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KTR meets S. Korean delegation, pitches Telangana as tech destination

Hyderabad, Oct 1 : BRS Working President KT Rama Rao met Prof. Youngtae Cho, Advisor to the President of South Korea, along with a delegation from Seoul National University, at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday. During the interaction, KT Rama Rao noted that South Korea's transformation into a global knowledge and technology powerhouse has long served as an inspiration.

He highlighted that Telangana offers immense opportunities for Korean enterprises, backed by skilled talent, progressive governance, and a robust industrial ecosystem.

Recalling the initiatives taken during the BRS administration, KTR pointed out that the state successfully attracted major Korean industrial leaders, including Youngone Corporation and Hyundai Motor Group.

Emphasising India's demographic dividend, KT Rama Rao stated that the country's young workforce presents a unique opportunity to scale up global manufacturing and serve as a massive consumer market.

Telangana SIR: 54 lakh voters added to final rolls; No further extension: CEO

Hyderabad, Oct 1 : Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharsan Reddy announced on Thursday that 54 lakh voters had been included in Telangana's final electoral rolls following the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR). Notices were issued to 92 lakh people across the state, with 65 lakh responding to date.

Speaking to the media here, the CEO confirmed that the SIR process will run through November 5, with final rolls scheduled for publication on November 9. He firmly ruled out any further extension of the schedule, noting that the deadline for filing claims and objections remains October 7.

In a shift from previous procedures, election officials are prioritising direct document collection over formal hearings. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to conduct door-to-door visits to collect required documents rather than asking residents to gather at central locations. Family members can submit documentation on behalf of others, and voters who have migrated will be processed online by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) without requiring physical presence, he said.

In the Khairatabad Assembly constituency, where 80,000 notices were served, 40 per cent of recipients have already been integrated into the final roll, the CEO said.

Sudarshan Reddy also clarified that while some states with completed SIR processes are exempt from submitting a declaration alongside Form-6, the declaration remains mandatory in Telangana as revision works are still active.



CJP's Dipke dares Fadnavis govt to arrest him ahead of Mumbai agitation

Mumbai, Oct 1 : Launching a direct and fiery broadside at Maharashtra Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday warned the state government against making tactical errors, daring the authorities to arrest him ahead of CJP's scheduled demonstrations from October 2 in Mumbai. "Do not repeat the mistake committed on July 20. If you want to arrest us, do it right now," he declared during a press conference in Mumbai, setting a tense backdrop for his party's upcoming agitation against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar.



Calling Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar a "traitor to the nation," Dipke demanded his immediate resignation over allegations of widespread electoral roll manipulation. He accused the ruling coalition of engaging in state-sponsored disenfranchisement and using the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a political tool. "Whoever sits as the Chief Election Commissioner must be transparent.

Telangana to appoint special officers for senior citizens' welfare



Hyderabad, Oct 1 : Reaffirming its commitment to senior citizens, the Telangana government on Thursday directed officials to appoint dedicated district-level special officers to safeguard the rights and address the grievances of the elderly.

Government of India

Nation salutes Gandhi ji and Shastri ji on their birth anniversaries

2 October, 2026

On the birth anniversaries of **Mahatma Gandhi** and **Lal Bahadur Shastri**, the nation pays tribute to these two great leaders who dedicated their lives to the service of the nation.

"Gandhi ji demonstrated the way of courage, simplicity, service, and power of compassion, while Shastri ji continues to motivate us in the endeavour of building a strong and self-reliant India."

- Narendra Modi

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ASSISTIVE DEVICES IDENTIFICATION CAMP INAUGURATED BY CHANDUR MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN DR. KODI SRINIVASULU

(Capital information)



Chandur : An assistive devices identification camp for persons with disabilities was organized in Chandur on Thursday under the aegis of ALIMCO–Hyderabad.The camp was held at Bharathi Chandra Gardens on Kastala Road and was inaugurated by Chandur Municipal Chairman Dr. Kodi Srinivasulu.During the camp, eligible persons with disabilities were identified and applications were received for various assistive devices, including battery-operated tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, crutches, Braille kits, smart canes, and other essential equipment. The camp aimed to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive appropriate assistive devices to enhance their mobility, independence, and quality of life.

