

This Fight will Not Stop.. Those Responsible Cannot Escape - “Rahul Gandhi”

Nathari venkates National Bureau Chief New Delhi October 6: Stern warning on voter list irregularities Why were more than 300 MPs blocked? It is our right to meet the Election Commissioners.. They are the representatives of the people O 'Gyanesh.. it is time to resign'Our fight is to protect democracy: Rahul Gandhi Voter list. The opposition's agitation has intensified in the wake of allegations raised against the election process. The Delhi Police blocked the march of India Alliance MPs towards the Election Commission office, resulting in tense conditions. On this occasion, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha lashed out at the Election Commission. He warned that no one responsible for irregularities in the voter list will escape. He said that the election process should be transparent and the rights of voters should be protected. It was made clear that the struggle will continue. Protest at the EC office itself India Alliance MPs on Tuesday marched from Parliament to the Election Commission headquarters. They demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and to take their objections to the revision of the voters' list to the notice of the Election Commissioners. However, police were deployed near the NITI Aayog. They were stopped. As a result, the opposition MPs protested by sitting on the road. The agitation continued thereafter. Why did you block 300 MPs? "Rahul Gandhi expressed his anger over the

police's obstruction. He said that more than 300 opposition MPs had come from Parliament to meet the Election Commissioners and that they were representatives of crores of Indians. He questioned why they were being obstructed even though the Election Commission office was just a short distance away. He said that it was their right as public representatives to meet the Election Commissioners and express their views. He questioned why the police were obstructing and threatening them.' Gyanesh.. resign now' Chief Election Commissioner Janesh Kumar "Rahul Gandhi has strongly criticized the conduct. He openly demanded, 'Gyanesh.. it's over. It's time to resign.' The protest was launched in the backdrop of the opposition alleging irregularities in the revision of the electoral roll. Rahul Gandhi insisted that the Election Commission should answer their questions on the integrity and transparency of the election process. We will defeat them.. those responsible will not escape 'During the protest, Rahul Gandhi also severely criticized the BJP. He commented, "We will not just confront them.. we will defeat them." He said that he considers the current developments as treason and warned that those responsible for this will not escape in the future. He made it clear that their fight is to protect democracy. People's trust in the electoral process is of utmost importance. He said that there should be no room for any kind of aggression regarding the right to vote. "The opposition's struggle is getting more intense. The opposition parties are already conducting protests across the country against the revision of the voter list and the SIR. They say that the revision of the voter list is not intended to be a pre-election exercise, but rather as part of the process of removing the names of ineligible, duplicate and deceased voters. In this context, the agitation by the opposition parties led by Rahul Gandhi has heated up politically. The opposition leaders say that they will continue the struggle until their objections to the election process are clarified and answers are given.



Electricity Consumers Be Ready

Nathari Venkates State Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 6: You are about to get a strong electric shock The Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission is ready to collect Rs. 7,635 crore in the form of true-up charges. It has given permission to the DISCOMs for this. To this extent, ERC Chairman Justice Devaraju Nagarjun, members Kancharla Raghu and Cherukuri Srinivasa Rao gave orders on Monday. DISCOMs will collect these true-up charges from the consumers by increasing them by 30 paise per unit in November and by 50 paise per unit from December Electric shock Bad guy is bad True-up charges for consumers to be hiked by 30 paise in November, 50 paise from December Rs. 5,420 crores collected from consumers and Rs. 2,215 crores collected from the government, totaling Rs. 7,635 crores collected. ERC, which has given permission to the discoms, has collected for 29 months in the southern discom and 26 months in the northern discom. The government is responsible for paying agricultural utility charges. A deficit occurs. The legal adjustment process implemented with the permission of the Electricity Regulatory Board to cover the financial deficit or additional expenditure that arises is called 'true-up'. In the remaining 2 of the 2022-23 financial year The ERC issues annual tariff orders on the revenue to be collected from consumers. However, in cases where the revenue received is less than the estimated revenue due to increase in the price of power purchased in the open market or due to the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Board has issued key orders officially authorizing the power distribution companies DISCOMs in the state to collect a total of Rs. 5,420.23 crore in true-up charges from consumers. It was revealed that this decision was taken to adjust the additional expenditure on power purchases and the increased revenue deficit in the previous financial years. Generally, how much power do the electricity distribution companies purchase for each financial year? The first page is coming DISCOMs have filed petitions with the ERC seeking recovery of Rs. 5,186.29 crores, which is the additional expenditure on power purchase, as well as the revenue deficit of Rs. 2,448.93 crores for the year 2023-24. The ERC has conducted a comprehensive public inquiry into the 5. 7,635.22 5 truth-up sought by the DISCOMs. After this examination the Commission has clarified that

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the share of the agricultural sector 5.2, 214.99 5 should not be passed on directly to the consumers. Free electricity in the state Since the electricity policy is being implemented, the DISCOMs have been directed to take this amount as subsidy from the state government. This has given relief to the agricultural sector, while the remaining burden of Rs. 5,420.23 crore has been allowed to be collected from non-agricultural, domestic, commercial and industrial category consumers. The ERC has decided to collect this true up amount in phases and on a long term basis, not all at once. Collection process: This adjustment will be effective from the upcoming November bill. Commence Slab of charges: An additional 30 paise per unit will be charged in the first month's bill November and 50 paise per unit from the following month onwards. These charges will continue for 29 months in the areas under the jurisdiction of South Telangana Power Distribution Company Limited TGSPDCL and for 26 months in the jurisdiction of North Telangana DISCOM TGNPDCL These charges will be calculated and included in the bill based on the total units used by the respective consumers in the years 2022-23 and 2023-24. There will be clarity for consumers in the process of collecting true-up charges The regulatory body has strongly instructed the discoms to do so. It has clarified that the true-up amount should be clearly mentioned in a separate section in the monthly current bills, without mixing it with other regular tariff charges. It has been clarified that the complete details of which financial year it is related to, how much consumption and how much unit rate was charged must be displayed in the bill received by the consumers. These latest true-up charges are adding more burden to the common and middle class people who are already struggling with essentials and other expenses.

Applications Invited to Fill 13 Posts at Sakhi One-Stop Centre under Mission Shakti -District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha

Kanukuntla Kannaiah Bureau Chief Jangaon October 6: District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha announced on Tuesday that applications are being invited from eligible candidates to fill 13 posts on an outsourcing basis at the Sakhi One-Stop Centre in Jangaon under the Mission Shakti scheme. The posts to be filled include: Centre Administrator (1), Psycho-social Counsellor (1), Case Worker (2), Paralegal Personnel/Lawyer (1), Para-medical Personnel (1), Office Assistant with computer knowledge (1), Multi-purpose Staff/Cook (3), and Security Guard/Night Guard (3). Candidates must be between 21 and 45 years of age as of October 1, 2026. The selection process will involve a written examination that includes negative marking. The written examination is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The oral test will be conducted and the results announced on the same day. Candidates have been advised to bring their original certificates when appearing for the written test. Applications in the prescribed format will be accepted at the Collectorate Inward Section within the Jangaon IDOC from October 6, 2026, until 1:00 PM on October 10, 2026. It was stated that hall tickets would be issued to candidates at the counter upon submission of their applications. It was also announced that individuals currently working at the 'Sakhi' One-Stop Centre are eligible to apply for these posts. Details regarding post-wise educational qualifications, experience, reservation criteria, the syllabus, the application format, and other terms and conditions can be found in the detailed notification available on the official Jangaon district website <https://jangaon.telangana.gov.in> and the Collectorate notice board.

