

When There Is Competition - Anumula Revanth Reddy

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September28 : regarding welfare measures, one has no choice but to compete. If opponents are playing football or hockey, I must use my feet or a hockey stick; I cannot score a goal or win if I use my hands. Political parties are making promises regarding welfare and free schemes. We have implemented the promises we made. However, senior BJP leaders speak against welfare and guarantees, yet claim that Modi's very name is a guarantee of welfare. So, what is it that they are actually doing? If parties were disqualified from contesting future elections for failing to fulfill 90 percent of their promises, planning would become more disciplined. Expenditures on salaries, pensions, office operations, and welfare schemes are mandatory; consequently, there are limited funds left for development.

That is why I have repeatedly stated clearly that we cannot offer more than what we currently do in our state. We are streamlining the education system, imparting language and skills from Nursery, LKG, and UKG levels up to the 12th grade. English serves as a link language and a medium for securing employment. Children in villages are very bright, yet they often suffer from an inferiority complex because they are unable to articulate their thoughts effectively. That is why we are teaching English and communication skills by the time students reach the 12th grade, and imparting specific vocational skills after that. Every year, approximately 180,000 engineering students graduate from our state, yet only about 20,000 secure jobs. The rest end up in positions that do not match their education or qualifications because they lack the necessary skills. This

is why we established the Young India Skills University. I urge students not to study merely for the sake of certificates but to focus on acquiring actual skills. Anand Mahindra serves as the Chairperson of the Young India Skills University, with Srinji Raju as the Vice-Chairperson. Heads of various corporate companies serve as directors, and it is their responsibility to design courses that impart job-

ready skills, thereby ensuring 100% employment. ITIs were introduced in the country in 1956, offering courses like 'Diesel Mechanic.' Even after 70 years, the same courses remain. Yet, the Ambassador car no longer exists, and the role of a 'Diesel Mechanic' (in the traditional sense) is obsolete; you won't find an Ambassador car anywhere these days. At KCR's Erravalli farmhouse, there is only an Ambassador car

party's symbol; there isn't another car. We discontinued those [old] courses and entered into an agreement with Tata. Tata is providing 86 percent of the funding, while we are bearing 14 percent. We have established Advanced Training Centres (ATCs) in every constituency. They are designing the curriculum and providing the jobs themselves. With the advent of AI, the era of white-collar jobs has passed; now is



the time for blue-collar jobs. Germany, Japan, and Korea are offering such employment. We are teaching German, Japanese, and Korean languages ??to enable people to work in those countries, and we are signing agreements with them...

Key Decisions to Strengthen BC Welfare“Rs.450 crore disbursed to students“Rs.60 crore for safety kits for toddy tappers

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 28: Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' scheme for BC youth to be launched in November Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is focusing on effective implementation of welfare schemes benefiting BC students, toddy tappers, unemployed youth and students pursuing higher education abroad. Reviewing the BC Welfare Department at Praja Bhavan on Monday, Bhatti Vikramarka announced several key decisions. He said Rs.450 crore had so far been directly credited into the bank accounts of 1.30 lakh students under pre-and post-matric scholarships. Officials were directed to credit diet and cosmetic charges of hostel students directly into their accounts every month. Under the 'Kata mayya Raksha Kavachalu' scheme aimed at ensuring the safety of toddy tappers, safety kits have been sanctioned for



50,000 beneficiaries, of which 40,000 kits have already been distributed. The remaining 10,000 trainees will receive the kits after completion of their training. The government is spending Rs.60 crore on the scheme. The Deputy Chief Minister announced that the 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' scheme, aimed at providing employment and economic opportunities to unemployed BC youth, would be launched in November. Officials were instructed to scrutinise applications already received transparently in the presence of district

Collectors and select eligible beneficiaries. The deadline for applications under the Overseas Scholarship scheme has been extended to October 15, Bhatti Vikramarka said. He added that Rs.18.40 crore had been released to 180 students in the first and second phases this year and directed officials to continue accepting applications to ensure that all eligible students get an opportunity. Pending bills of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare Residential Educational Institutions would be cleared soon,

he said. Responding to Minister Ponnambhakar's request for sanctioning own buildings for the residential institutions, Bhatti Vikramarka said the proposal would be examined. He also assured that funds would soon be released for construction of self-respect buildings for BC community associations. Minister Ponnambhakar, BC Welfare Department Principal Secretary Balamayadevi, MJP Secretary Saidulu and senior officials of the BC Welfare Department attended the review meeting.

Balakot to Sindoor, India Gave Be fitting Reply: PM Modi on Pakistan Terror

Bureau Chief NEW DELHI September 28: In a stern message to Pakistan, PM Modi said on Sunday the time when its role in sponsoring terror attacks on India would go unpunished is long gone, and his govt has made it clear with its actions, including Op Sindoor, that terrorists will begin a befitting response for their sinister designs against India. Modi's message came in his 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast as India marks the 10th anniversary of the surgical strikes on terror hideouts in Pakistan on Sept 28-29, 2016. The world was astonished to see the manner in which our brave soldiers crossed the LoC to take action against terror. The strike demonstrated a new aspect of India's counter-terror policy. It was our decisive response to long-standing pain India had endured," he said. "Over the past decade, from Balakot airstrike to Op Sindoor, India has repeatedly sent out a clear message:



terrorists dare to cast an evil eye on India, they will be met with a befitting response. Zero-tolerance terror policy has borne results' Contrasting his government's targeted action against Pakistan to the approach of the previous Congress-led UPA govt, PM Narendra Modi said serial blasts had once become a common occurrence in the country. On Sept 13, 2008, serial blasts rocked Delhi and, just a few weeks later, the Mumbai terror attack stunned the country, the PM said. Demands for

action against Pakistan following every terror attack used to be made then but were ignored. "Today, India pursues a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism, and we are witnessing the results of that," he said. During Op Sindoor, the Modi govt also unveiled a tougher national security doctrine, declaring that any future terror attack will be treated as an act of war. This eliminated the false distinction between terrorists and their state sponsors, it had said. Modi's message to

Pakistan comes at a time when the nation is trying to airbrush its long association with terror incidents around the world, reflected in its PM Shehbaz Sharif's recent claims at the United Nations General Assembly about its role and sacrifices in combating terrorism. In his UNGA address, foreign minister S Jaishankar had snubbed Pakistan, calling it a "serial practitioner of terrorism" and asserting that India will continue to exercise its right to defend itself against terror threats.



The Silence That Swallows The Noise

Pollution is not something that is visible to the eye. It gradually eats away at a person's health and peace of mind without being seen. It is pollution. Noise pollution is now becoming a major problem in such accidents. The honking of horns on the roads, the sounds of clean cattle, the roar of industries, and huge sound equipment at public events.. The noise around us is constantly crossing the limits. The roar that started in the name of noise is finally questioning the right to live in peace. Once upon a time, night meant silence. Now, even after midnight, the sounds of vehicles, celebrations, and the hum of machinery can be heard in cities and towns. The strange thing is... we have become so accustomed to the sound of noise that we have stopped recognizing it as pollution. That's where the problem begins. Just because our ears get used to it, its effect on the body doesn't go away. Excessive noise is not just a problem for hearing. It can also cause sleep disturbances, irritability, stress, and lack of concentration. Prolonged exposure to excessive noise can have a negative impact on physical and mental health. This is especially true for children, the elderly, and the sick. If the brain is unable to rest even when it needs more sleep, it will ultimately cost it its health. A patient undergoing treatment in a hospital needs rest, a student needs concentration to study. The creative ones need peace. That is why the surroundings of hospitals, educational institutions, and courts are considered quiet areas. But what is the point of having rules if there are honking horns and loud programs being held there? The law is not on paper.. it is important to implement it on the street. A minimum social consciousness is also needed that our happiness should not become a nuisance to others. Be it a party, a wedding, a political event, or a personal matter, there should be boundaries. Playing loud music until midnight is a measure of evil. Honking the horn every moment in the car traffic is not a solution for everyone. The sound that gives us a few moments of excitement.. can cause hours of trouble for the patient, child, or student next to us. Noise pollution does not stop with humans. It has also affected birds and other natural life forms. Every living thing in nature has a system linked to sound. The excessive noise created by humans is intruding into that natural system. Therefore, noise control should not be seen as a mere matter of public inconvenience but as part of environmental protection. The problem will not be solved by not taking action when the rules are violated. A system is needed to prevent violations from occurring in the first place. Local bodies, pollution control officers, and the police should work together. Special supervision should be put in place in quiet areas. Time limits should be followed for construction work. Controls on the use of loud noise equipment should be strictly enforced. Greenery and noise-proof arrangements should also be given priority in urban planning. Along with government actions, there needs to be a change in people's behavior. Small changes like not blowing horns unnecessarily, keeping noise levels within limits during celebrations, and respecting the rest of others at night are the foundation for a big solution. While it is our right to live in peace, it is our responsibility to protect the peace of others. Development is not just about tall buildings, wide roads, and more vehicles. An environment where people can breathe comfortably, sleep peacefully, and live healthily is also a measure of development. Silence is not a luxury. It is necessary for a healthy life. If noise is within limits, it is noise. If it is beyond limits, it is pollution. If we do not recognize that difference, what we lose is not just silence.