International Day of Older Persons Celebrated in Hyderabad





(Capital information)

Hyderabad : The International Day of Older Persons was celebrated at the DWAB Hyderabad office in Chintalakunta, LB Nagar, on October 1, 2026.The programme was chaired by Veeramalla Prakash Rao, Founder Member of the TRS party and former Chairman of the Telangana Water Resources Development Corporation. Ex-MLA Kattam Lingaiah, Chairman of Saibaba Temple Trust, Dilsukhnagar, and other dignitaries, including retired Principal Tippana Siddulu, attended the event.Speaking on the occasion, Veeramalla Prakash Rao stressed the importance of healthy daily and dietary habits among senior citizens. He advised them to reduce foods containing excessive sugar and salt and encouraged the use of organic food items to support healthy ageing.Kattam Lingaiah appreciated DWAB's initiative to honour senior citizens who have contributed to society. He assured that arrangements would be made to facilitate comfortable darshan for senior citizens and visually impaired persons visiting the Saibaba Temple in Dilsukhnagar.Raghavendra Vashishtha, a 360 YouTuber, announced plans to create English lesson audio content for visually impaired students.On the occasion, around 50 senior citizens, including both sighted and visually impaired persons, were honoured and felicitated by Veeramalla Prakash Rao. Special teachers from Sadana School for Students with Mental Disability were also among those felicitated.DWAB President Anjaiah, General Secretary Ponugoti Chokka Rao, Treasurer Paramesha, and other members participated in the programme.

CEO Reviews SIR-2026 and Graduate MLC Voter Registration

(Capital information)



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri : Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy reviewed the SIR-2026 process and Graduate MLC voter registration with District Collectors through a video conference and directed officials to follow the latest guidelines of the Election Commission of India without causing any inconvenience to voters.District Collector Anurag Jayanthi and Revenue Additional Collector Venka Reddy participated in the video conference from Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.The CEO instructed officials not to ask voters to visit offices to receive notices or submit documents during the SIR process. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) should visit voters' homes, serve notices and collect the required documents at their residences.He also directed officials not to ordinarily call voters to offices for hearings. If a hearing becomes necessary, it should be conducted online wherever possible to avoid inconvenience to the public.

Form-6 Declaration Mandatory :

C. Sudarshan Reddy clarified that a declaration is mandatory along with Form-6 for new voter registration in Telangana. While such a declaration is not required in states where SIR is not being conducted, it is mandatory for new voter registrations in Telangana.He directed ERO offices to display details of pending and disposed Form-6 and Form-7 applications on their notice boards and to continuously monitor pending notices to voters.The CEO also instructed officials to provide details related to Form-6, pending notices, Form-7 and Form-8 to representatives of political parties at all levels from time to time.He emphasized that the SIR-2026 process must be implemented strictly in accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines at the field level and completed transparently at every stage, ensuring that voters face no difficulties.Special Deputy Collectors Satvik and Krithika, RDO Krishna Reddy and other concerned officials participated in the video conference.

Concerted Action Needed to Protect Children and Prevent Juvenile Crime

(Capital information)



Nalgonda Bureau : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar, and District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar, called upon all government departments to work in coordination to protect children, prevent substance abuse and ensure that children do not get involved in criminal activities.At a coordination meeting on the Child Protection System held at the Nalgonda District Police Office, officials discussed the factors driving children towards crime and substance abuse, along with measures required to prevent such risks.The District Collector directed the concerned departments to ensure that all eligible children benefit from Central and State government schemes related to education, health, welfare and child protection. He stressed the need to improve children's interest in education, identify and bring school dropouts back into schools, provide counselling, and extend necessary medical and psychological support.Speaking at the meeting, the District SP said that some children at a young age were becoming involved in offences including theft and activities linked to alcohol and drugs such as cannabis. He noted that around 130 children in the district have been involved in various criminal cases and emphasized the need to identify the social, family, economic and psychological factors contributing to such behaviour.Officials were advised to assess at the field level the impact of factors such as lack of parental supervision, family problems, poverty, negative peer influence, social media, easy availability of intoxicating substances and dropping out of school.Chief Guest Dr. Isidore Phillips, Technical Advisor, Child Protection System, UNICEF, said that protecting children from violence, exploitation, child labour, substance abuse, criminal behaviour and other harmful situations is a collective responsibility of parents, teachers, police, government officials and society.He stressed the importance of providing children with a safe environment, protecting their rights and offering appropriate guidance. When children come into conflict with the law, he said, the response should not be limited to punitive measures. Their age, family circumstances, education, psychological condition and social background should be considered, and they should be guided in accordance with the legal framework governing juvenile justice.He further emphasized that education, skill development, family support and counselling are essential to help children avoid reoffending and lead dignified lives in society.The meeting was attended by Dr. Isidore Phillips, Technical Advisor, Child Protection System, UNICEF; Additional SP Ramesh; ZP CEO Prem Karan Reddy; DSPs Shivaram Reddy, Ravi and Srinivas Rao, along with officials from the Education, Medical and Health, Police, Youth and Sports, Panchayat Raj and Child Protection departments. They discussed coordinated measures for strengthening child protection and preventing juvenile crime.