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We will Transform K-Hub into a Startup Hub KU to Soon Host Country's Largest Hackathon

Shobharani Ramesh Kandala KU Campus Reporter October 6 : Kakatiya University Registrar Acharya V. Ramachandran said that KU K-Hub is being developed as a platform for incubation and entrepreneurship development. He said that the goal is to make K-Hub a leading innovation and startup center in North Telangana. He revealed that Kakatiya University will soon be the venue for the largest hackathon in the country. The development work being carried out by the K-Hub of Kakatiya University under the auspices of TGEWIDC with RUSA 2.0 funds was done by the District Collector Chahat Bajpai inspected the works on Tuesday. She reviewed the progress of the works and made several suggestions to Registrar Acharya V. Ramachandran to complete the development works expeditiously. The Registrar said that innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship development programs are being conducted through K-Hub. He said that as part of the MoU signed between Kakatiya University K-Hub and T-Hub in Hyderabad, mentoring is being provided to students and young entrepreneurs. He said that K-Hub is being developed to encourage the establishment of start-ups and promote creative thinking among the youth. RUSA Nodal Officer Acharya R. Mallikarjuna Reddy, K-Hub Director Acharya T. Savita Jyotsna, Development Officer Acharya Y. Venkaiah and other officials participated in the Collector's inspection.



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Let's Create Employment Opportunities for Transgenders

Senior Civil Judge Kandukuri Pooja

Not To Be Afraid, But To Be Vigilant!?

Public concern about infectious diseases is natural after the coronavirus pandemic overwhelmed global health systems. However, it is just as dangerous to view every new infection as a sign of another global pandemic as it is to ignore unconfirmed information. The recent death of a laboratory worker in Siberia, Russia, is a reminder of the need to strike a balance between these two issues. Latest reports say that 28-year-old Daria Shipilova, who worked at the anti-plague research institute in Shelekhov, near Irkutsk, died of severe pneumonia on October 2. The cause of her death is still not fully determined. Although rumors have circulated that she was infected with plague bacteria in a laboratory, Russian authorities have not yet confirmed that she was infected with the plague. There has also been no official confirmation of the claim that the lab accident was the cause. However, it is not a bad idea to take precautions. It has been reported that about 200 people who came into contact with her have been placed under special isolation and medical supervision. Local authorities say that no new cases have been reported so far. Russia's public health agency Rospotrebnadzor is monitoring the situation. The main thing to understand here is that plague is not just an epidemic. Plague is caused by the bacteria *Yersinia pestis* (a zoonotic organism). It is usually transmitted to humans by rats, other small mammals, and their fleas. It occurs in the main forms of bubonic, septicemic, and pneumonic. Of these, pneumonic plague affects the lungs. It can be spread to others through close contact through the victim's respiratory tract. However, plague is not an incurable disease in modern medicine. Early detection and administration of antibiotics can save lives. Pneumonic plague can be extremely dangerous if left untreated. That is why immediate medical action, along with testing, is crucial in suspected cases. Global statistics also tell an important story. Between 2019 and 2025, a total of 3,860 suspected plague cases, 2,646 confirmed cases, and 423 deaths were reported to the World Health Organization in six countries. The majority of these cases were reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Madagascar. Madagascar reported 230 pneumonic cases and 95 deaths during the same period. These figures make it clear that plague is not a completely extinct disease. At the same time, it is not scientifically justified to declare a "new plague epidemic" based on the death of a single lab worker in Siberia. Confirmation requires laboratory testing, contact tracing, and subsequent monitoring of cases. Plague has left a huge toll on humanity throughout history. The World Health Organization claims that the 14th-century Black Death claimed more than 50 million lives in Europe alone. But today's world is not the same as it was then. Modern diagnostic methods, antibiotics, isolation, contact tracing, and public health surveillance systems are available. Therefore, the lesson that the Siberian incident teaches us is not to panic. To be vigilant. Turning rumors into pandemic news before an official confirmation increases unnecessary fear among the public. At the same time, there should be no room for even the slightest negligence in laboratory safety, biosafety, and disease surveillance. If the world is to avoid having to face another pandemic, transparent information, rapid The most effective defenses are decisions based on tests and scientific evidence.

Gajji Dayaker Bureau Chief legal Warangal October 6: Organizations should come forward to provide job opportunities to deserving people. We should cooperate to live a dignified life. Efforts should be made to protect rights. "Senior Civil Judge Kandukuri Pooja Meeting on the eradication of human trafficking and the protection of transgender rights" Jobs for transgender rs Warangal District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Kandukuri Pooja said that everyone should cooperate in providing employment opportunities and leading a dignified life in the society. An awareness program was organized on Tuesday under the joint auspices of Asanta Bhavas FMM Social Service Organization, Moderate Awareness Society and Warangal Police Commission Rate Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (Pride Place) in Hanmak

onda Subedari on the eradication of human trafficking and protection of transgender rights. Speaking as the chief guest, Kandukuri Pooja said that the opposition is still attacking transgender people in the society, and at the same time He advised everyone to recognize the situation that is giving a bad name to the real transgender community due to the presence of transgenders and to work towards creating a dignified atmosphere in the society. He urged the eligible persons to take advantage of the various welfare schemes being implemented by the government for transgender persons. He advised officials and organizations to come forward to provide job opportunities to educated and qualified transgender persons in government departments as well as private organizations. He hoped



that they would achieve financial independence through job self employment and skill training and lead a dignified life. He advised them to contact the District Legal Services Authority if anyone violates their rights or opposes them. Senior Civil Judge Kandukuri Pooja said that in addition to providing necessary legal assistance to the victims, legal action will be taken against those responsible. Be vigilant against human trafficking "Anti-Human Trafficking Unit Inspector and Transgender Protection Cell In-charge O. Ramesh speaks about the Telangana Police Women Safety Division. He said that Pride Place is working to protect the rights of transgender people under the auspices of the government. He said that transgender people, who are more likely to be exposed to

MP D.K. Aruna and District Collector Khushbu Gupta Distribute Vehicles to Fishermen's Society Members

Gatla Srinivas State Bureau Chief "Mahabubnagar October 6. MP D.K. Aruna and District Collector Khushbu Gupta distributed vehicles to members of fishermen's societies under the aegis of the District Fisheries Department. During a program held on Tuesday at the Collectorate premises, a four-wheeler van and a three-wheeler auto rickshaw were handed over to the society members. Speaking on the occasion, MP D.K. Aruna stated that both the Central and State governments are implementing numerous schemes for the welfare of fishermen and urged them to make the best use of these initia-

tives. District Collector Khushbu Gupta advised the beneficiaries to utilize the government-provided vehicles effectively to enhance their fishing trade. She noted that these vehicles would facilitate easier transportation and sale of fish, thereby helping them achieve economic growth. DRDO Narsimhulu District Fisheries Officer D. Radha Rohini, District Fisheries Industrial Cooperative Society In-charge Gonela Srinivasulu, members of fishermen's societies, and others participated in the event.



Rename the 'Despotic Nizam's Tank' "Rename it as 'Bathukamma Cheruvu' Eldi Mallayya Goud, Town BJP In-charge

Rakam Radhika Bureau Chief Mahabubabad October 6 "BJP Town In-charge Eldi Mallayya Goud demanded that the 'Nizam Cheruvu' Nizam's Tank in Manukota town be renamed 'Bathukamma Cheruvu'. He submitted a representation to the local Municipal Commissioner on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, he criticized the fact that even after the formation of Telangana state, the rulers have failed to remove the name of the despotic Nizam, thereby undermining the self-respect of women. He lashed out at both the former BRS government and the current Revanth Reddy government for invoking the Nizam's name merely for political gain and to appease those who looted wealth from Hyderabad. He

stated that the Nizams had a history of atrocities forcing women to strip and play Bathukamma, brutally killing those who opposed them, violating the dignity and lives of people, and inflicting barbaric torture. He recalled that many people lost their lives fighting the Razakar system established by the Nizam under the leadership of Kasim Razvi. He demanded the immediate removal of the Nizam's name and the renaming of the tank to 'Bathukamma Cheruvu' to uphold the self-respect of the women of Manukota. Senior leader Mullangi Pratap Reddy, District Secretary Dara Indubharati, Town Vice-President Ravi Yadav, and Town General Secretaries participated in this pro-



gram. Ravi Nayak, Naresh Nayak, 28th Ward In-charge Chukkala Naresh, Daggula Sujatha, Suresh, Anil Kumar, Dara Mamata, Deepak Patel, Prem Sagar, and others participated.