Journalist Award applications extended until October 5th“State government award for journalistic talent Information and Public Relations Department Commissioner A.P. - K.S. Vishwanathan,

Yamsani SAI inter State Bureau Chief Amaravathi **september 28**“Applications invited for the 2025 Best Journalist Awards Awards in 12 categories Cash awards ranging from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 1 lakh“Andhra Pradesh Public Relations information commissioner“The state government has decided to give Best Journalist Awards in 12 categories for the year 2025 to encourage journalists who have rendered outstanding services and shown professional talent in the field of journalism and to recognize and honor their achievements. Applications are being invited from journalists belonging to the respective categories to select those eligible for these awards, said the Director of the State Information and Public Relations Department, K.S. Vishwanathan, in a statement. As mentioned earlier, the deadline of September 28 has been extended to October 05, 2026. Eligible journalists should send their applications to the following address by 5.00 pm on October 05, 2026. Director, Information and Public Relations Department, 2nd Floor, NTR Administration Building, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada 520013. “Awards selected at the discretion of the committeeThe selection committee will select the awardees at its discretion, without specifically accepting applications from journalists for the following three awards.“1. V.R. Narla Lifetime Achievement Award 2. Kokku Ahobala rao is the best photojournalist Award“Madduri Annapurnaiah Award presented to editors of small and medium newspapers in the state “Awards selected by a committee based on applications“1. Kasinadhuni Nag eswara Rao Vantulu Best Journalist Award“Cash Award Rs.2

lakhs Qualifications: At least 10 years of experience in journalism“Full-time journalists with experience and demonstrated professional talent are eligible to apply. Only journalists working in Andhra Pradesh or outside the state for renowned Telugu and English newspapers or periodicals published from Andhra Pradesh should apply.“Best Rural Journalist Awards RuralThree awards named after prominent journalists will be presented to three journalists who have demonstrated exceptional talent in journalism Khasa Subbarao Best Rural Journalist Award Mutnuri Krishna Rao Best Rural Journalist Award Maddukuri Chandrasekhara Rao is the best rural“Journalist Award Cash award per award: Rs. 1 lakhQualifications: Published from Andhra Pradesh“Journalists with at least 3 years of experience in rural areas in Telugu and English dailies are eligible to apply. Former journalists with significant experience in rural reporting are also eligible to apply.Award“Qualifications: Telugu, English, issued in the state Savitribai Phule is the best woman journalistCash Award: Rs. 1 lakh“Women reporters and desk journalists working in newspapers or periodicals are eligible to apply.Best Cartoonist AwardCash award: Rs. 1 lakh“Qualifications: Cartoonists working in Telugu and English dailies published from Andhra Pradesh can apply. Must have at least 10 years of experience.“Abul Kalam Azad is the best Urdu journalistAwardCash Award: Rs. 1 lakhQualifications: Those with at least 10 years of experience working as a journalist in Urdu newspapersYou can apply. The award recipient will be selected based on services rendered to Urdu journalism, reporting on social, economic and political

issues in rural areas, and overall professional performance.Best Electronic Media Journalist AwardCash award: Rs. 1 lakh Qualifications: At least 5 years of experience Journalists working in electronic media channels and cable networks broadcasting in Andhra Pradesh can apply. Journalists working in Doordarshan and radio are also eligible to apply.Best Video Journalist AwardCash award: Rs. 1 lakh“Qualifications: Video journalists with at least 5 years of experience working in electronic media channels can apply.Application Procedure Key Terms Journalists“Applicants should apply in person with complete details regarding the company they work for, job details, and their qualifications.“At least 5 articles, news stories, photos, cartoons or video clippings should be attached along with the application. They should have been published or broadcast in the calendar year 2025 (01-01-2025 to 31-12-2025). Articles, news stories etc. can also be submitted in the form of photocopies. The selection committee will have the final decision regarding the selection of awardees. No correspondence will be allowed in this regard. If the committee feels that the number of applications received in any category is not sufficient or does not meet the required criteria, the selection committee reserves the right to withhold the award from the announcement of the relevant award. Complete information regarding the eligibility, application procedure and other rules related to the Best Journalist Awards can be viewed on the Media Relations website of the Department of Information and Public Relations:

Supreme serious about Delhi The same fear again after the Nirbhaya incident

National Bureau Chief New Delhi September 28“Minors have been targeted in the national capital Delhi for the last two weeks.The Supreme Court has reacted strongly to the ongoing series of rape incidents. It expressed deep anger at the Supreme Court, Delhi Police and the Delhi government, saying that these clearly highlight the systemic failure to protect the basic security of citizens. A bench headed by Justice JB Puriwala took up the cases suo motu and made key observations. The court expressed concern that public places like parks and buses have become the most dangerous places

for women due to the lack of proper electric lighting and CCTV surveillance. Recalling that it is the fundamental

right of citizens to live without fear and with self-respect, the court said that it is very painful to have to recall the Nirbhaya incident of 2012 again today. It made

it clear that public representatives should not just express sympathy, but show change through responsible action. Going

and three of his associates in Nagar. The girl's body, which had been stabbed eight times, was found by stray dogs girl in the Deshbandhu Gupta Road area.“In another incident, on September 17, a 56-year-old tailor named Maqsood from Old Delhi tied the hands and feet of an 11-year-old girl in his shop. On September 21, three men who stopped a 17-year-old girl and her friend in Astha Kunj Park near Kalkaji Temple, believing that they were policemen, took the girl to a deserted area and gang-raped her. Police arrested Asif, Hemant and Mukesh in this case. After the Kalkaji Park incident, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu responded. He ordered the authorities to conduct a safety audit in all the parks in the city

within a week. He issued orders to focus on lighting, security and patrolling and deploy 'Pink Police' forces at the parks. The situation has also become worse at the borders of Delhi. A 16-year-old student of class 11 was raped by bus driver Kuldeep and conductor Sandeep during a 47-km journey from Greater Noida to Delhi after they gave her a lift in the pouring rain. The victim was dropped off at the Kashmiri Gate ISBT and fled, but the police registered a case and arrested both the accused. These atrocities, which are taking place in the capital, have sparked outrage among women and student groups.



into the details of the incidents that have shaken the capital city in the last few days, on September 10 A 17-year-old girl was brutally gang-raped and murdered by her friend

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An Easy Affair Taking Twists And Turns Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist

The Special Comprehensive Revision (SCDR) of the electoral rolls is causing a stir in the Election Commission of India. There is widespread criticism across the country over the removal of eligible voters from the list and the lack of transparency in official decisions. The controversy has intensified after reports emerged that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi have formally objected to several decisions taken by the EC nearly 14 times in the last 10 months. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar is facing contempt of court action for his decisions taken in violation of the Supreme Court's previous judgments in several cases. Gyanesh, who is facing allegations that he took unilateral decisions without the consent of other commissioners in the Election Commission during the revision of special electoral rolls across the country, has ignored the orders given by the Supreme Court. | Fellow commissioners are raising objections. Contempt of court proceedings against CEC Gyanesh for ignoring court orders Supreme Court lawyer Brajesh Singh has asked Attorney General Venkata Ramani to grant permis-

sion to file a petition for criminal contempt of court against CEC Gyanesh Kumar for violating various Supreme Court judgments in the past. As mentioned in a recent Indian Express investigative article, Gyanesh... | feels special compared to his fellow commissioners and needs a review of the contempt of court decisions taken unilaterally, said Brajesh Singh. Commissioner Sandhu's written statement that the removal of voters is 'unofficial and illegal' has exposed the internal differences of the Election Commission. This is not uncommon! The magnitude of the voter list process has intensified this debate. In the third phase of the NA Ekhi, 6.15 crore voters in 17 states and union territories disappeared from the draft lists. Of these, 4.52 crore were classified as absent, 1.11 crore as deceased and 49.58 lakh as having votes in two places. This brings the number of voters in the respective areas to 36.085 lakh 29.935 lakh 6. This represents a net decrease of 15.7 per cent (about 5.57 crore) compared to the 2024 Lok Sabha election list. However, not everyone who was removed is disqualified and despite this giving an opportunity to reconcile ob-

jections and intellectual names, the large-scale classification as absentees raises doubts. This controversy is now ongoing not only between the Election Commission and political parties but also among voters. In a poll conducted by OneIndia, locals expressed strong differences of opinion on the Naekhi process. Some said that they had lost faith in the Election Commission after their names were not included in the voters' list. Others said that they still had faith in the Election Commission and believed that this revision was necessary to remove fake, shifted or otherwise ineligible names. Auto driver Rajanna said that four names from his family, who were in the old list and used to vote every time, were not in the new list. They complained that even after going around the offices with Aadhaar documents and photos, there was no use. They complained that the process had become hell for people like them who were only getting a slap. Similarly, cab driver Navir and another person Shankar said that they had lost faith in the electoral system after their voting rights were revoked despite living in the area for many years.

Warangal Girl Bags 'Woman of the Future' Award Divya Kalavakuri's inspiring journey from an idea to a successful entrepreneurial venture

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
Direct Voice Bureau Chief
Warangal September 28: What began as a simple idea gradually turned into a journey of determination, entrepreneurship and recognition. Divya Kalavakuri, a native of Kila Warangal, has emerged as an inspiring woman entrepreneur, proving that women can create opportunities for themselves and make a mark in the business world with determination and vision. Her journey has now earned her the prestigious 'Woman of the Future' Award. A student of Fatima Girls School, Kazipet, Divya developed an interest from an early age in doing something meaningful for society. Her desire to create value for the community gradually evolved into an entrepreneurial vision. With a strong determination to build something of her own, she stepped into the business sector with a broader goal of not only building a successful enterprise but also creating opportunities for women and encouraging more women to enter entrepreneurship. With a focus on health and nutrition, Divya founded Madbero with millet-based nutritional health drinks prepared using carefully se-



lected natural ingredients. The venture gradually expanded in response to changing consumer needs, entering the coffee segment as well. Madbero products have since reached consumers across India through major e-commerce platforms, while the company is now expanding its presence

through quick-commerce platforms and retail chains. For Divya, entrepreneurship is not merely about building a business. Her vision also focuses on social well-being and women's empowerment. Through her journey, she seeks to recognise their potential, become self-reliant

and explore opportunities in entrepreneurship. In recognition of her efforts towards social well-being and women's empowerment, Divya was honoured with the 'Woman of the Future' Award at the South Indian Women Achievers Awards-2026. The award was presented at the 11th edition of the event held in Chennai on September 27. From an idea that took shape in Kila Warangal to building a growing enterprise and earning recognition on a prestigious platform, Divya Kalavakuri's journey stands as an inspiring example of how vision, perseverance and purposeful entrepreneurship can create new possibilities for women and society.



Our Godavari Our Responsibility"-WJI Journalists Participate in Cleanliness Drive

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 28: Members of the Working Journalists of India (WJI) and the Antargaon-Ramagundam Press Club participated in a cleanliness drive along the banks of the Godavari River. The event was organized by NTPC Ramagundam on Monday at the Goliwada Pushkar Ghat in Antargaon Mandal, Peddapalli district, with the aim of protecting the life-sustaining Godavari River and ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations. The journalists took part in cleaning operations along the riverbank, removing accumulated trash and debris, which was then



loaded onto tractors and transported away for proper disposal. On this occasion, NTPC Executive Director (R&T) Chandan Kumar Samanta specially commended the press club journalists. He expressed happiness that the jour-

nalists joined NTPC officials, employees, and the residents of Goliwada and Antargaon villages in this cleanliness initiative. Participants in the event included Antargaon-Ramagundam Press Club President Panjala Radhaswamy

Goud, along with members Kampelli Mallikarjuna Swamy, Dasari Vishnu Kumar, Pallikonda Madhukar, Taguram Karunakar, Pusala Ravi, Thundla Srinivas Patel, and Nagunuri Rajaiah Goud.

Congress Protest Demands Transparency in Election Process

Demonstration held in Warangal "effigy of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar burnt"

Dayyala Meena Bureau Chief Warangal September 28 "Congress leaders staged a protest in Warangal on Monday, demanding steps to protect voting rights and restore public confidence in the electoral process. Led by District Congress President Ayyub, the party leaders organised a dharna at the Pochamma Maidan Centre. They expressed objections to the functioning of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and demanded that the Union government remove him from the post immediately. Congress leaders al-

leged that Gyanesh Kumar was acting in favour of the BJP and raised concerns over alleged irregularities in the electoral process. They demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations concerning electoral rolls and the conduct of elections. The leaders said that public confidence in democracy could be strengthened only when the electoral process is conducted in a transparent and impartial manner. Later, the protesters burnt an effigy of Gyanesh Kumar as part of their protest.



District Congress General Secretary Ledalla Sampath, SC Department Vice-Chairman and former Gorrekunta MPTC Polepaka Suman, Campaign Secretary Jannu Narasaiah, 15th Division Congress candidate Elagonda Praveen, Division Vice-President Chinni Anandam and former ward member Naveen were among those who participated in the protest.

Has directed officials to pay special attention to ensuring that quality and safe food is provided to students in Gurukuls Chief Secretary to the Government Sanjay Jaju

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 28: Chief Secretary to the Government Sanjay Jaju has ordered the authorities to take special care to ensure that quality and safe food is provided to students in Gurukuls, residential schools, government schools and hostels. On Monday, Dr. BR Ambedkar, along with the SC, ST, BC, Minority and Education Secretaries from the Secretariat, met with the Collectors of all the districts on student accommodation, welfare, educational standards and management of educational institutions. Review through video conference. The CS suggested that the cleanliness of the kitchens of Gurukuls and hostels should be continuously monitored. He said that precautions should be taken to prevent the recurrence of food adulteration and food poisoning incidents. He ordered the officials to conduct special inspections on the management of kitchens, quality of food

items, and implementation of diet charts. He clarified that strict action should be taken against suppliers who supply substandard essential commodities. He said that regular inspections should be conducted to ensure that students get clean food and drinking water. He suggested that measures like garbage removal and drainage management should be taken in schools and hostels. He ordered that first aid kits and necessary medical assistance should be kept available to protect the health of students. The CS ordered that a comprehensive dashboard be created to monitor the performance of Gurukuls and residential educational institutions in the state from a single platform. He suggested that there should be a system so that higher officials can be informed about the inspections conducted by district, mandal and educational institution-wise officials, the problems identified and the progress of their

resolution. He suggested that district collectors and nodal officers should inspect schools and hostels regularly and conduct surprise inspections in the evening and at night when necessary. He instructed that geo-reference and times stamped photos should be attached while submitting inspection reports in the app. He said that there should be supervision by female officers in girls' hostels. The CS ordered that the salaries and other payments of workers, helpers and outsourcing staff working in gurukuls and hostels should be released on time without any pending issues. He also suggested that the process of mess and cosmetic charges bills should be completed quickly. He said that gazetted officers should be appointed to supervise the inspection of hostels and schools, and that the authorities should not limit themselves to just taking action but should identify and resolve the root causes of the problems.