Cyber Crime Awareness Flash Walk Held in Nalgonda

(Capital information)



Nalgonda Bureau : District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar, urged students, youth and the public to remain vigilant against cyber crimes and online frauds.A Cyber Security Awareness Flash Walk was organized by the Nalgonda District Police at S.R. Junior College, Nalgonda, to create awareness about various cyber threats. The SP said increasing use of technology and online transactions has also led to a rise in cyber crimes, with cyber frauds causing significant financial losses.He cautioned people against digital arrest scams, QR code/UPI frauds, online banking fraud, OTP and PIN theft, fake job and investment offers, suspicious links and APK files. People should never share OTPs, ATM PINs, UPI PINs, passwords or banking details with anyone and should avoid clicking unknown links, downloading suspicious APKs or scanning unfamiliar QR codes.The SP advised everyone to follow "Pause – Think – Verify" before responding to suspicious calls, messages or online offers. Victims of cyber financial fraud should immediately contact the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930, as early reporting can help in preventing the fraudulent transfer of money.He also called upon students and youth to spread cyber safety awareness among their families, friends and the wider community, stressing that public participation is essential in preventing cyber crimes.The flash walk conveyed the message "Awareness is the best protection against cyber crimes."Additional SP Ramesh, Nalgonda DSP Shivaram Reddy, SB CI Nagaraju, II-Town CI Adi Reddy, SI Saida Babu, police personnel, students, faculty, youth and members of the public participated in the programme.

Smart Ration Cards Distributed in Pedda Kandukuru

(Capital information)





Yadadri Bhuvanagiri : New Smart Ration Cards were distributed to eligible beneficiaries at a programme held in Pedda Kandukuru village of Yadagirigutta mandal.Telangana Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ailaiah attended the programme as the chief guest and distributed the new Smart Ration Cards to eligible families.Before the programme, the MLA paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue in the village and later inaugurated newly constructed CC roads. He said the government was giving priority to improving rural infrastructure, including roads, drainage and drinking water facilities.Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ailaiah said the government was taking steps to ensure that welfare benefits reach every eligible family. He highlighted the importance of ration cards in providing essential commodities to poor and middle-class families and assured that eligible families who do not yet have ration cards would also be identified and covered under welfare schemes.He said the new Smart Ration Cards would facilitate access to essential commodities through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and serve as an important document for eligibility under various government welfare schemes.The MLA said efforts were being made for the planned development of every village in the Alair constituency and assured that issues brought to his notice would be taken up with the concerned officials for resolution.He said the newly constructed CC roads in Pedda Kandukuru would improve connectivity and reduce difficulties during the rainy season. Further development works required in the village would be identified and taken up in phases, he added.Local public representatives, officials, Congress leaders and workers, village elders, women and beneficiaries participated in the programme.

BLOs Conduct Door-to-Door Verification of SIR Applications





(Capital information)

Nalgonda : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar said that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are conducting door-to-door verification of documents related to pending applications under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.State Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy held a video conference with District Collectors on Thursday to review the SIR process and Graduate MLC electoral registration.The Collector informed the CEO that 100% of SIR notices have been issued in Nalgonda district and BLOs are visiting voters' homes to verify the required documents. So far, 4,300 Form-6 applications have been verified.Regarding the Nalgonda–Warangal–Khammam Graduate MLC constituency, the Collector said a notice had been published under Rule 31(B) and 42,972 Form-18 applications have been received so far. Field-level verification will be completed at the earliest. A meeting has also been held with representatives of political parties. While there were 605 polling stations earlier, proposals have now been submitted for 644 polling stations.CEO C. Sudharshan Reddy directed BLOs to conduct door-to-door verification to ensure that voters do not face any inconvenience. He also instructed officials to establish special help desks for senior citizens, obtain mandatory declarations with Form-6 applications, and regularly share details of Forms 6, 7 and 8 with political party representatives.Regarding Graduate MLC voter registration, the CEO clarified that even those who were previously enrolled must submit a fresh application. Applicants must have completed their degree by October 31, 2023, reside within the jurisdiction of the constituency and meet the eligibility requirements. The graduate certificate/degree memorandum must carry the signature of a Gazetted Officer.Additional Collector (Revenue) J. Srinivas, District Revenue Officer Dasarath, RDO Ashok and other officials participated in the video conference.