Remove Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar Immediately, Protest Against Illegal Deletion of Votes Across the Country in the Name of SIR

Yamsani SAI Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 6 : Congress, CPI, CPI(M), CPI (ML) Mass Line, TJS and SP Hold Massive Dharna in Front of Medchal District Collectorate "Congress, CPI, CPI(M), CPI (ML) Mass Line, TJS and SP parties jointly organised a massive dharna today in front of the Medchal District Collectorate, protesting against the alleged illegal deletion of voters' names across the country in the name of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and demanding the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Following the dharna, a delegation representing the above political parties submitted a memorandum to the authorities at the Medchal District Collectorate. The program was attended by Vajresh Yadav, Medchal District President of the Congress; Uma Mahesh, CPI District Secretary; P. Satyam, CPI(M) District Secretary Comra de Gaddam Sadanandam, District Secretary of CPI (ML) Mass Line and State Secretariat Member, along with leaders of various people's organisations. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders of the participating political parties alleged that attempts are being made to undermine the right to vote, which is fundamental to the Constitution and the democratic system of the country. They alleged that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar is functioning in a partisan manner in favour of the ruling BJP at the Centre and is misusing the electoral system. The leaders alleged that in the name of Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

of electoral rolls, the names of crores of voters are being unjustly deleted across the country, thereby undermining and ridiculing the democratic process. They stated that when complaints are received through Form-7, the concerned voters should be properly informed and given an opportunity to respond, and their names should not be deleted without following due process. Against this backdrop, the leaders demanded that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar be immediately removed from office for allegedly acting in a partisan manner and disregarding constitutional principles. They further demanded a thorough investigation into the alleged irregularities in the SIR process and into the role of Gyanesh Kumar, and called for the immediate suspension of the controversial SIR process. "Major Demands All names illegally deleted from the electoral rolls must be restored immediately. "Unlawful provisions relating to Form-6 must be withdrawn. "The centralisation of voters' data must be stopped, and access for local Village Revenue Officers (VROs) to maintain electoral rolls, as provided under law, must be restored. A comprehensive audit of the central voters' data software must be conducted by independent and neutral IT experts. The new law introduced by the Central Government concerning the appointment of Election Commissioners must be repealed. The appointment of the Election Commissioners must be made through a com-



mittee comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and the Chief Justice of India. Necessary measures must be taken to ensure that the Election Commission functions independently, transparently and democratically, without political interference. "The leaders called upon all democratic forces, political parties and people's organisations to unite and fight for the protection of the right to vote, constitutional values and the democratic system of the country. Add the programme date and venue time insert a clear issuing organisation and contact "Replace legal claims with careful allegations

Maternity Hospitals Should Provide Quality Medical Services to Pregnant Women and Newborns

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal October 6 : Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai inspected various departments of the Government Maternity Hospital in Hanumakonda on Tuesday and inspected the medical services provided to pregnant women, lactating women and women, and the facilities in the hospital. The Collector spoke to the pregnant women and lactating women who came there for medical services and sought their opinions on the medical services being provided. On this occasion, the District Collector inspected the OP services, health women's clinic, fertility clinic, laboratory, gynecology OP, scanning room, store room, labor room, and operation theater in the hospital. OP registers and lab records were checked. The Collector inquired whether the OP details were being made online. The Collector inquired from the doctors and staff about the tests conducted in the lab, details of various tests related to pregnant women, sample collection procedure, and time for providing test reports. He inquired about the number of patients coming to the gynecology OP and how many doctors are available. The functioning of the equipment in the scanning room and the procedure for providing

test reports were examined. The arrangements in the labor room and operation theaters, cleanliness, and maintenance of equipment were inquired about. The stock of medicines, medical equipment, surgical equipment, and consumables was examined in the store room.



He inquired about the number of security staff and sanitation workers working in the hospital, and the details of their duty assignments. Speaking on this occasion, District Collector Chahat Bajpai suggested that pregnant women and newborns who come to the government maternity hospital for medical services should not wait for long and should provide their health test reports as soon as possible. He said that all the test reports conducted in the lab should be given without delay. He advised the officials to

ensure continuous monitoring of obstetric and medical services without any problems. He said that necessary medicines and equipment should be available at all times. The Collector ordered the doctors and staff to take special measures to ensure that the wards, OP pre-

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**Record Yields with Aira Seeds 'Mugdha' Farmers Impressed with Seed Quality at Field Demonstration
Agriculture Officer: Deva Prasad**



Budde Rajesh Suryapeta Town Tungaturthy Direct voice Reporter October -6
: Agriculture Officer Deva Prasad said that high yields can be achieved with the 'Mugdha' bold variety paddy seeds of Aira Seeds company. "“He was speaking after attending the 'Mugdha' paddy field demonstration program held on Tuesday at the agricultural field of Balagani Karunakar in Ganagubanda village of Tungaturthy mandal."“On this occasion, Aira Seeds (MD) Rachamalla Hanumantha Rao expressed satisfaction over the performance of the 'Mugdha' variety. He said that compared to other varieties, the number of tillers in Mugdha paddy was higher, and the usage of fertilizers and pesticides was also in lower doses. He said that there will be high demand for this variety in the upcoming season. "“Regional Manager Rajesh, District Sales Officer Nagaraju Yadav, Suman, Manohar, Dealer Farmer Friend Agencies Lakavathi Nimma, farmers Nallu Ramachandra Reddy, Jatangi Mahesh, Mattapally Venkanna, Mamuluri Ramulu and others participated in this program.



ELTA Mahabubabad District New Executive Committee Elected

**B. Ram Mohan Elected District President;
Bethi Satyanarayana as General Secretary**



RAM MOHAN BAYAGANI
ELTA MAHBUBABAD DIST PRESIDENT:

BETHI SATYANARAYANA
ELTA MAHBUBABAD DIST GENERAL SECRETARY:

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
Direct Voice Bureau
Chief Warangal **October 6** :The new executive committee of the English Language Teachers Association (ELTA), Mahabubabad District, was elected on Monday with the aim of further strengthening English language teaching and promoting professional development among English teachers across the district. The election was conducted under the chairmanship of ELTA State President and Election Officer T. Venkateswara Rao, with P. Srinivas supervising the proceedings. Bayagani Ram Mohan was elected as the District President, while Bethi Satyanarayana was elected as the General Secretary. The newly elected executive committee comprises S. Saidulu

Reddy and V. Shyamala Devi as Vice Presidents; B. Venkat eswarlu and Ch. Anitha as Joint Secretaries; G. Satish Reddy as Treasurer; Sanbon Anthony D'Souza and Shib arani as State Councilors; B. Lachhu as Media In-charge; and B. Suresh Kumar and K. Ashok as Secretaries. Addressing the gathering, Election Officer T. Venkateswara Rao congratulated the newly elected office bearers and called upon them to work collectively for the advancement of English language education in Mahab ubabad district. He stressed the need to encourage innovative teaching practices, enhance the professional skills of teachers, and create better opportunities for students to improve their communication skills in English. The

newly elected President Bayagani Ram Mohan expressed his gratitude to the ELTA leadership and district English teachers for their confidence and support. He said that the new committee would work with a collective spirit to strengthen English language teaching, facilitate professional development programmes for teachers, share effective teaching practices, and contribute to the overall improvement of English education in the district. The programme was attended by a large number of English teachers from various parts of Mahabubabad district, who congratulated the newly elected committee and expressed their willingness to extend their cooperation for the successful implementation of ELTA's objectives.