He suggested that comprehensive work should be done to ensure that students get safe food, a clean environment, better accommodation and quality education. District Collector Rahul Sharma participated in this video conference from the IDOC office. Later, District Collector Rahul Sharma held a meeting with the officials of the respective departments. Speaking on the occasion, he directed the officials to conduct extensive inspections in the Gurukuls, hostels, KGB facilities and model residential schools under the jurisdiction of the SC, ST, BC and Minority Welfare Departments in the district. He said that the officials should pay special attention to providing quality education to the students along with better accommodation, nutritious food, clean drinking water, health facilities and security. He advised to personally inspect the field conditions in the respective educational institutions, identify the problems

faced by the students and resolve them promptly. He advised to maintain the quality of food served to students in Gurukuls, hostels, KGBVs and schools. He said that aspects like cleanliness in kitchen sheds, quality of food items, storage method, kitchen management, and implementation of diet chart should be examined. He clarified that if substandard food items or goods are supplied, they should be rejected. The Collector said that safe drinking water should be provided to the students and water samples and food should be tested. He advised the Panchayat and Municipal authorities to continuously monitor sanitation, toilets, drainage, garbage removal, and disinfection measures in the vicinity of schools and hostels. He ordered to take necessary medical measures to protect the health of students. He said that safety should be given priority in girls' educational institutions. He said that appropriate steps should be taken to solve the prob-

lems and needs of the students by talking directly to them and finding out their problems and needs. He made it clear that there should be no negligence in the matter of student safety. The Collector ordered the officials to conduct regular surprise inspections to know the actual conditions in educational institutions. He suggested that teaching, student attendance, accommodation facilities, food, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, security and other aspects should be examined comprehensively in schools. He said that the shortcomings identified in the inspections should be corrected immediately and permanent solutions should be taken to prevent the problems from recurring. The concerned officials were instructed to submit reports on the details of the inspections, the problems identified and the steps taken to resolve them. Collector Rahul Sharma suggested that the offi-



cially related to the SC, ST, BC and Minority Welfare Departments as well as the Education Department should work in coordination with each other. He said that continuous monitoring should be continued at the field level with the aim of improving the welfare of the students, educational standards and accommodation facilities. He instructed the officials to take all necessary steps

to provide a safe, clean and conducive environment for the students. He said that teachers and students should register their attendance using facial recognition. Additional Collector of Local Bodies Vijayalakshmi, DEO Lalitha, officers of the BC, ST, Minority, SC and Development Departments Indira, Naga Sagar, Dr. Kumaraswamy, Sukirti Jai Bheem and others participated in this meeting.

Panjala Hasini — The Dancing Peacock of Kuchipudi and Folk Dance

K.Satish Kumar Direct Voice Reporter Warangal September 28: Panjala Hasini, daughter of Amani and Mahender, is emerging as a promising young talent in the fields of Kuchipudi and folk dance, bringing recognition to Warangal through her impressive performances at state and national-level competitions. Currently pursuing her degree, Hasini has been undergoing dedicated training in Kuchipudi dance for the past five years. During this period, she has given more than 300 dance performances at various prestigious cultural programmes and religious events. "Her performances have taken her to several prominent pilgrimage centres,



including Ayodhya, Dwarka Tirumala, Yadadri, Tirumala, Basara, Mantralayam and Vijayawada. She has also showcased her talent across several states, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi and

Uttar Pradesh, earning appreciation from audiences and cultural enthusiasts. First Prize at National-Level Folk Dance Competition Hasini recently brought laurels by securing the First Prize in the national-level folk dance competition organised in

Hyderabad on September 26 and 27, 2026, under the auspices of the Sanatana Nritya Kala Vibhag JAC. "She received the prestigious award from MLC Sri Boggarapu Dayanand, in recognition of her outstanding performance and artistic talent. Second Prize at State-Level Competition Earlier, from August 6 to 9, 2026, Hasini participated in the state-level competitions organised in Vijayawada by the Hindu Dharma Parirakshana Trust, under the auspices of the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam. Competing in the Junior category, she secured the Second Prize, further adding to

her growing list of achievements. Hasini is receiving systematic training under the guidance of Guru Sri Venkateswarlu of NCN Kalakshetra, Warangal. With her dedication, discipline and passion for classical and folk dance, she continues to give numerous performances and earn awards and appreciation. Her achievements at a young age have brought pride to her parents, teachers and the people of Warangal. With continued encouragement and opportunities, Panjala Hasini is steadily establishing herself as a promising young exponent of Indian traditional dance forms.

Is there no relief for Guduru Jayasree's family? Human rights violation in the heart of the city is shameful - DBF District President Borra Sampurna.

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 28: Why is no action being taken against Meerabai, who has confined Jayasree? "Victims have been enduring a living hell for a week. Will the government and officials finally respond after a week? "Jayasree must be freed and granted justice immediately. Otherwise, we will continue the struggle DBF District President Borra Sampurna and Vice President Mekala Anita Bahujan Front (DBF) District President Borra Sampurna and Vice President Mekala Anita expressed outrage over the human rights violation occurring in the heart of Hanumakonda city. On Monday, they spoke with Guduru

Jayasree and her daughter Tejaswi, who have been confined in their home in Ramnagar (52nd Division, Hanumakonda) by Jayasree's mother-in-law, Meerabai. Speaking on the occasion, they stated that Guduru Jayasree's family has been subjected to a living hell for the past week, having been confined by her mother-in-law Meerabai, along with Meerabai's daughters and sons-in-law. They asserted that this is unequivocally a violation of human rights and a shameful incident occurring in the heart of the city. They demanded immediate action against Mirabai who had confined Jayashree as well as the daughters and sons-in-law who assisted her. They ques-



tioned why the government and officials have failed to respond while the victims have been enduring a living hell for a week; they insisted that Jayashree's family be immediately liberated and granted justice by securing the house (previously transferred via a notarized deed) and other assets. They warned that, failing this, they would launch a massive agitation under the banner of the DBF. They questioned the underlying reasons for the indifference shown by the police, officials, and public representatives, despite civil society leaders fighting on behalf of the victims for the past week. They declared that they would stage a protest (dharna) in front of the District Collectorate if justice is not delivered to the affected family. Leaders from various civil society organizations including Maas Savitri, Malothu Pratyusha, Tatikonda Sadguna, Ragalla Chandrakala, Gaddam Nagarajuna, Chaparathi Kumar Gadge, and Kedala Prasad participated in this program.

District Platform for Sporting Talent "2,000 students compete for a chance to advance to the next level"

Dayyala Meena Direct Voice Bureau Chief Hanamkonda September 28: Hanamkonda has emerged as a platform for identifying and nurturing sporting talent among students, with around 2,000 young athletes taking part in the district-level School Games Federation competitions. The 70th School Games Federation of India (SGFI) district-level tournament and selection trials were inaugurated by Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Hanamkonda. Students are participating in various sporting disciplines, with those selected on the basis of their performance getting an opportunity to compete at the next level. The selections are expected to provide talented stu-

dents with a pathway to showcase their abilities at the State and national levels. Speaking on the occasion, Naini Rajender Reddy said students should excel in sports along with academics. Sports help develop discipline, perseverance and leadership qualities, he said. He stressed the need to identify talented sportspersons and provide them with the necessary encouragement and opportunities. Promoting and supporting young athletes was among the government's objectives, he added. Organisers made arrangements to ensure that participating students faced no inconvenience, including food and drinking water facilities. District Library Organisation chairman Mohammed Aziz Khan, District Education Of-



ficer Giriraj Goud, District Youth and Sports Officer Prashanth, SGFI organising representatives, Physical Education Teachers Association representatives and sports organisers were present.

No Delay in Resolving Public Grievances 220 petitions received at Prajavani; "Collector Satya Sharada directs officials to ensure speedy disposal"



Dayyala Meena Direct voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 28: District Collector Dr Satya Sharada directed officials to take prompt action on public grievances received through the Prajavani programme and ensure that people get timely solutions without unnecessary delay. She instructed officials to immediately forward every petition to the concerned department, examine the issue thoroughly and resolve it at the earliest. A total of 220 petitions were received during the Prajavani programme held at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Monday. The Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) received the highest number of petitions at 74, followed by the Revenue Department with 56, Housing with 16, DRDO with 15 and other departments with 59 petitions. As a large number of grievances were related to the Revenue, GWMC and Housing departments, the Collector directed the officials concerned to give special attention to their speedy disposal. She stressed that Prajavani petitions should be accorded the highest priority and that officials should examine each grievance thoroughly and act responsibly to provide timely relief to the applicants. Additional Collectors L. Kishore Kumar and Y.V. Ganesh, ZP CEO Vasantha, DM&HO Dr Rajireddy, Collectorate Superintendent Vishwaprasad and district-level officials from various departments were present.