Pre-Primary Student Stalin Charms All in Mahatma Gandhi Get-Up



(Capital information)

Nalgonda Bureau : On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, pre-primary student Stalin of Damera Bhimanapalli Mandal Parishad Primary School impressed everyone by appearing in the attire of Mahatma Gandhi.Through his expressions and performance, Stalin conveyed Gandhi's famous message — "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" — while highlighting that non-violence is the greatest path.His performance in Gandhi's attire was widely appreciated by the teachers and students of the school.Headmaster Udavath Lachiram said that such activities help children develop patriotism, moral values and awareness of the ideals and teachings of great national leaders from a young age.Teachers Y. Manjulatha, Konda Srinivas, Sabavath Venkat Kumar, B. Meena Kumari and Amina, along with students, participated in the programme.

Urs Celebrations Begin at Madina Masjid in Nalgonda

(Capital information)

Nalgonda Bureau : The three-day Urs celebrations of Syed Shah Latifullah Qadri began at Madina Masjid near the Clock Tower with the ceremonial lifting of the Gandham. Former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy and former ZPTC member Gummula Mohan Reddy participated in the inaugural ceremony.Officials and the Urs Committee are coordinating to ensure peaceful and smooth conduct of the festivities. They appealed to devotees and the public to participate in large numbers and make the Urs celebrations a grand success.Town Congress President Edla Srinivas Yadav, Corporators Ibrahim and Samad, former councillor Fasad Ali, Baba Mamidi Karthik, Lingaswamy, Vajja Ramesh, devotees, Mutawallis, Urs Committee members and local residents attended the programme.programme.

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The 'Megha' Touch in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Wanaparthy Ranks Second in the State – Rs. 20 Crore in CMRF Checks Distributed Over 34 Months







Capital Information (Vaggam Prem Kumar) – Wanaparthy, Oct 1 : In a poor family, illness is not merely an individual's problem; it is a crisis that can financially devastate the entire household. Families often struggle, unsure of how to cover hospital expenses or whom to turn to for help. Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Megha Reddy stands as a pillar of support, offering reassurance and aid to these families in their time of distress.

Rs. 20 Crore CMRF – Benefiting 7,872 People

Over the past 34 months, financial assistance totaling Rs. 19,98,40,700—approximately Rs. 20 crore—has been provided to 7,872 beneficiaries in the Wanaparthy constituency through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF). With this achievement, the Wanaparthy constituency has set a record by securing the second position in the state. This aid serves as immense support for impoverished families facing financial hardship due to the hospitalization of members suffering from severe illnesses.

Rs. 9.18 Crore via LOCs – Life-Saving Assistance

In addition to the CMRF, MLA Megha Reddy is taking special initiatives to assist those requiring urgent and expensive medical treatment through Letters of Credit (LOC). So far, LoC (Letter of Credit) assistance worth ¹ 9,18,50,000 has been provided to 469 individuals. These LoCs are proving to be lifesavers for expensive surgeries related to heart conditions, kidney ailments, and cancer.



Through this initiative, beneficiaries receive financial aid ranging from a minimum of ¹ 10,000 up to ¹ 5–6 lakhs.

Monitoring by Dedicated Staff in Wanaparthy and Hyderabad

The MLA's office operates with the perspective that every application represents a family's crisis rather than just a routine file. To spare the public the hardship of traveling back and forth between Wanaparthy and Hyderabad for government assistance, dedicated staff have been appointed in both locations to continuously oversee CMRF and LoC-related matters. Beneficiaries express pride in the fact that staff, under the MLA's supervision, ensure a hassle-free experience from the moment patients leave home until they return after completing their treatment. They stand by the affected families at every stage—handling the application process, managing necessary documentation, coordinating with relevant officials, and facilitating follow-up actions.

1,500 Applications Monthly – Service Beyond Party Lines

Approximately 1,200 to 1,500 online applications for the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) are processed every month without any delay.

Assistance is being provided to resolve 15 to 20 Letter of Credit (LOC) cases every month for individuals with urgent medical needs. Crucially, this process ensures that aid reaches every eligible family in distress, transcending political, caste, and religious lines.

MLA Megha Reddy emphasizes that his goal is to ensure timely delivery of government assistance to the public, preventing families from falling into debt due to illness or being denied quality medical care because of a lack of funds.