Road Safety Awareness for School Bus Drivers and Assistants“ Hanamakonda District Deputy Transport Commissioner (DTC) Suresh Reddy“

(AMSANI SAI Bureau Chief Warangal October 5): A road safety awareness program for bus drivers was held on Tuesday at Skill Stork School in Hanamakonda district. The event was conducted under the supervision of Hanamakonda District Deputy Transport Commissioner (DTC) Suresh Reddy and District Transport Officer (DTO) Ganardhan. Senior Motor Vehicle Inspectors (including Kiran Kumar) and Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors participated, educating school bus drivers on road safety regulations and safe driving practices. Speaking on the occasion, DTC Suresh Reddy emphasized that school bus drivers and assistants bear a crucial responsibility re-

garding the safety of students' lives, and he urged every driver to operate their vehicle responsibly and vigilantly. They urged everyone to avoid dangerous practices such as speeding, reckless driving, using mobile phones while driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol. They also advised that school buses undergo regular inspections covering aspects like vehicle fitness, brakes, tires, lights, emergency exits, fire extinguishers, first-aid kits, and safety equipment. Officials emphasized the need for extreme caution when students are boarding or alighting and insisted on driving slowly and carefully within school pre-



mises. They made it clear that road safety regulations and school bus safety standards must be strictly adhered to, leaving no room for negligence regarding student safety. Deans, directors, teachers, and school bus drivers from various schools participated in the event. School manage ments stated that they prioritize the safe transportation of students and pledged to strictly implement the guidelines issued by the Transport Department and road safety regulations.

Rape Is A Death Sentence

Yamsani Srinivas - Senior Journalist

Rape is increasing day by day in India. Rapists are coming out after spending years in jail. The situation is back to normal. With this, the lustful have no fear anywhere. The Supreme Court of the country has made key comments on this. The Supreme Court has expressed deep anger over the series of sexual assaults on women in the Delhi NCR region. The Supreme Court has ordered the Delhi Police to take strict action to ensure that the perpetrators of such heinous crimes are given the death penalty. Meanwhile, the registration of up to 13 cases of sexual assault in Delhi within a month has created a sensation. Especially the gang rape of a seventeen-year-old minor girl in Astha Kunj Par has created a sensation. The incident of sexual assault on a girl in a moving sleeper bus has become a topic of discussion across the country. In this context, the Supreme Court has accepted the matter for suo motu hearing. It has also made key comments on this occasion. The Supreme Court has made it clear that the police should have a strategy that will make anti-social elements tremble if they are to commit sexual assault or harassment against women. The court has also said that women should feel completely safe even at 10 pm while walking on the roads or travelling in metro trains or other public transport. All this is not limited to papers it has ordered to strengthen security at the field level. The Supreme Court has directed the Delhi Police and the Union Home Ministry to submit a report on the immediate preventive measures taken for the safety of women and has adjourned the next hearing to November 16. The comments made by the Supreme Court on this occasion are thought provoking for everyone.

There is a big debate going on about the statement that rapists should be scared before committing the crime so that they fear death. Meanwhile, many countries in the world impose severe punishments and death penalty on rapists. If we look at the list of such countries, Saudi Arabia is at the top. Here, according to Sharia law, the culprits of rape are publicly executed. They are beheaded or shot. Similarly, in Iran, the Islamic Penal Code imposes the death penalty in serious rape cases. In Bangladesh, the law has been amended to impose death penalty or life imprisonment in rape cases to curb the increasing crimes against women. In China, if the victims are seriously injured, gang-raped, or die, the culprits are sentenced to death. In Pakistan, the culprits are sentenced to death or rigorous life imprisonment in gang-rape cases. In Indonesia, those who commit sexual assault on children are sentenced to chemical

sterilization. That is, they become impotent. There are also laws in force against them such as death penalty and electronic tagging. In India, according to the Criminal Law Amendment, certain serious crimes, such as atrocities on small children or incidents such as the victim going into a coma and dying, are sentenced to death or life imprisonment. However, these sentences should be strictly implemented. Especially, as the Supreme Court has said, these harsh sentences should stop the thought of rape in men's minds.

stated that Jayashree had previously been subjected to domestic violence and harassment for additional dowry by her mother-in-law, Meerabai, and



Nethari Venkatesh, State Bureau Chief Warangal
October 6: Ensure Justice for Guduru Jayashree. Take action against mother-in-law Meerabai for confining her in the house. Chunchu Rajender, State Vice President of the Dalit Bahujan Front, made this appeal to MLA Nayini said. K. Veeraswamy, Madasi Suresh, and Thamma Shobharani urged MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy to ensure justice for Guduru Jayashree, a victim who has been confined in her home and is protesting. They requested that the house and assets previously assigned to her be restored and that the miscreants who attacked Jayashree's family be punished. On Tuesday, representing various civil society organizations, they submitted a memorandum to Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy regarding this matter. Speaking on the occasion, they

home along with her grandson Karthik and granddaughter Tejaswini. She recounted that fifteen days ago, when Jayashree and her daughter tried to stop unidentified



her husband, Radha Krishna; she had even filed a case at the Subedari Police Station regarding this. She expressed anguish that, as a compromise, she had transferred the rights to her house in Ramnagar, Hanumakonda, and a shop at the Hanuma konda crossroads to the m via a notarized document; yet, ten years later, she was evicted from the

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Votes For You Patala for Us..?

Can't the problem be solved even after six years?

Despite spending Rs. 75 crores, work is progressing at a snail's pace

BJP Warangal District President Ganta Ravikumar

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal October 6: If it rains, it will be a disaster.. with potholed roads. The work should be completed immediately. Otherwise, the municipal office and the MLA's house will be besieged. BJP Warangal district president Ganta Ravikumar fires on Shivanagar drainage. "BJP Warangal district president Ganta Ravikumar expressed his anger over the lack of a solution to the problem despite the fact that the problems have been going on for years. "Is this so negligent towards us.. Even after six years, our money is not being paid.. How many more years should we tolerate it..? Is there really government rule in Warangal?" he asked. He warned that if the drainage problems are not completed immediately, they will besiege the municipal office and the MLA's house. In protest against the negligence of the government and the delay of the officials, the BJP launched an innovative protest in Shivanagar on Tuesday under the leadership of Shivanagar Mandal President Mohammed Rafi. They protested the government's sleeplessness by pouring water on the road, which has become dilapidated due to drainage holes. On this occasion, Ganta Ravikumar said MLAs Minister are not getting our money? Why is Shivanagar such a discrimination? You have votes.. and we have a song? Should we remain in the flood? Should we drown in the water if it rains?" he said. "You corrupt rulers..don't look at our suffering even for six years," he warned. The previous MLA and the current MLA are both the same, and they have no votes except from the people. Ganta Ravikumar asserted that there was no need to be angry. He made it clear that the people themselves had to fight for the people's problems, and that the struggle would be intensified under the leadership of the BJP on behalf of the people. Even with Rs. 75 crores, it's a snail's pace. "Ganta Ravikumar lamented that the delay in the payment of Shivanagar drainage funds has become a curse for the local people. He criticized that despite spending a huge amount of Rs. 75 crore, the funds have not been released for four years. He accused the people of facing difficulties due to the incompetence of the rulers and officials. He criticized that the roads have become bad due to drainage holes, that the area is flooded when it rains, and that the local MLA is not taking action despite the constant accidents. "They said it would be completed in ten days. Ganta Ravikumar recalled that four months ago, former MLC Konda Murali along with officials had organized a review meeting on this same road. He said that all the works would be completed in ten days and the road would be made available for public use, but it was a shame