Indira Mahila Dairy to Boost Women, Dairy Farmers' Incomes Parakala MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy inspects construction works at Damera



Dayyala Meena Direct Bureau Chief Hanamkonda September 28 : The construction of the Parakala Indira Mahila Dairy at Damer mandal headquarters is aimed at strengthening the economic prospects of women and providing additional income opportunities to dairy farmers. Parakala MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy inspected the ongoing construction works and reviewed the progress along with officials. The MLA examined the construction plan, site conditions and road connectivity and offered several suggestions to the officials. He said the dairy was being developed with the objective of promoting dairy farming and creating sustainable income opportunities for farmers, particularly women. Referring to the government's objective of making one crore women financially prosperous, he said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was working towards empowering women through income-generating opportunities. He directed officials to complete the construction works expeditiously as per the approved plan while strictly maintaining quality standards and ensuring proper coordination among departments.



Disneyland High School Presents T-Shirts to SGF Games Participants



Direct Voice Staff Reporter Mandala Harish Warangal September 28: Disneyland High School presented T-shirts to the students selected at the district level to participate in the 70th SGF Games, being held at JNS Stadium. "School Director D. Dinesh Chander and the management presented the T-shirts to the selected students and extended their encouragement and best wishes for the games." "The programme was attended by MEO Jammu Naik, Damera Mandal SGFI Secretary Rajeshwar, PD Devender of ZPHS Damera, and PD V. Lakshminarayana of ZPHS Urugonda, Srinivas and Rajkumar PET s from Disneyland high school.

Congress holds a rally in Sangareddy over Voter List revision, Demand CEC's Resignation



Strate Bureau chief SANGAREDDY September 28: Congress leaders and workers held a massive rally in Sangareddy on Monday, protesting against alleged deletion of voters from electoral rolls and demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. "The rally began from TPCC Working President Jagga Reddy's residence near Ram Mandir in Ram Nagar and concluded at the Ambedkar statue near the Old Bus Stand. Party workers raised slogans against the BJP government and the Election Commission. "Addressing a public meeting, Medak MP Suresh Shetkar alleged that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was aimed at deleting eligible voters. He said the Congress was fighting nationwide over alleged "vote theft" and urged the authorities to ensure that no eligible voter loses the right to vote. Former DCC president Nirmala Jagga Reddy expressed concern over notices being issued to voters during the SIR process. She stressed the need to protect the voting rights of eligible people, particularly those from weaker sections, and called upon Congress workers to remain vigilant at the booth level. "DCC president Chandrashekar Reddy said the party was closely monitoring the revision process and urged workers to verify voter details at every booth and assist those who receive notices. "Later, the Congress leaders submitted a memorandum to the Additional Collector at the Collectorate, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. "Contested claims made by the speakers regarding voter deletions and election processes were presented as allegations. Neelam Madhu, district Mahila Congress president Kata Sudharani Ujwal Reddy, Topaji Anant kishan and a large number of Congress workers from across Sangareddy district participated in the programme.

First Voter Registration for Graduate MLC Elections



Sangapaka Yadagiri Reporter Subedari September 28: Hanamkonda: In view of the Graduate MLC elections for the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda constituency, E.V. Srinivas Rao, a member of the Indian Red Cross Society State Governing Council, submitted the first voter registration application in the district to Additional Collector N. Ravi, RDO Venkatesh, and Tahsildar Ravinder Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Srinivas Rao raised awareness about the voter registration process and urged every eligible graduate to register as a voter.

Congress Takes Up Fight to Protect Voting Rights Protest rally held against Election Commission; Congress demands probe into allegations

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Hanamkonda September 28: The Congress party organised a protest rally in Warangal demanding protection of voting rights and a comprehensive inquiry into allegations and concerns surrounding electoral rolls and the election process. The rally was organised by the District Congress Committee as per the directions of the AICC and TPCC, from the Arts and Science College to the Collectorate. Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavya, Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, District Congress Committee president Inugala Venkatrami Reddy and Parakala MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy participated in the rally along with Congress leaders and party workers. The protesters raised objections over the functioning of the Election Commission and demanded a comprehensive investigation into the concerns being raised over electoral rolls and the election process. They also demanded the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that he was involved in "vote theft", corruption and irregularities. Speaking on the occasion, Revoori Prakash Reddy said the Congress was demanding a thorough investigation into the allegations and concerns related to the functioning of the Election Commission and electoral rolls. He said the right to vote was a crucial constitutional right in a democratic system and stressed the need to safeguard public confidence in the electoral process. He demanded that the Prime Minister acknowledge the issue and take action against the Chief Election Commissioner. The Congress would continue its fight



for the protection of democracy, the Constitution and voting rights, he said.

Rekhya Naik Thanda Seeks Separate Gram Panchayat Eight-year struggle continues.. RTI data raises questions over funds

Bureau Warangal September 28 : Revanth Rathod has demanded that Rekhya Naik Thanda be accorded the status of a separate new Gram Panchayat. He stated that during the reorganisation of Gram Panchayats in 2018, Rekhya Naik Thanda was merged with the Pochamma Thanda Gram Panchayat, located around seven kilometres away, allegedly without conducting a Gram Sabha, seeking public opinion or obtaining a local resolution. Due to the distance from the administrative centre, residents have been facing difficulties in accessing government services, securing development works and basic amenities, he said. Despite submitting several representations to the authorities since 2018 seeking separate Gram Panchayat status, the issue remains unresolved, he added. According to Revanth Rathod, information obtained under the RTI Act indicates that



funds related to Rekhya Naik Thanda were being credited or adjusted under Vanjarapalli Gram Panchayat even after 2018. He sought a comprehensive inquiry into the continuation of the fund accounts under Vanjarapalli despite the

thanda being part of Pochamma Thanda Gram Panchayat after 2018. He demanded a complete audit of funds pertaining to the thanda since 2018 and urged the authorities to ensure that funds due to the area are utilised exclusively for

its development. Revanth Rathod urged the government to view the issue not merely as an administrative matter but as one concerning the rights and basic amenities of residents who have allegedly remained deprived of development for years. He demanded immediate action towards establishing Rekhya Naik Thanda as a separate Gram Panchayat and conducting a comprehensive inquiry into the funds. He further stated that if the issue is not resolved, he would pursue lawful avenues and take the matter to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and other relevant institutions.

School Reopens.. A New Path to Students' Future "Tahsildar extends support to students at school reopened after 16 years.. Educational materials worth ₹10,000 from his own funds

Gatla Srinivas Bureau Chief Warangal September 28 : After a 16-year hiatus, the doors of a government school at Surya Thanda under the Khammam revenue jurisdiction reopened, bringing a new ray of hope to local students. But for several poor children, the joy of returning to school was overshadowed by the lack of basic educational materials such as school bags, notebooks and compass boxes. Noticing their situation, Geesugonda Tahsildar M.D. Riazuddin came forward to support them, spending around

Rs. 10,000 from his own funds to provide the required study materials. The initiative was taken after the Tahsildar recently visited the school to inspect the mid-day meal programme. During the visit, he noticed that students from economically weaker families did not have the basic materials required for their studies. Considering that the school had reopened after 16 years, he immediately responded to their need without waiting for any government assistance. Riazuddin purchased school bags, notebooks, compass



boxes and other essential educational materials with his personal funds and distributed them to the students on Monday. His gesture has drawn appreciation from parents and villagers. Speaking on the occasion, Riazuddin said every section of society should extend support to ensure that students can pursue their education without difficulties. He urged the children to make the best use of the school, which has reopened after many years, study with dedication and strive to reach higher levels in life. Village administrative officer Ravikumar, teachers Sudharani and Rajinikanth, students and villagers participated in the programme.