Consequently, CMRF and LOC services have become a source of reassurance for the poorest families in the Wanaparthy constituency, standing as a hallmark of Megha Reddy's service.

Government's priority for the welfare of the elderly District Collector Rajarshisha



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Adilabad, Oct 1 : District Collector Rajarshisha clarified that the district administration is giving utmost priority to the welfare and safety of the elderly. He was the chief guest at the International Day of Older Persons held at the Zilla Parishad meeting hall on Thursday and started the program by lighting the Jyoti.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that special old age home and Pranam Day Care Centers have been established and successfully run for the elderly in the district. It has been revealed that they are being provided with medical help camps, eye tests, government-required books and welfare benefits.

The Collector warned that strict action will be taken if the employees or public representatives do not take proper care of their parents and the elderly. He said that a legal decision has been taken to automatically deduct from their salary and provide it directly to the elderly if they ignore their responsibility and neglect the elderly. Similarly, he said that there is flexibility in the law to take back the lands that were written to the children emotionally in the past if they do not take care of them properly.

He assured that if they face such problems, the elderly can directly apply to him and he will respond immediately and do justice. Like Japan, the number of elderly people will increase in our country in the coming days, and everyone should come forward without neglecting their health, day care activities and protection responsibilities as befits that society.

After that many senior citizens were honored with collector's shawl and handed over the momento.

Market Committee Chairman Srikanth Reddy, District Welfare Officer Milka, SC Corporation ED Manohar, Senior Citizens Association representatives Devidas Deshpande, representatives of voluntary organizations, senior citizens, officials and staff of other departments participated in this program.

CMR Shopping Mall opens in Vanasthalipuram





Hyderabad, Oct 1: CMR Shopping Mall opened its new showroom at Vanasthalipuram on Thursday, offering residents of the locality and neighbouring areas a wide range of fashion, traditional wear and lifestyle products under one roof. Popular film actress Meenakshi Chaudhary, who attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest, formally opened the showroom. CMR Group chairman Mavuri Venkata Ramana and director Mavuri Balaji were among those present. Former MP and All India Professionals Congress chairman Madhu Yashki Goud, Telangana State Road Development Corporation chairman Malla Reddy Reddy, LB Nagar BJP in-charge Sama Ranga Reddy, former corporator Koppula Narasimha Reddy, former councillor and Yadagirigutta Board member P. Eswaramma Yadav, showroom owner P. Krishna Yadav and Suresh Yadav were among the other dignitaries who attended the event. P. Krishna Yadav was the first customer to make a purchase at the newly opened showroom. Speaking to the media, Meenakshi Chaudhary said she particularly liked the saree collections at CMR and regularly shopped at its outlets. She appreciated the variety of designs and collections available at the showroom.

Addressing the gathering, she said she shared a special affection for the people of Vanasthalipuram, who had shown her considerable love and support. She later entertained the audience by dancing to popular songs on stage. The new showroom houses an extensive range of sarees, traditional wear, men's and women's clothing, children's wear and various fashion and lifestyle products. The mall has been designed to cater to the shopping needs of the entire family.

CMR chairman Mavuri Venkata Ramana said the group's objective was to offer quality products at attractive prices while making every shopping experience memorable for customers.

He said CMR was expanding its presence into more areas in response to growing customer support. As part of the inauguration offers, a printed crepe saree is being offered at ¹ 89, along with several other special offers across different categories.

The new CMR Shopping Mall is expected to emerge as a new shopping destination for residents of Vanasthalipuram and surrounding areas.





Chennai Shopping Mall opens new outlet in Nirmal

Nirmal, Oct 1: The new branch of Chennai Shopping Mall was inaugurated in Nirmal on Thursday, with popular actress Sreeleela attending the event as the chief guest.

The inauguration attracted a large number of fans and local residents, who gathered at the venue to catch a glimpse of the actress.

Speaking on the occasion, Sreeleela said she was happy to be part of the launch in the historic town of Nirmal. She said the new showroom would offer customers a wide range of contemporary and traditional fashion collections and urged families to visit the outlet ahead of the Dussehra, Diwali and wedding seasons.

The management said the showroom brings traditional apparel and modern fashion under one roof, with a focus on quality, variety and affordable pricing. It also offers new collections and special discounts for the upcoming festive and wedding season.

Managing Director Marri Venkata Reddy, Director Krishna Rao, BJP MLA Maheshwar Reddy, Congress in-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao, Municipal Chairperson Appala Kavya, councillors and leaders from various political parties attended the inauguration and congratulated the management.