that they did not pay attention even after years. "In their party.. their words have no meaning.. they are no longer concerned about our problems. "Do you care?" They asked. Those who boast that the Konda couple does not know how to lie, want to know when they will fulfill the promise made regarding the delay in the payment of the Shivanagar drainage project. The positions are yours.. the hardships are ours? Ganta Ravi Kumar accused the government of being biased in the drainage works. He said that people have been suffering from the stench for years and accidents are happening due to drainage holes. "The positions are yours.. but the hardships are ours?" he protested. He demanded that the local MLA answer the questions on the Shivanagar drainage issues. He criticized that the previous BRS government and the current Congress government were limited to promises and that there was zero development at the field level. Speaking on this occasion, Shivanagar Mandal President Mohammed Rafi said that people's lives have become worthless due to the potholed roads. He demanded that the government should break its slumber and complete the Shivanagar underground drainage works on a war footing. He warned that if the people's hardships are not alleviated, the movement under the leadership of the BJP will be intensified further. The program was attended by Mandal Chief Secretaries Vaitla Ganesh, Sura Srinivas, BJP District Leaders Adepu Venkatesh, Byri Shyamsunder, Martha Usharani, Tallapalli Srinivas, Bandi Sujatha, Shetty Sravanthi, Pittala Venkannu, Jannu Prabhakar, Savis, Devakka, Division Conveners Satishtha Bodakuntla Sivashankar, Thota Sagarika, Shetty Rame Suraj, BJP District Office Bearers Basna Prabhakar, Gadala Kumar, Byri Nagaraju, Ankala Janardhan, various District Morcha Presidents Ma Dasu Raju, Kuchana Kranthi Kumar, Karne Ravinder, Sherla Anil, Mohana Samantha Chari, Veeraswamy, Sai, Chandramohan, Lanka: Satish Kattar, Kandukuri Srinivas, Jetling Sivaprasad, Leaders, and activists. participated.

Tight security Arrangements For Bhadrakali Sharan Navaratri Celebrations

CP N. Shweta inspected the arrangements

Rakam Radhika Bureau Chief Warangal October 6 : Warangal Police Commissioner S. Shweta has ordered IPS officers to make strong security arrangements for the Devi Sharannavaratri festival, which will begin from the 11th of this month at the temple. He suggested that advance measures be taken to ensure that devotees do not face any inconvenience in view of the large number of devotees who are expected to arrive from various parts of the state during the festival. To this end,

the CP inspected the security arrangements for the Sharannavaratri festival at the field level. He thoroughly inspected the temple surroundings, devotees' queue lines, parking areas and security departments and inquired about the arrangements being made under the auspices of the police department. In addition to maintaining law and order, there are no restrictions on the movement of devotees. He suggested that special attention be paid to



traffic control, parking and security arrangements to avoid any problems. Central Jose DCP Dhara Kavitha, Additional DCP (Administration) Rayala Prabhakar Rao, Hanumakonda ACP Sarsimha Rao, Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, Mattewada, Intezar Ganj, Milsa Colony inspectors, temple governing council members and priests participated in the program.

Strict Punishment Awaits Miscreants and Harassers of Women and Girls

Crime ACP Sadayya Awareness Program for Students at CKM College Desai Pet Warangal

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal October 6 : Warangal Crime ACP Sadayya stated that in these times of rising crime and atrocities, everyone must participate in crime control and fulfill their responsibilities; he emphasized that exercising caution can help effectively curb crimes against women. An awareness program regarding the 'She Teams' was conducted on Tuesday at the Chandrakanthayya Government Degree and PG College in Warangal. Speaking on the occasion, he advised young women to be cautious when sharing personal photos and details on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tele-



gram, and to stay informed about cybercrimes. He urged women to use the 'T-Safe' app and be familiar with its features when traveling alone to unfamiliar places. He also advised working women to be wary of individuals who behave inappropriately or harass them at their workplaces and cautioned against sharing personal information with

strangers. He encouraged 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 by messaging the 'She Team' contacts. Specifically, the CP's WhatsApp number 8712 68 5257, the CI's number 87126 85142, and the SI's

number 8712685270. They assured that the complainants' details would be kept strictly confidential, while the offenders would undergo counseling and face appropriate legal action. "She Team Inspector Suvarna, SIs Yadagiri, Ramarao, and Swathi, along with the college principal, staff, and others, participated in the event.

KTR demands withdrawal of coal mine proposal near Ramappa temple

BRS working president KT Rama Rao opposed the proposed open-cast coal mine near Ramappa temple in Mulugu, warning that mining and blasting could threaten the UNESCO World Heritage Site and adjoining lake. He demanded withdrawal of the proposal and warned of agitation

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao has opposed the proposal to establish an open-cast coal mine near the historic Ramappa temple in Mulugu district, cautioning that mining and blasting could pose a serious threat to the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the adjoining Ramappa lake.

Reacting to media reports, Rama Rao said the Congress government was willing to put heritage structures at risk in the process of extracting mineral wealth. He said excavation and blasting at considerable depths near the temple could endanger the Ramappa temple, re-



garded as an icon of Telangana's architectural heritage, as well as the Ramappa lake.

The BRS working president said the party would oppose any move that could damage the heritage site and demanded that the proposed open-cast coal mine be withdrawn immediately. He warned that the party would launch a large-scale agitation if the proposal was not withdrawn.

Harish Rao demands immediate steps to curb soaring rice prices

BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao has demanded immediate measures to control rising rice and essential commodity prices in Telangana. He alleged a 25 per cent increase in fine rice prices and sought action against hoarding and black marketing

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Monday demanded immediate steps to check the rise in prices of rice and other essential commodities in Telangana. He also urged the State government to crack down on black marketing, hoarding and excessive profit margins, and take action against those responsible.

In a statement, Harish Rao alleged that prices of fine rice had increased by 25 per cent in four months, placing an additional burden on households. He questioned the rise in prices despite the government's claims of record crop produc-



tion.

He also questioned the effectiveness of the State's fine rice scheme, saying the continued increase in market prices indicated that consumers were not opting for the rice supplied under the scheme.

Harish Rao further alleged that farmers were receiving only nominal prices under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system, while middlemen were making more than Rs 8,000 a quintal.

"The farmer is not getting a remunerative price and the consumer an affordable price, while middlemen are profiting," he said.

He pointed to the prices of other essential commodities, saying onions were being sold at Rs 70 a kg, garlic at Rs 240, groundnut oil at Rs 210, green gram at Rs 125 and red gram at Rs 165.

Harish Rao urged the Centre and the State government to take immediate steps to bring down the prices of essential commodities.

I.N.D.I.A. Bloc Holds Protest in Hanamkonda, Seeks CEC's Resignation

Hanamkonda: The I.N.D.I.A. bloc organised a protest in Hanamkonda on Monday, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Following the AICC's call, the Hanamkonda district Congress committee conducted a 'Save Democracy Padayatra' from Ambedkar Centre. A protest was held in front of the collectorate, where participants raised slogans against the Centre and the Election Commission. They carried placards seeking protection of democracy and constitutional rights. They also burnt an effigy of Gyanesh Kumar.

Speaking at the protest, Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy alleged that the ruling party at the Centre was misusing the autonomous Election Commission for political gains. He said protecting the constitutional right to vote was the responsibility of everyone and demanded that the Election Commission function independently to ensure free and transparent elections.

