns and developing drones, hydrogen trains, rockets and satellites.

"They are leaving no stone unturned to make India a developed nation," he said.

Singh said the government was working to promote resilience, determination, compassion, innovation, strength, inclusive prosperity and a strong sense of national identity to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat.

He said corruption and misgovernance had weakened public morale before 2014. India's progress over the past 12 years, he added, had been shaped by its ability to confront adversity and turn challenges into opportunities.

"Over the past 12 years, the world has faced the Covid-19 pandemic and witnessed several wars that have profoundly affected the global economy. Despite these challenges, we are moving steadily towards becoming a self-reliant and developed nation," he said.

Reiterating the Centre's commitment to national security, Singh said Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's willingness to cross the border to eliminate those threatening its sovereignty and integrity. He also claimed that Naxalism had been brought to an end.

The minister said India's democracy and welfare programmes had become a source of inspiration to the world.

He cited UPI, describing it as the world's largest real-time payment system adopted by more than 11 countries. He also highlighted schemes including PM SHRI, Ayushman Bharat, Lakhpati Didi, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Jal Jeevan Mission and the Ujjwala Yojana.

Southern States Worst Hit by El Nino: Chauhan



Hyderabad: South Indian states are squarely in the eye of impact due to this year's El Nino with its effect far more severe in this region, including Telangana, than the rest of the country, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said on Friday.

Of the 143 districts in the southern states, 104 have received deficit rainfall so far, Chauhan said, adding that even in Kerala which received good rainfall overall, there were eight districts with less than normal rains this season. In Telangana, he said, 20 districts had deficit rain till now. He also said there was some hope for rain resulting from a cyclone, but it was better to be prepared for the worst.

Chauhan was addressing a press meet after a day-long southern states agriculture ministers conference to discuss preparations for the next Rabi crop season. He said this was the first time that such a regional meet was held based on agro-climatic conditions regionally. He also said that a national conference of agriculture ministers will be held in Delhi on September 28 and 29 to discuss preparations for Rabi season.

To a question on PM Fasal Bima Yojana implementation in Telangana, Chauhan said: "We had asked all states to join the scheme but the previous government in Telangana did not do so, just as it did not join the Centre's housing programme for the poor. But the present government has said it will implement the crop insurance scheme."

Listing out issues such as falling groundwater levels which he said could cause problems, Chauhan said while agriculture was a state subject, the Centre stood firmly with the states and would extend all support they required. For instance, he said, if required, states could use the Centre's seed bank.

He said the conference discussed several issues including the problems of spurious seeds and agrochemicals, as well as excessive use of fertilisers. He said new laws that govern seeds and pesticides were on the anvil, with stringent punishments for those selling spurious inputs to farmers. While the new laws are being readied, the existing laws should be strictly implemented, he said.

Friday's conference discussed road maps for each state factoring in steps needed in the face of climate change, Chauhan said, adding that as far as the current Kharif season was concerned, planning to face El Nino impact began in April, with states too stepping up their advisories to farmers.

Trump Bans Media Outlets CNN, MS NOW, Politico from White House

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Donald Trump banned news outlets CNN, MS NOW and Politico from the White House on Friday, complaining about their coverage in a social media post.

"Effective immediately, I am banning Fake News CNN, MSNOW... and Politico... from the White House as a result of their constant 'reporting' FAKE NEWS," Trump wrote on Truth Social, adding that he would announce the names of additional outlets.

"Media Outlets shouldn't be able to constantly write or report FICTION and LIES when they're covering the President of the United States, the Trump Administration, or the United States of America," he said.

CNN, MS NOW, Politico and the National Press Club did not respond to requests for comments.

Trump has repeatedly urged broadcasters to drop comedy or news programs he dislikes



or which have joked about or criticized him or his administration. He has also called on the Federal Communications Commission to strip stations of licenses after criticizing news and other programming.

Free Breakfast to Students of Classes 6 to 8 From Sep 22

Chennai: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay would inaugurate the expansion of the 'Perunthaliavar Kamarajar Breakfast scheme' that would bring 15.30 lakh students of classes six to eight in 15,454 government and government aided schools into the State-wide nutrition programme, aimed at stopping children from attending classes in an empty stomach, on Tuesday September 22.

Presiding over the review meeting for the expansion of the programme at the Secretariat on Friday, Vijay insisted on maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchens and dining areas of the schools where the nutritious breakfast would be served to the students.

For the first year of the expanded scheme, Rs 217.63 crore had been allotted, while the total allocation was Rs 724 crore, an official press release said on Friday.

The breakfast would be freshly prepared by members of the Self Help Groups, functioning under the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW), at 447 integrated kitchens in Chennai and 2150 similar kitchens in other parts of the State.

The TVK government decided to expand the scheme, launched by the previous government to serve breakfast to students of classes one



to five, by bringing in pupils of classes 6 to 8 into the breakfast programme and also to name it after the late K Kamaraj at a meeting on June 15.

The expansion of the Breakfast scheme was aimed at integrating the health, nutrition, school attendance and learning of the students to strengthen the foundation for school education, the release said, adding that the inclusion of students in Classes six to eight would help the students in their educational journey and also contribute to social development.

TELANGANA POLICE REVAMP SAVES RS.90 CRORE

HYDERABAD: The reorganisation of personnel and rationalisation of resources within the Telangana Police department have resulted in significant savings for the government. DGP C.V. Anand stated that 376 police personnel—previously assigned to retired officials—have been brought back into active duty, and a fleet comprising 20 bulletproof vehicles, seven Fortuners, 18 Innova Crystas and 58 other four-wheelers has been made available. He said these measures have saved the government approximately ₹90 crore.

Reviewing the human resources audit and reorganisation during a meeting of staff officers at the DGP's office on Friday, Anand said about ₹28.16 crore was saved by withdrawing the 60 per cent additional allowance previously paid to 573 personnel in the Greyhounds and OCTOPUS units. He further announced that personnel made available following the reorganisation of units such as Greyhounds and SIB would be deployed to other departments based on operational needs.

Anand directed officials to make extensive arrangements as Telangana is set to host the regional conference of DGPs from southern states in October. The conference will focus on cybercrime, drug trafficking, Left-Wing Extremism, organised crime, coastal security and emerging crime trends.

He said the 'Fit Cop' programme would be implemented statewide, focusing on the health and well-being of police personnel. This initiative will include basic health check-ups as well as awareness sessions on thyroid issues, diabetes, nutrition and dietary habits. Health issues will be identified at an early stage and necessary medical assistance provided. Anand re-



called successfully implementing the programme during his tenure as Hyderabad Police Commissioner, noting that healthy personnel can discharge their duties more efficiently.

The DGP stated that while there are 48 posts at the IG level and above in the state, only 24 are currently available. He noted that there are 11 posts at the DIG level, with the possibility of another 10 becoming available. He emphasised the need to expedite promotions for officers from the 1992, 1995 and 1996 batches to the rank of Additional SP.

Measures would be taken to advance this matter at the appropriate level. During the staff officers' meeting, a review was also conducted regarding the shortage of Home Guards, the ongoing police recruitment process, the formation of a new IPS officers' association, 'Core Area' community connect programmes, administration, budget and welfare issues.

Anand directed that various programmes be organised over a week to mark Police Commemoration Day, observed on Oct. 21. Awareness programmes will be conducted on blood donation camps, open houses, cybercrimes, drug abuse and child safety. The DGP said the objective was to inform the public about the sacrifices made by the police and to strengthen the bond between the department and society.