FPTA's 65th National Annual Conference in the city From October 3rd to 5th at Novatel HICC More than a thousand delegates arrived

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 28: The 65th Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Paper Traders Associations (FPTA) will be held from October 3 to 5 at the Novatel HICC venue in Hyderabad in collaboration with the Telangana Paper Merchants Association (TPMA). A press conference was held at the Taj Deccan in Banjara Hills to announce these details. On this occasion, TPMA President Abhish ek Vijayvargiya, General Secretary Ashish Jain Bhansali, FPTA 65th AGM Reception Committee Chairman Prasad RG, Media & Publicity Chairman Vinay Baldwa, FPTA President Nominee T Kishan Singh spoke. It was said that more than a thousand paper traders, manufacturers and industrialists from all over the country will participate in this prestigious conference being held in the city after a long gap of 19 years. The three-day conference, which will be inaugurated by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on October 3, will focus on key issues such as growth of the domestic paper industry, working capital facilities for MSMEs, GST simplification on notebooks, and promotion of use of recycled paper as an alternative to plastic. Rajesh Ponnuru, CEO of ITC Limited (PSPD), will be the chief guest, while Pawan Agarwal, President of IPMA & CMD of Naini Papers Limited, AS Mehta, President & Director of JK Paper Limited, and Sushil Kumar Khaitan, CEO & Whole time Director of Emami Paper Mills Limited will be the guests of honor. FPTA President Rajesh



Jain will preside over the conference. He said that this meeting has assumed added significance as Kishan Singh, Managing Director of Hyderabad-based Tirumala Balaji Paper Private Limited, will be taking charge as the FPTA Nominee President. He said that this conference will bring paper traders, manufacturers, industry leaders and experts on a single platform. It will include technical seminars, discussions on the latest developments in the paper sector, new opportunities and challenges faced by the industry. He said that the main focus will be on extreme fluctuations in prices, increasing imports, shortage of working capital, tax issues and ways to increase paper consumption. He said that several motivational sessions, including a motivational speech by Gaur Gopal Das, will also be a part of this conference. He said that he wants the zero percent GST on notebooks and exercise books to be simplified and implemented effectively. He said that this will not only make educational stationery products more accessible to the common man, but also

increase paper consumption. He said that he is appealing to provide easy and low-interest working capital loans to eligible micro, small and medium (MSME) entrepreneurs, expedite the restoration of bank limits and make credit-guarantee schemes more accessible. He said that the paper business is highly inventory-intensive. He said that huge capital is required to maintain inventory and adjust the time difference between purchases and payments from customers. Therefore, easy financial facilities are crucial for thousands of traders, especially MSMEs, to function smoothly and achieve business growth. He said that India is one of the third largest paper producing countries in the world. He said that the annual production capacity of the country is about 25 million tonnes. He said that this industry has a turnover of about Rs. 1,00,000 crore, registering a growth of about 5.8 to 6 percent annually. India's paper and paperboard business is estimated to be around 23.84 million tonnes. The annual turnover of the paper and re-

lated products trading sector is around Rs. 50,000 crore, which is registering a growth of 7 to 10 percent annually. According to industry estimates, the annual paper trading turnover of the joint market of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is around Rs. 3,600 crore. Out of this, Telangana's share is around Rs. 1,650 crore, while Hyderabad city's share alone is around Rs. 1,000 crore. The paper sector also plays a key role in employment generation. The paper mills in the country provide direct employment to about 5 lakh people and indirect employment to 15 lakh people. The paper trading, distribution and allied sectors provide a significant amount of additional livelihood. It is estimated that the paper business sector in the two Telugu states provides livelihood to about 1 to 1.2 lakh people. "Despite India's large population and fast-growing economy, the per capita annual paper consumption is only about 16 kg. With the international average consumption of about 57 kg, there is still immense scope for expansion in the domestic paper market. Industry sources believe that if the government takes steps to promote the use of paper in the education, publishing,

Film Actress Payal Rajput Inaugurates Varasiddhi Silks Showroom

Yamsani Sai, Warangal Bureau Chief – September 28: Popular film actress Payal Rajput attended as the chief guest and inaugurated the newly established Varasiddhi Silks showroom at Hanamkonda Crossroads. Speaking on the occasion, Payal Rajput expressed her happiness at visiting Warangal and inaugurating the showroom. She highlighted



the availability of sarees and dresses featuring the latest designs and encouraged everyone to visit and make the most of this opportunity, especially with the upcoming Dussehra and Diwali festivals. Afterward, she interacted with her fans. The management and staff of Varasiddhi Silks, along with others, participated in the event.

Alfours Student Secures Second Place in State-Level Chess Competition Wins silver medal and runner-up trophy in the Under-15 boys' category

Kusam Raju Bureau Chief Karimnagar September 28: G. Shivas, a student of Alfours E-Techno School, demonstrated exceptional talent in the state-level chess competition. He secured second place in the Under-15 boys' category, winning both a silver medal and the runner-up trophy at the event organized by the Telangana State Chess Association in Hyderabad from the 18th to the 20th of this month. To mark this achievement, the school management organized a special felicitation ceremony. Dr. V. Narender Reddy, Head of Alfours Educational Institutions, attended as the chief guest, congratulated the student, and presented him with a bouquet. Speaking on the occasion, he remarked that chess not only improves students' thinking processes but also fos-



ters creativity. He noted that sports help reduce stress among students while promoting good relationships and a sense of brotherhood with others. He emphasized that sports play a pivotal role in the all-round development of students and mentioned that specialized training is being provided to students in various sports by expert physical education teachers. They expressed the hope that G. Shiva would achieve even greater success in the future with this same spirit. The school principal, physical education teachers, students, and others participated in the event.

Massive Blood Donation Camp Organized by BJYM as Part of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan



Kusam Raju Bureau Chief, Karimnagar September 28: As part of the nationwide BJP 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' (Service Pledge Campaign) and to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a blood donation camp was organized by the BJYM (Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha) at the Padmavati Function Hall in Manakondur. Youth Morcha leaders and activists from Thimmapur, Manakondur, and Shankarapatnam mandals participated enthusiastically and donated blood. Inaugurating the camp, BJP District President Sainy Malleshwar stated that blood donation is the no-

blest of all forms of charity and is akin to saving a life for those in distress. He urged the youth to participate in service activities with a sense of social responsibility and to continue organizing such programs that benefit society. He also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing his 25-year political career as an inspiration to everyone and noting that his journey has been dedicated entirely to the welfare of the nation. It was stated that under Modi's leadership, the nation has emerged as a 'Vishwa Guru' (Global Leader)

and that the Central Government is working towards the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). Key participants in the event included BJP District General Secretary Mada Venkat Reddy, BJYM District President Sanga Naresh, State leader Inukondeshwara Reddy, BJP District Vice President Venkat Reddy, Thimmapur Mandal President Enugula Anil, Manakondur Constituency BJYM Convener Gaddam Arun, Chukkal Srikanth Yadav, and women's leader Gajula Swapna, alongside a large number of BJP and BJYM leaders and activists.

"SHE Teams" for Women's Safety: Awareness Session by Crimes ACP Sadayya at Government ITI College

Yamsani Sai Bureau Chief Warangal September 28: Crimes ACP Sadayya emphasized the need for collective participation and individual responsibility in curbing the rising incidence of crimes and atrocities. Speaking at an awareness session held for students at the Government ITI College on Mulugu Road, he urged them to stay informed about cybercrimes and offenses against women. He advised young women to exercise caution when sharing personal photos and details on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Telegram. He also highlighted the importance of the "T-Safe" app, en-

couraging women to use it when traveling alone to unfamiliar places. Furthermore, he advised working women to be vigilant against individuals who behave inappropriately or harass them at their workplaces and cautioned against sharing personal information with strangers. He urged women to boldly and immediately report any instances of inappropriate or indecent behavior to the SHE Teams police. They stated that in the event of cybercrimes, complaints should be lodged via the toll-free number 1930 or through the WhatsApp numbers of the CP (8712685257), CI (8712685142), and SI (8712685270). They as-



sured that the complainants' details would be kept strictly confidential and that appropriate legal action, including counseling for the offenders, would be taken. Students, the college principal, faculty members, 'She Team' SI Swathi, and staff participated in this program.

BRS alleges discrimination against SC sarpanch for opposing illegal sand mining

Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has alleged that Scheduled Caste (SC) public representatives were being discriminated against and humiliated in the Revanth Reddy government for opposing illegal sand mining.

BRS State General Secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Saturday came to the support of K a s h a m m a , sarpanch of Jajala village in Vangur mandal, which falls in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's home mandal. Kashamma has been opposing alleged illegal sand mining in the region. As a result, she was being denied bill payments and was not receiving cooperation for village development, he alleged.

Praveen Kumar accused Congress MLA from Achampet Chikkudu Vamshi Krishna of mentally harassing the woman sarpanch by refusing to clear her bills. He also condemned the alleged remarks made by the MLA, claiming that he had threatened to "skin alive" an SC sarpanch.

Kashamma was fighting to bring water to her village and demanding a halt to the



sand trade, Praveen Kumar said. He alleged that she had obstructed sand mining operations by the Chief Minister's associates on the outskirts of Jajala, Ulpara and Pothareddypalli villages in Vangur mandal, following which her bills were not being cleared.