Government Committed to Welfare of Senior Citizens

(Capital Information)

Suryapet, October 1 : The government is committed to protecting the rights, health, dignity and welfare of senior citizens, said District Collector Tejas Nandlal Pawar.



Speaking at a programme organised at the Collectorate on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons on Wednesday, the Collector urged senior citizens to pay special attention to their health and follow a disciplined daily routine.

He said free medicines were being provided to elderly persons suffering from hypertension and diabetes, while medical services were being extended to those in need. Officials would remain accessible to address the problems and grievances of senior citizens, he added.

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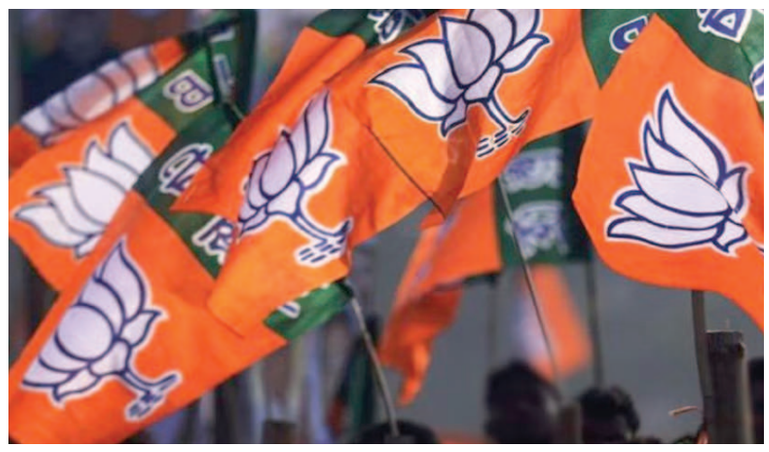


SC rules out total ban on firecrackers, says no 24-hour bursting either

The Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled out a complete ban on firecrackers ahead of Diwali, while making it clear that unrestricted bursting of crackers throughout the day would also not be permitted. A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and P.B. Varale said the apex court would have to strike a balance between religious sentiments associated with Diwali and concerns relating to air pollution and its impact on children, elderly persons and those suffering from illnesses.
"Neither we are going to agree with you for total ban. Nor are we going to allow them to do it 24 hours. A total ban will have some sentimental effect, number one. Number two, allowing them throughout the day will have a huge impact on every other living being, including old people, sick people and the children. We need to find a solution whereby we can give specified time, and we can specify what are the crackers to be used," the Justice Sundresh-led Bench observed. The top court's observations came during the hearing of a long-pending matter concerning the use of firecrackers and their impact on the environment and public health. The Justice Sundresh-led Bench indicated that it was inclined to permit specified categories of next-generation joint green crackers, subject to conditions relating to their manufacture, noise levels, number and size of shells and the interval between successive bursts.
During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati sought time till October 15 to place on record the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) concerning the environmental impact of barium-based firecrackers.
"Outdoor testing of barium-based firecrackers is yet to be conducted. I am requesting time till October 15," ASG Bhati submitted. The Supreme Court granted the Centre and the expert bodies time to complete the assessment of barium-based firecrackers. The issue will be considered further on October 15.
The apex court also took note of the submissions regarding the use of new-generation joint firecrackers.
The Union government had proposed permitting such crackers subject to specified restrictions, including conditions concerning the number and size of shells and the time interval between bursts.
The Supreme Court indicated that it was inclined to accept the recommendation concerning such joint firecrackers, subject to the prescribed safeguards. It further recorded that some of the issues before it overlap with those pending in the M.C. Mehta matter relating to firecrackers in Delhi-NCR. It permitted the parties to mention the issue before the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, which is hearing the M.C. Mehta case, so that the overlapping issues could, if considered appropriate, be heard together.
The Justice Sundresh-led Bench clarified that it would not pass any order on the Delhi-NCR issue at this stage, while other applications, including those seeking a ban on the manufacture and sale of firecrackers, would be taken up for hearing.
The matter has been posted for further hearing on October 15.
In October 2025, the apex court had allowed the limited sale and use of NEERI-approved green crackers in Delhi and adjoining NCR areas during Diwali, subject to strict conditions. It had restricted the bursting of crackers to specified hours and directed enforcement agencies to ensure that only permitted products carrying prescribed QR codes were sold.
The top court had also directed that crackers containing barium or those not approved as green crackers by NEERI would not be permitted, while prohibiting the sale and purchase of firecrackers through e-commerce platforms.
The CPCB and State Pollution Control Boards were also directed to monitor air, water and soil quality during the festive period and place their reports before the Supreme Court.