MLAs Revoori Prakash Reddy and K.R. Nagaraju demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations and objections raised against the electoral system and said the facts should be placed before the people.

They called for a transparent system to address voters' concerns over changes in electoral rolls, deletion of votes and issues related to voting rights.

The MLAs alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was misusing democratic institutions to retain power. They said the Congress and I.N.D.I.A. bloc would not remain silent if people's right to vote was undermined.

Huzurabad constituency in-charge Vodithela Pranav, leaders of I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, representatives of various Congress wings and party workers participated.



Sanjay Jaju Reviews Progress of Young India Integrated Schools

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Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju reviewing the progress of Young India Integrated Schools and plans to establish international universities in Future City at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat here



on Monday. (Photo: X)

Hyderabad: Following directions of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju reviewed the progress of Young India Integrated Schools and plans to establish international universities in Future City at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat here on Monday.

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Uttam Directs Officials to Streamline Gouravelli Project

Hyderabad: Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday directed officials that all outstanding issues related to the Gouravelli irrigation project should be solved so that the project can be completed. The project, initiated during the Congress government in undivided Andhra Pradesh, still has some outstanding approvals, land acquisition and rehabilitation issues, and these must be attended to in a time-bound manner, the minister said.

Chairing a review at the Secretariat on the project, which was also attended by transport minister



Ponnam Prabhakar, Uttam Kumar Reddy stressed the need to translate the substantial investment already made in the project into irrigation benefits for farmers across its intended ayacut of 1.06 lakh acres.

The Gouravelli project, in Akkannapet mandal of Siddipet district, forms part of the Indiramma Flood Flow Canal project from the Sriram Sagar Project. Its original construction agreement dates to May 2008, during Congress rule in undivided Andhra Pradesh. The reservoir's capacity was subsequently enhanced from 1.410 TMC to 8.230 TMC, with a supplementary agreement for the expanded works signed in December 2017. But it did not materialize in the absence of the much needed approvals and clearances, he said.

While the Gouravelli reservoir works are nearly 98 per cent complete, the irrigation minister said the completion of the balance work should be accompanied by a functioning canal and distributary network capable of carrying water to agricultural fields.

AI Misuse Poses New Threat to Children, Says SC Judge

Hyderabad: Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath on Saturday warned that children's growing dependence on digital technology, without adequate safeguards, could expose them to online sexual exploitation, grooming, cyberbullying, blackmail and other serious risks.

Delivering the keynote address at the South Zone Regional Conference on "Enhancing Access to Justice for Children in Cyberspace: Preventing Online Sexual Exploitation and Strengthening Child-Friendly Justice and Protection" in Hyderabad, Justice Nath said the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and other technologies had created new challenges for child protection.

He said the misuse of AI to generate sexually explicit or abusive material in-



volving children posed difficult questions for law enforcement agencies, investigators, technology companies and the justice system. Even where such images were artificially generated, he said, the harm to a child's dignity, privacy and reputation could be severe.

Justice Nath, who is also executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), said institutions and society must anticipate emerging threats instead of waiting for children to become victims. The conference brought together four Supreme Court judges, Chief Justices of southern High Courts, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, and judges of the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh High Courts.

Meghwal said child welfare should not be seen merely as a welfare issue but as an investment in nation-building. He stressed the need for greater digital literacy among children, parents and teachers so that online risks could be identified and addressed early.

He also called for legal processes to be made more accessible and child-friendly, emphasising both ease of access to justice and ease of understanding.

Meghwal highlighted the need for trained legal-aid lawyers and trauma-informed, gender-responsive assistance under NALSA's child-friendly legal services framework. He also called for better coordination with initiatives such as Nyaya Bandhu, Tele-Law and One Stop Centres.

The conference framework stressed that prevention, protection, investigation, legal aid and rehabilitation should be treated as an interconnected continuum rather than as isolated responses.

Rs.30,156-Crore Drinking Water Programme Launched

KADAPA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said the state government had launched a ₹30,156-crore programme to provide safe drinking water through household taps across Andhra Pradesh, with a focus on long-term water security in rural areas.

Launching the Jal Jeevan Mission Amrajeevi Jaladhara programme in Proddatur in YSR Kadapa district, Naidu told a public meeting that the initiative would cover about 90 lakh households and benefit around 3.30 crore people.

The programme, he said, is aimed at providing safe and quality drinking water and ensuring long-term water availability in rural areas. He praised deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan for taking up the programme and said the government would strengthen rural infrastructure along with drinking water facilities.

Naidu criticised the previous government over the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission and alleged that Andhra Pradesh had failed to utilise funds available under the Central scheme. Uttar Pradesh, he noted, had received around ₹1 lakh crore, Madhya Pradesh ₹83,000 crore and Kerala ₹85,000 crore under the mission, while Andhra Pradesh had received only about ₹2,600 crore during the previous administration.

He alleged that villages had suffered due to neglect of basic infrastructure, including roads, drinking water and street lighting.

"Look at the difference between then and now by assessing the condition of roads," Naidu said, referring to the infrastructure situation in rural areas. He alleged that people had suffered because of poor roads during the previous administration and said the present government was focusing on improving connectivity to villages.

Naidu also praised Pawan Kalyan for his role in taking up rural road works and said development activities had gained momentum after his government assumed office. Gram sabhas were conducted simultaneously in 13,326 villages. More than ₹4,136 crore had been received under the 15th Finance Commission grants,



which, he said, would support rural development activities such as digging of farm ponds and laying of roads.

The government proposed to spend ₹1.30 lakh crore over the next five years on rural development, he said. "We have also prepared plans to face natural calamities such as El Nino and minimise their impact on agriculture and rural communities."

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said there was no place for politics in providing drinking water and that the government would not discriminate between people on the basis of their region or political affiliation while implementing development programmes.

Pawan Kalyan said the Amrajeevi Jaladhara programme was intended to provide safe drinking water to every household and ensure water security in every village.

According to him, 50,315 works were being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹30,156 crore to provide a permanent solution to drinking water problems in the state. The existing 61.60 lakh tap connections in 24,601 habitations would be strengthened and stabilised, while

another 27.36 lakh new connections would be provided.

He said the overall programme was expected to provide safe drinking water to around 3.27 crore people.

Pawan Kalyan said the Jal Jeevan Mission, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the Har Ghar Jal initiative, had not received adequate priority during the previous government. He said that although the Centre had provided nearly ₹26,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh between 2019 and 2024, only around ₹2,700 crore had been spent during the five-year period.

He said the new programme would expand the drinking water infrastructure created in the state over the past seven decades.

Since the formation of the Andhra province in 1953, the state had developed water treatment plants with a combined capacity of 816 million litres per day, 1,072 overhead balancing reservoirs, 28,086 overhead storage reservoirs and around 1.18 lakh km of pipelines.

Under Amrajeevi Jaladhara, another 1,426 million litres per day of water treatment capac-

ity, 494 overhead balancing reservoirs, 13,075 overhead storage reservoirs and 77,000 km of pipelines were being created in five years.

Pawan Kalyan said the government was taking up 50,283 single-village schemes and retrofitting works at a cost of ₹9,000 crore and 32 multi-village schemes at ₹19,500 crore. Another ₹1,624 crore had been earmarked for monitoring water quality.

Drinking water schemes were being developed based on reservoirs and water sources from Uddanam to Dhone and Kurnool to Kuppam, besides areas dependent on Gandikota, PABR, Yeleru, Tandava, Hiramandalam and Dowleswaram reservoirs.

Special attention was being given to drought-prone Rayalaseema areas and regions affected by water quality problems, including Pulivendula, Punganur, Palamaner and Markapuram.