The BRS leader visited the sand reaches in the Dundubi stream. BRS leaders alleged that excavators were being used in the stream in violation of regulations and that sand was being stockpiled. They also alleged that sand trade was continuing without way-bills. "The sand-laden lorries operate day and night right in front of the Chief Minister's residence in Kondareddypalli, yet no official takes any action," Praveen Kumar said.

The BRS General Secretary also alleged that MLC Balmoori Venkat was harassing NSUI State president Venkata Swamy, who

belongs to the Dalit community.

He further alleged that while the Revanth Reddy government had promised to make women millionaires, a woman entrepreneur, Sobha Reddy, was being harassed and pressured to visit a guest house after she sought a contract.

"Why is Revanth Reddy, who keeps referring to the Speaker by his Dalit identity, not calling on Kashamma, a Dalit woman representative?" Praveen Kumar asked.

The BRS leader also alleged that a committee constituted under GO 134 to investigate land issues was intended to harass BRS leaders for questioning the State government. "If the Congress government is transparent, a probe should be conducted into the land holdings of Revanth Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and other Congress leaders under GO 134," Praveen Kumar demanded.

Hyderabad's Ganesh immersion concludes on Saturday afternoon; 1.2 lakh idols immersed

Hyderabad: The main Ganesh idol immersion procession which spilled over to the second day concluded peacefully at Hussain Sagar on Saturday around 2 pm. The last few vehicles carrying idols were seen at the lakeshore late in the afternoon.



Hundreds of towering idols, which accumulated overnight from Friday into Saturday morning, stood in long, vibrant queues stretching across key central corridors. A sudden morning surge saw between 500 and 800 idols along the city's main roads cleared and immersed between 6 am and 2 pm on Saturday.

The barricades put up on the roads leading towards the water bodies were removed to restore vehicular traffic in the afternoon.

Simultaneously, the GHMC sanitation teams were deployed along with mechanical sweeping units to clear festival debris along the main procession routes.

According to official estimates, about 1.2 lakh Ganesh idols were immersed on Friday and Saturday.

Tonnes of waste, including garlands, puja material, decorative items, coloured paper and broken coconuts, were floating on Hussain Sagar Lake. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has deployed floating trash collectors and an amphibious excavator to remove the waste. Meanwhile, the GHMC which took up cleaning and sanitation initiatives post immersion, in a press release said around 4,527 metric tonnes of waste was cleared in the last two days. According to the civic body, this year's festivities saw a surge in waste collection, with 4,527 metric tons generated compared to the 3,266 metric tonnes during last year's festivities.

Sanitation workers were seen working round the clock to clear debris and restore the city's water bodies and streets. Around 6,000 sweepers and 770 sanitation workers were deployed at immersion points and about 42 mini-tippers and 10 JCBs were operated, besides GHMC's regular fleet.

Workers removed discarded floral garlands, dried leaves, broken coconuts and puja offerings. Disposable meal plates, water bottles, plastic cups, snack wrappers and promotional flex banners were also cleaned along Tank Bund and NTR Marg.



India Will Defend Itself Against Terror, Asserts Jaishankar

New Delhi: External affairs minister S. Jaishankar told the UN General Assembly on Saturday that India would continue to defend itself against terrorism, accusing Pakistan, without naming it, of trying to normalise the scourge and escape its consequences.

"Yesterday, a serial practitioner of terrorism misrepresented facts before this Assembly," Jaishankar said in India's address to the General Debate, a day after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif spoke at the UN. He said arguments had been made to normalise terrorism and claim immunity from its consequences. "That will not stand."

Jaishankar said friendship and goodwill could not coexist with terrorism and that understandings based on them would be called into question. "It is for the perpetrator of terrorism to mend its ways," he said. Governments involved in state-sponsored, cross-border terrorism must be held accountable, he added, calling for an undiluted zero-tolerance approach and action against terror financing.

Turning to the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia, Jaishankar warned of their impact on food, fuel, fertiliser and financial security, particularly in the Global South. He condemned attacks



on commercial shipping and seafarers as "simply unacceptable" and referred to India's initiative with Liberia and other countries to strengthen international cooperation to protect them.

India supported efforts to end the conflicts and was "willing to do everything possible" to advance peace and safeguard food and energy security, he said. Referring to the Russia-Ukraine war, now in its fifth year, he recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that "endless war must give way now to an end to war".

Jaishankar warned that the world was "living on the edge of an abyss" and said the countries bearing the greatest costs of global conflicts often had the least say in decisions about them. He also raised threats to the Global South's right to industrialise and spoke of India's efforts to build capacity in African countries.

Earlier, India used its Right of Reply to reject Sharif's remarks on terrorism and Kashmir. Petal Gahlot, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN, called Pakistan's claims "falsehoods" and warned that continued terrorism would have consequences.

Gahlot described Pakistan's government as "a regime of the army, by the army, and for the army" and referred to the immunity granted to its mili-

tary leadership under the 27th Constitutional Amendment. She also recalled that Osama bin Laden had lived near Pakistan's premier military academy before US forces found and killed him.

Rejecting Sharif's remarks on Kashmir, Gahlot said Jammu and Kashmir was an integral and inalienable part of India. She drew attention to allegations of violence and denial of rights in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and criticised Pakistan's treatment of minorities.

"Reiterating falsehoods year after year does not make them true. Pakistan's terrorism, deceit and duplicity will neither benefit it nor the world," she said.

Sharif had credited US President Donald Trump with a "timely intervention" in the 2025 India-Pakistan conflict. He also said a "just and fair" solution to the Kashmir issue was needed to prevent another confrontation. India rejected his account.

Gahlot referred to Operation Sindoor, launched by India in May 2025 against what it described as terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir after the Pahalgam attack killed 26 civilians. "Our right to defend ourselves against terrorism will be exercised. And continued terrorism by Pakistan will have consequences," she said.

Gen Z leads surge in voter enrolment; 4.40 lakh new applications filed in Telangana

Gen Z voters are driving a surge in enrolment during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Telangana, with 4.40 lakh new applications filed. Alongside, thousands of overseas Indians have registered, while objections and corrections are being processed ahead of the final roll publication on November 9.

Hyderabad: Young and eligible citizens, particularly the Gen Z, are filling out the Form-6, an application for enrolment of new electors, during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

A staggering 4.40 lakh new applications (Form 6 – enrolment of new electors), with most from the Gen Z, have been registered from the State with the Election Commission of India, seeking voter identity card. In addition to locals, 6,327 overseas Indians registered for the voter ID by filing Form 6A with the ECI.

Young electors who have attained 18 years of age on or before October 1, 2026, have been encouraged to apply through Form-6, along with the prescribed declaration. However, they also need to submit their parents' SIR 2002 details and link them accordingly.

Those young and eligible individuals who attain the age eligibility and apply on or before October 1, 2026, will be included in the final electoral list. However, the registration for voter identification cards is a year-long process where individuals who attain eligibility can register with the ECI.

"There is no fixed deadline for registration for young individuals. It is a yearlong process. However, if an individual wants to be included in the final electoral roll, they need to attain the eligibility and apply on or before October 1. The



electoral roll gets updated from time to time. We have received all Form-6As online," sources said.

According to Telangana Chief Electoral Office sources, so far, a staggering 32,000 applications were filed, objecting to proposed inclusion or seeking deletion of existing entry from the electoral list. "Such objections will be thoroughly verified before removing them from the list. Mere submission of Form-7 will not lead to voter name deletion," sources said.

Hon'ble XII Additional Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyd. Convicted 5 years For POCSO act cases,

V. Manikanta S/o. V. Shyam, Age 27 years Occ: Pvt Employee, R/o. Ramnagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, has convicted the accused vide in Cr.No. 236/2023, U/s 354, 354A, 354D, 509, 506 IPC and Sec 7 r/w 8 & 11 r/w 12 of POCSO Act of Musheerabad Police Station. In the said case, accused is convicted for Simple Imprisonment for 05 (Five Years) years and to pay a fine of 9,000 /-.*



On 04-06-2023 at about 11:30 AM, the mother of the victim girl (age 11 years) lodged a complaint stating that, for the past few days, the accused (Manikanta), who is their neighbor, had been behaving inappropriately with the victim. He used to talk to her in an improper manner, pull her hair, and tease her by pulling her hands and legs. He also used to come close to her and make inappropriate comments about her clothes, asking why she was wearing shorts and saying that she should remove her clothes and roam around without them. He also used to touch her cheeks. Hence, a police complaint was filed at MUSHEERABAD Police Station and forwarded to Bharosa for recording of 180 BNS statement.