EDITORIAL

Rajasthan CM mocks Congress over poll claims, says BJP wins public trust



Jaipur, Oct 1 : Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Thursday said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had secured voters' trust in the Jodhpur division during the civic body elections, while the Congress suffered a complete defeat. Addressing a public meeting in Chohtan in Barmer district, Sharma said grassroots development happens primarily through civic bodies and Panchayats.
He said that adding a "third engine" in the form of civic bodies and Panchayats to the existing "double-engine government" would help realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat" and "Viksit Rajasthan".
The Chief Minister said that, having lived in a village, he was well acquainted with rural conditions and understood the needs of farmers and people living in poverty.
He alleged that Congress leaders were focused on caste and religion and were resorting to falsehoods because they had no other issues to raise.
According to Sharma, appeasement and corruption remained the Congress party's primary agenda.
He said that whenever Congress loses elections, it blames Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).
The Chief Minister further alleged that before the civic body elections, Congress leaders had accused the BJP of misusing the administration for electoral gain. Still, the results proved the public placed its trust in the BJP.
On employment, Sharma said Rajasthan's youth suffered under the previous Congress government because repeated paper leaks shattered their aspirations.
He claimed that no paper leak had taken place during the BJP government's nearly three-year tenure.
Highlighting the government's employment initiatives, Sharma said that while the BJP had promised to provide four lakh government jobs to the youth, it had already issued appointment letters for more than 1.89 lakh posts.
He added that recruitment for 1.22 lakh posts was currently underway and that a recruitment calendar for another 1.25 lakh posts had also been released.

Colombo Security Conclave members vow to strengthen cooperation on security matters in Indian Ocean Region



New Delhi, Oct 1 : The ninth Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA)-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) was hosted virtually by India on Thursday, where the member states reiterated their resolve to further strengthen cooperation on vital matters of security in the Indian Ocean Region. Participants at the Deputy National Security Adviser-level meeting of the CSC included Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, and Seychelles, according to the statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
The officials of the member states reviewed the decisions taken at the seventh National Security Adviser-level meeting of the CSC held in New Delhi on November 20.

Gujarat's 25th 'Sanskrutik Van' to open in Porbandar, dedicated to Gandhi's 'Sarvodaya' vision



Gandhinagar, Oct 1 : The Gujarat government will inaugurate the state's 25th 'Sanskrutik Van' (Cultural Forest), in Porbandar on October 1, marking another expansion of an initiative launched in 2004 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
Spread across 14 hectares near Odadar village, the Rs 20-crore forest has been developed around the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, particularly his concept of Sarvodaya, or the 'upliftment of all'.
Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate the facility, which seeks to combine Gandhi's ideals with environmental conservation, local culture, recreation and public awareness.
The forest has been designed around themes, including truth, non-violence, peace, self-reliance, cleanliness, Gram Swaraj and sustainable living. Its major sections include Mahatma Van, Satya Van, Ahinsa Van, Shanti Van, Sarvodaya Van, Gram Swaraj Eco-Village, Ayush Van, Barda Van Kunj, Matru Van, Rock Garden, Van Kavach and a Mission LiFE Garden.
At Swagatam Parisar, spread over about 3,200 square metres with around 1,200 saplings, visitors will be introduced to the contribution of ordinary citizens, including farmers, labourers, women and students, to the freedom struggle.
Mahatma Van presents Gandhi's journey from "Mohan to Mahatma" through stone murals, while Satya Van focuses on truth, integrity and ethics.
Ahinsa Van features an Ahinsa Stambh and murals depicting three major Satyagrahas led by Gandhi.
Shanti Van, spread over about 7,500 square metres with around 8,000 saplings, provides spaces for meditation, yoga and exercise and includes Hasta Mudras, Panchvatam and a stone-carved Shri Yantra. Gram Swaraj, covering about 3,500 square metres, showcases rural lifestyles, traditional agricultural practices and local handicrafts, while Ayush Van highlights Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani and Homeopathy through medicinal plants, including Tulsi, Neem, Baheda, Bili, Drumstick and Jamun.
The 1,000-square-metre Krishna-Sudama Vatika contains a 3D artwork of Krishna and Sudama and murals depicting their childhood and reunion in Dwarka.
Matru Van, spread over about 2,300 square metres, features shade-giving, medicinal and fruit-bearing trees, along with sculptures depicting a mother and daughter planting a tree.
The Sea-View Garden offers views of the coastline, including sunrise and sunset, with palm trees and gazebos.