The Deputy CM announced infrastructure works worth ₹3.5 crore for Tallamapuram panchayat in the Proddatur constituency and neighbouring Sagili Goddupalli and Mulavaripalli villages. The works include 2km of CC roads and magic drains at ₹1.5 crore and a 90-kilolitre overhead reservoir, 4km of pipelines and a borewell at ₹2 crore.

He said ₹280 crore had been allocated for the incomplete drinking water scheme in Pulivendula to address the water requirements of 299 villages in seven mandals.

The government was also ensuring timely payment of bills to small and medium contractors who had executed works under schemes such as the employment guarantee programme and Jal Jeevan Mission.

Pawan Kalyan said ₹4,200 crore had so far been released to panchayats under the 15th Finance Commission grants and added that adequate funds would be made available to sustain rural development works.

State BJP president P.V.N. Madhav, MLAs, MLCs, collector Cherukuri Sridhar and other officials and leaders participated in the programme.

Lokesh Congratulates Jyothi Surekha on Asian Games Gold

Vijayawada: Education, IT and electronics minister N. Lokesh congratulated archer Vennam Jyothi Surekha on winning the gold medal in the women's compound team event at the Asian Games held in Japan recently.

Jyothi Surekha, accompanied by her father Surendra Kumar, met Lokesh at his Undavalli residence on Monday. He congratulated her on securing the gold medal and praised her for representing India on the international stage and bringing recognition to the country and the state.

In a post on his X handle, Lokesh said, "I assured her of my full support as she moves



forward with the goal of winning a medal at the 2028 Olympics."

Rajnath Singh Arrives In Vizag To Launch First Fleet Support Ship

VISAKHAPATNAM:

Defence minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Visakhapatnam on Monday evening ahead of the launch of the first Fleet Support Ship (FSS) for the Indian Navy at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) on Tuesday.

During his visit, Singh will inaugurate the upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath crane, launch the first FSS and preside over the keel-laying of another Fleet Support Ship.

He was received by district collector M. Abhishik Kishore and commissioner of police Dr Sankhabrata Bagchi.

HSL is executing the Indian Navy's contract for five indigenous FSS vessels.



The first FSS was keel-laid at HSL in November 2024, while steel cutting for the fifth and final ship was completed in May 2026.

The vessels, weighing more than 40,000 tonnes, are designed to replenish naval ships deployed at sea with fuel, water, ammunition and other stores, enabling them to remain at sea for longer periods without returning to harbour. They will also have secondary roles in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and non-combatant evacuation operations.

The FSS programme is aimed at strengthening the Navy's blue-water operational capabilities and indigenous shipbuilding. The vessels feature indigenous design and majority indigenous equipment sourcing, in line with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

Singh's visit comes less than three months after he commissioned the indigenous stealth frigate INS Mahendragiri into the Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam in July.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan will accompany the Defence Minister. Singh will later fly to Koraput in Odisha to attend other programmes.

Tirumala Navaratri Brahmotsavams to begin on October 12

Tirumala will observe several important religious events in October, including the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams, Brahmotsava Garuda Seva, Chakra Snamam, Sri Vedanta Desika Sathumora and Pournami Garuda Seva, according to the schedule for the month

Tirumala: Tirumala will witness a series of important religious events and festivals in October, including the annual Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams and Garuda Seva.

According to the schedule released for the month, the religious observances will begin with Ankurapanam for the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams on October 11. The Navaratri Brahmotsavams will formally commence on October 12.

The Brahmotsava Garuda Seva, one of the major events of the festivities, will be held on October 16.

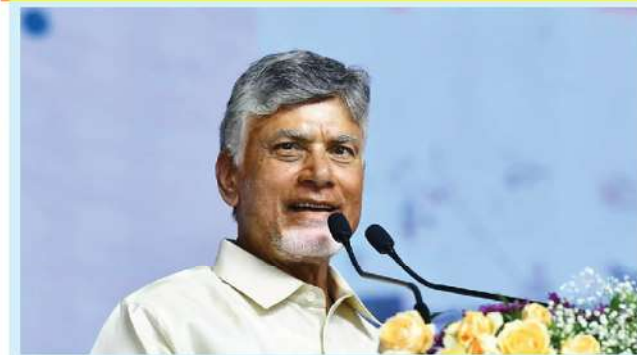
The Chakra Snamam marking the conclusion of the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams will be performed on October 20. The day will also feature Sri Vedanta Desika Sathumora.

The religious calendar will continue with Boodattalwar Varsha Thiru Nakshatram on October 21.

The month's important events will conclude with Pournami Garuda Seva on October 26.

The events are expected to draw a large number of devotees to Tirumala, with the Navaratri Brahmotsavams being the major religious highlight of the month.

Polavaram to Be Completed Before Godavari Pushkarams: Naidu



Kadapa: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said the Polavaram irrigation project would be completed before the Godavari Pushkarams and dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a public meeting in Proddatur, Naidu said interlinking the Godavari and Cauvery rivers would help address drought problems in the southern states. Despite the prevailing drought-like conditions, nearly 2,000 tmc ft of water had flown into the sea, he said.

"If at least 200tmc of Godavari floodwater is effectively utilised, Rayalaseema can be transformed into a green and prosperous region. The Godavari and Krishna rivers had already been linked, enabling the government to provide water to drought-prone regions," he said.

Naidu said 36 irrigation projects would be taken up in the next three years at a cost of Rs 35,000 crore. A calendar with dates for launching the projects had also been released.

The government, he said, would spend Rs 24,000 crore on irrigation projects over the next two years, while the previous government had spent only around Rs 2,000 crore during its five-year tenure.

Rahul Gandhi Alleges Delhi Police ‘Silencing’ Women Who Ask Questions

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday alleged that women who raised questions were being silenced in Delhi and demanded justice for those who had allegedly faced violence and mistreatment by Delhi Police. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha made the remarks in a post on X accompanying a video of his recent interaction with journalists Shaheen Khan and Nafisa Khan. The journalists have alleged that they were assaulted and mistreated inside Saket police station. They had gone to cover the inauguration of a new wing at Max Hospital in Saket by Union home minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

“What’s happening in Delhi right now follows a single pattern: silence any woman who dares to ask questions,” Gandhi said in his Hindi post. He also referred to the detention of hundreds of people during a recent protest at Jantar Mantar, alleging that women



protesters had complained of misbehaviour by male police personnel. “Cameras were snatched from female journalists, and they were dragged around. Not even an FIR was filed on a journalist’s complaint,” Gandhi alleged.

Gandhi said Shaheen and Nafisa had recounted their experiences of alleged violence and mistreatment inside Saket police station a few weeks earlier. “Think about it — inside the station, the very place where women go to file complaints,” he said. Gandhi alleged that those responsible for protecting women were instead posing a threat to them. He also said that “everyone in this country knows who the Delhi Police answers to”.

He demanded that the entire CCTV footage from Saket police station be made public and sought immediate action against the police personnel allegedly involved. “Shaheen, Nafisa, and all those who have faced violence and misbehaviour from the Delhi Police must get justice,” he said. Gandhi also questioned Shah over the alleged incidents, asking why he and Delhi Police were “so afraid of women”.

Rajnath Singh Bats for Vedic Maths, Says Students Need Shlokas and Code

Ayodhya: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said Sanskrit and Vedic mathematics were relevant in modern education, asserting that students should be equipped to understand both ancient Sanskrit shlokas and modern computer code. Addressing a Sant Sammelan organised on the occasion of the Shri Guru Parv Mahamahotsav here, Singh said Sanskrit was not merely a language but a “repository of India’s knowledge tradition”, encompassing subjects ranging from the Vedas and Upanishads to mathematics, medicine, philosophy and literature.