The Bharosa team provided a range of counselling techniques to assist the victim and her family. Additionally, they offered moral and emotional support through consistent follow-up sessions and involvement in workshops. The family was exceedingly happy to hear about the conviction.

The concerted efforts by the Investigating Officer, Sri Ch. Prasad Reddy and Sri. G. Raj Gopal Reddy Inspector of Police MUSHEERABAD PS Hyd, P J Ramakrishna, Spl Additional Public Prosecutor, Sri. A. Ram Reddy, Public Prosecutor and Smt. T. Kalpana & Smt. AR. Hima Menon Legal Counselors, Other Bharosa Team, Court Duty Officer by name Smt. K. Shiva Jyothi WPC 31046 PS Musheerabad and Sri. B. Sudharshan HC 9398 PS Abids Summons Duty Sri G. Srikanth PC 9937 contributed immensely during the course of trial which ended in Conviction.

Curram Jashuva The Poet Who Boldly Proclaimed Himself a 'Universal Human'

Sankepalli Srinivasa Reddy



Yamsani Sai, Warangal Bureau Chief September 28: Sankepalli Srinivasa Reddy, President of the 'Shubhodayam' Literary, Cultural, and Social Service Organization, stated that Gurram Jashuva was a poet who boldly declared, "I am a universal human; I will not be confined by the cages of caste and religion." Srinivasa Reddy attended a program held at the organization's office in Bank Colony presided over by General Secretary R. Lakshmikanta Rao. as the chief guest. After paying floral tributes to Jashuva's portrait, he addressed the gathering, hailing Jashuva as a progressive poet and an "Emperor of Poets of the New Era" (Navayuga Kavi Chakravarti). He praised Jashuva for striving towards societal change through works such as Gabbilam Firdausi Lekha Smasana Vatika and Manishi Treasurer Boddupalli Papayya, along with Venu, Satish Ravinder Kavitha, and Madhavi also participated in the event.

Farmers must Register Their Crop Details



Rakam Radhika Bureau Chief Mahabubabad September 28: Agriculture Officer (DAO) S. Vijay Chandra advised that every landowner-farmer must register in the 'Rythu Registry' to avail benefits from various Central and State government schemes, as well as to access services such as fertilizer booking crop procurement, subsidized tools and seeds, and crop loans. On Monday, agriculture officials conducted an awareness program for farmers in Bethol village of the mandal. He urged farmers who have not yet registered to do so immediately before the 30th of this month. He stated that farmers could approach their nearest Mee-Seva center or contact the Agriculture Extension Officer (AEO) at the 'Rythu Vedita' for registration. Mahabubabad Mandal Agriculture Officer N. Tirupati Reddy, Malayala Cluster AEO Bitla Saritha, Councilor Ramji, and local farmers participated in the program.

National Award for PService in the Employment Sector

Theegala Venkat, Reporter Hanamkonda, September 28 Uukanti Mahender the Postmaster of Jammikunta (hailing from Kamalapur Mandal headquarters, Hanamkonda) and the Telangana State President of the All India Postal Employees Union has received a national-level award. He was honored for his distinguished service in the employment sector and his continuous efforts towards employee welfare. Representatives of the Postal Employees Union commended his dedication and the role-model status he holds among his colleagues. The award was presented on the 27th during a program organized in Warangal, Telangana, as part of the 'Sri Vishwakarma Yagna Mahotsavam' and 'Telugu Velugu Sahithi



Vedita 2026' celebrations. Representatives of the Postal Employees Union, fellow colleagues, and well-wishers extended their heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Mahender, expressing hope that he would continue to serve the cause of employee welfare and postal services with the same spirit in the future. They noted that receiving this national award under the motto "Dedication in Service – Commitment to Society" would serve as a source of further encouragement for him.

Boddu Dayakar Madiga as Vice Chairman of the MEF National Core Committee

Boddu Sharath Kumar reporter Dharmasagar September 28 :Boddu Dayakar Madiga, a member of the MRPS National Politburo, was unanimously elected as vice chairman of the national core committee of the Madiga Employees Federation (MEF), an affiliated wing of the MRPS. The organization entrusted Boddu Dayakar Madiga, who has been

actively working in social movements for a long time under the leadership of MRPS founder president Man da Krishna Madiga, with these key responsibilities at the national level. In the wake of the Supreme Court verdict, the classification of SC reservations in all He is playing an active role in numerous social movements demanding the immedi-

ate implementation of this in government department employee recruitments and promotions. Leaders of the joint districts of MRPS, MSP, and MEF, along with representatives of various Dalit organizations, warmly congratulated him and conveyed their best wishes on his election as Vice Chairman of the National Core Committee.



Lucky Draw Held for Double-Bedroom House Allotments

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad, September 28,:A lucky draw was conducted on Monday for the selection of beneficiaries for the allotment of double-bedroom houses located near the Integrated District Offices Complex under Nizamabad North Mandal. "The lottery process was held at the Municipal Citizen Service Centre under the supervision of Mayor Kooragayala Uma Rani, Nizamabad RDO Rajendra Kumar and Municipal Commissioner S. Dilip

Kumar."Following government guidelines, eligible applicants were selected through a transparent draw in the presence of corporators from various divisions, representatives of political parties and the shortlisted applicants. The entire process was videographed to ensure transparency and rule out any scope for errors or doubts. Reservations were implemented as per government norms, with 6 per cent for STs, 17 per cent for SCs, 12 per cent for minorities and 5 per cent for per-



sons with disabilities. The names of the selected beneficiaries were announced during the draw. "Additional Municipal Commissioner B. Chandrasekhar, Housing EE J. Rajyalakshmi, North Tahsildar Harikishore and other officials participated in the programme. "The beneficiaries whose names were selected expressed happiness and thanked the government for allotting them double-bedroom houses.

Mediation Brings Family Dispute to Amicable End

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad , September 28 "A long-standing family dispute concerning the pension and retirement benefits of a government employee has been amicably resolved through the mediation services of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). The dispute involved the government employee's two families, who had been facing differences over the benefits due after his retirement. The matter was brought before the DLSA under the Pre-Litigation Case (PLC) mechanism with the objective of finding a peaceful solution without prolonged litigation. "DLSA Secretary Smt. Neelima Muddasani conducted

counselling sessions with the parties on several occasions. During the counselling, both sides were given an opportunity to explain their concerns and were encouraged to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. "After a series of counselling and mediation sessions, the parties voluntarily entered into an agreement and settled the dispute on mutually agreed terms. The DLSA stated that the case demonstrates the importance of the principle of "Settlement through Mediation." Under the PLC system, disputes can be taken up before they develop into prolonged litigation. Notices are issued to the concerned parties, followed by counselling



and mediation sessions. "The authority said that once the parties reach a voluntary settlement, they can submit their agreed terms and, wherever legally permissible, withdraw their pending applications. "The DLSA further observed that many families lose valuable time and spend substantial amounts of money by repeatedly approaching police stations and courts over disputes that can potentially be resolved through dialogue. "People facing family and other disputes suitable for mediation have been encouraged to approach the District Legal Services Authority. The institution assured that necessary counselling and mediation support would be provided to help parties resolve their differences peacefully, while saving their time, money and effort.

Congress Protest Demands Action Against CEC

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad, September 28 :"The Nizamabad District Congress Committee and City Congress Committee organised a protest from the Congress party office to Gandhi Chowk on Monday, following the directions of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), raising allegations of electoral irregularities and "vote chori." "Nizamabad Mayor Smt. Kooragayala Uma Rani Ramesh took part in the protest along with Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Government

Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy, District Congress President, City Congress President Bobbili Rama Krishna, NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, Urdu Academy Chairman Taher Bin-Hamdan, Nizamabad First Mayor D.Sanjay, Corporators, party leaders and a large number of Congress workers. Addressing the gathering, Mayor Uma Rani Ramesh condemned what at the party described as irregularities involving the Central Election Commission and demanded the immediate arrest of Chief Election



Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. "She said safeguarding democracy and maintaining transparency in elections were essential and asserted that Congress leaders and workers were united in raising their voice on issues concerning the electoral process. "The protest witnessed the participation of a large number of party leaders and workers and concluded with calls for greater transparency and accountability in the conduct of elections.