“We need students who understand Sanskrit shlokas as well as computer code,” Singh said, adding that traditional knowledge should be connected with contemporary requirements rather than being confined to the past. Singh also highlighted the importance of Vedic mathematics, recalling that he had introduced it when he was the Uttar Pradesh education minister in 1991. Describing it as a language of India’s intellectual heritage, he said he would urge Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to ensure that Vedic mathematics was taught to students in the state if he returns to power.



“I was a student of physics, mathematics and chemistry, and I can say that Vedic mathematics is still unparalleled. Even very difficult mathematical problems can be solved through Vedic methods,” he said, further claiming that it was also taught at the London School of Economics. The defence minister was speaking at the newly constructed building of Shri Narayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at the Shri Udasin Sangat Rishi Ashram in Ayodhya.

Chief Minister Adityanath was scheduled to attend the programme but could not reach the venue due to other engagements, Singh said. The minister also clarified that he did not formally inaugurate the newly constructed building as the Model Code of Conduct (MLA polls) was in force. “But I did inspect the building,” he said. Describing the new structure as more than just a building, Singh said it could emerge as a major centre for Sanskrit education and become a place where future generations were prepared by combining tradi-

tional learning with modern education.

“The best way to preserve a tradition is to connect it with the needs of the present,” he said. “We need students who understand Sanskrit shlokas and computer code, who study Nyaya and Mimamsa and also have the ability to understand the problems of modern society.” He also stressed that modernity should not be equated merely with the use of new technology or speaking English. “(Being modern) means having the ability to find solutions to the problems of one’s time,” Singh said. Referring to the role of saints and gurus, he said technology could make the world’s knowledge available within seconds, but the more important question was whether people possessed the wisdom to use that knowledge correctly. “Saints give us vision. They do not necessarily give answers to all our questions; sometimes they give us questions that begin our journey towards finding the right answers in life,” he said. He also recalled the contribution of saints to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement and said their sacrifices and suffering should be remembered now that Lord Ram had been installed in his grand temple.

SIR Necessary, Illegally Registered Ineligible Names Must be Removed: Adityanath

Lucknow: Amid protests against SIR, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said identifying ineligible names illegally included in the voter list and removing them is essential for India’s security and unity. While noting that India has been a guardian of democratic values for centuries, Adityanath asserted that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise was an important effort to further strengthen the country’s democratic heritage.

“Identifying ineligible names illegally included in the voter list and removing them as per rules is essential for India’s security, unity and integrity,” he said in a post on X. The chief minister said verification of entries relating to deceased persons, those who had permanently shifted and duplicate entries was necessary. He also appealed to all those who have attained the age of 18 to get their name included in the voter list.

“Let us participate in building a clean, strong and transparent voter list,” Adityanath said. His remarks come amid demands by Opposition parties, student organisations and civil society groups for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar’s resignation over the SIR exercise, alleging that it has resulted in large-scale deletion of eligible voters. The Election Commission has rejected the allegations of wrongdoing and maintained that the electoral-roll revision is being carried out according to established procedures.



India, Switzerland Sign Five Pacts To Deepen Ties



New Delhi: India and Switzerland signed five pacts on Monday, including agreements on migration and young professional exchanges, following “wide-ranging and substantive” talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Swiss President Guy Parmelin at Hyderabad House in the capital.

The two countries also agreed to improve market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and facilitate investment. They identified new opportunities for military exchanges and defence production and agreed to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy.

Mr Modi said the mobility pacts “signed today will open up many new opportunities in Switzerland for Indian students, researchers, professionals, and young people”.

Describing people-to-people ties as “the greatest strength of our partnership”, he thanked Mr Parmelin for his support for India-Switzerland relations.

The MoU on Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) “aims to develop migration and mobility cooperation under equal treatment principles, and to prevent and combat irregular migration/human exploitation/trafficking in accordance with national laws”.

It also “provides for multiple-entry visas for upto five years, including stays of upto six months on each visit, and renewable one-year student permits”.

The Agreement on the Exchange of Young Professionals (YPS) “aims to govern the exchange of young professionals taking up temporary employment in the other country to enhance their professional and language skills within their field”.

It “incorporates exchange of 300 persons annually per country, which may increase to 500, and a timeline of 30/90 days for verification of nationality/residency status, among other provisions”.

The other pacts covered transport, mobility and infrastructure; scientific research; and innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship.

“Today, innovation, infrastructure, and advanced technology are strong pillars of our partnership. And through today’s summit, we are going to give our partnership a new momentum and take it to new heights,” Mr Modi said.

The transport pact covers cooperation in areas such as electric vehicles, ropeways, the

circular economy, tunnels and other transport sectors.

“The Varanasi ropeway, Jewar Airport in Noida, and railway and tunnelling projects in mountainous areas are shining examples of our infrastructure cooperation. To further strengthen this cooperation, today we signed an agreement on transport, mobility, and infrastructure,” the Prime Minister said.

“We invite Swiss infrastructure companies to invest in India at a large scale and participate in capacity building, design, and manufacturing,” he added.

MEA secretary (West) Sibi George told reporters at a special briefing that the Swiss President would visit Noida International Airport at Jewar on Tuesday.

On trade and investment, Mr Modi said: “We have taken several important decisions to increase market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and further facilitate investment between the two countries. This will help increase exports of Indian agricultural products, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and engineering goods to Switzerland. At the same time, we will attract new Swiss investments into key sectors in India, such as biotechnology, life sciences, banking, insurance, food processing, and sustainability. Through these initiatives, we will work together to develop trusted supply chains and reliable solutions for the world.”

Senior MEA officials said the two countries would constitute a special group to address concerns relating to trade and investment.

Mr Modi recalled that the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the four European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries — Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway — came into force in October last year.

He described it as “an ambitious blueprint for investment, innovation, jobs, and shared prosperity ... to achieve the targets of \$100 billion in investment in India and one million direct jobs over the next 15 years”.

The agreement, signed about two-and-a-half years ago, was India’s first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe.

“I am grateful to the President of Switzerland for visiting India with a large business delegation. On October 7, in his

presence, we will host the ‘Prosperity Summit’ with India-EFTA business leaders. This summit will serve as an important platform to turn the promise of our trade and investment partnership into concrete outcomes,” Mr Modi said.

Highlighting science and technology cooperation, he said: “I am very pleased that we will soon launch new joint research projects in priority areas such as health, clean energy, and space. We also welcome the agreement with the University of Zurich to build the capacity of India’s science start-ups.”

The leaders also discussed the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia.

“Both India and Switzerland believe in democratic values, the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy. We will continue to work together for global peace and stability. Whether it is Ukraine or West Asia, India has consistently supported every meaningful effort towards peace. We also agree that reforms in global institutions are essential to address the growing global challenges,” Mr Modi said.

Recalling historical ties, he said: “The friendship between India and Switzerland goes back centuries. In the 19th century, Swami Vivekananda saw a glimpse of the Himalayas in the Swiss Alps. Mahatma Gandhi also spent time in Switzerland and interacted with its people. The memories of these historic visits continue to resonate in our friendship even today.”

“Given the growing popularity of Yoga and Ayurveda in Switzerland, we also had a meaningful discussion today on deepening cooperation in these areas,” he added.

On artificial intelligence, Mr Modi said: “In February this year, India hosted the world’s largest AI Summit. Next year, Switzerland will take this journey forward through the ‘Geneva AI Summit.’ I extend my best wishes to Switzerland for the success of the Geneva AI Summit. I am confident that together, we will continue to work towards making AI responsible, inclusive, and human-centric.”

Earlier, Mr Parmelin reportedly said the relationship was “built on shared democratic values, as well as on trust and mutual respect”. He described his visit as a “stepping stone towards further growth, deepening and strengthening of our close, broad and long-standing partnership”.