Gujarat : Man confesses to killings after accusing others in grandmother-in-law's murder case



Ahmedabad, Oct 1 : A man who approached the Ahmedabad City Crime Branch with information regarding the alleged murder of his 85-year-old grandmother-in-law in Surat district has himself allegedly confessed to three killings committed in 2022, police said on Thursday. The case took a dramatic turn after the Crime Branch questioned the man whom he had named as a co-accused and found no evidence of his involvement in the alleged murder. During further questioning, the informant, identified as Madhavdas Bhaktiram Sadhu, allegedly admitted that he had provided false information to implicate his wife, Urmila alias Jaya, and his cousin, Afzal alias Poto Diwan.
According to the Crime Branch, Madhavdas had alleged that Shantaben Gambhirbhai Vasava, a resident of Kabristan Faliya in Kosamba, Mangrol taluka of Surat district, had been murdered four to five years ago by Urmila and Afzal, and that her body had been buried under cement inside a house. Acting on the information, the Crime Branch brought Afzal to its office for questioning.
Police said Afzal denied any knowledge of Shantaben's murder.
This prompted investigators to question both Madhavdas and Afzal in detail, during which Madhavdas allegedly admitted he had falsely named Afzal.
ACP (Crime Branch) Bharat Patel said the investigation shifted towards Madhavdas after Afzal's questioning failed to establish any involvement. "Initially, Madhavdas came before the Crime Branch and alleged that his wife and Afzal had jointly murdered his grandmother-in-law," Patel said. According to the ACP, questioning Afzal revealed he had no role in the information Madhavdas provided.

Meghalaya govt makes migrant worker registration mandatory



Shillong, Oct 1 : The Meghalaya government has made registration mandatory for all migrant workers employed in the state under the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (MIRSS) Act and Rules, 2020, officials said on Thursday. According to a notification issued by Labour Commissioner Banteilang Kharsahngi, every migrant worker must complete the prescribed registration process and obtain an individual Registration Card. Employers and contractors engaging migrant workers have been directed to ensure compliance with the requirement. Officials said failure to register workers could attract penalties under the provisions of the MIRSS Act. Employers must submit registration applications online to the Registering Officer in the area where the migrant worker is employed.

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Swachh Bharat a People-Led Movement; Cleanliness is a Continuous Responsibility: Smt. Shruti Patil, ADG, PIB Hyderabad

PIB, CBC Participate in 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Shramdaan at CGO Towers, Kavadiguda



Hyderabad, Oct 1 (PIB) : As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, being observed under the theme "Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat", the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Hyderabad, and the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Hyderabad, participated in the nationwide "Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" Shramdaan at CGO Towers, Kavadiguda, Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Director General Smt. Shruti Patil, IIS, highlighted the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that the Swachh Bharat Mission is a people-led movement.

She emphasised that cleanliness is not a one-day activity but a continuous responsibility, and called upon officials and staff to make cleanliness a regular part of everyday life. Smt. Patil also appreciated the efforts of the sanitation workers of CGO Towers for keeping the premises clean and hygienic. As a token of appreciation, gloves and sanitation kits were handed over to the sanitation workers in recognition of their dedicated service. On the occasion, as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative, launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Additional Director General Smt. Shruti Patil, IIS, along with officers and staff of PIB and CBC Hyderabad, planted saplings at the CGO Towers premises, contributing to environmental protection and enhancing green cover.

APPCB Chairman Conducts Surprise Inspections of Industries on Environmental Compliance



Negligence in Pollution Control Measures Will Not Be Tolerated: APPCB Chairman Dr. P. Krishnaiah, IAS (Retd.)

(Capital Information)

Nellore, Oct 1 : Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) Chairman Dr. P. Krishnaiah, IAS (Retd.) conducted surprise inspections at several industries in Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District to assess the implementation of environmental protection and pollution control standards at the field level. As part of the inspections, the Chairman visited GRI Towers, Sentini Pipes, Vayona Energy and other industries and reviewed the functioning of pollution control systems, solid waste management, greenbelt development, fugitive emission control and other environmental protection measures being undertaken by the industries. The Chairman personally inspected whether the pollution control equipment installed by the industries to prevent air and water pollution was functioning effectively and in accordance with the prescribed standards.

At GRI Towers, the Chairman directed the management to undertake plantation and complete the development of the 5-acre greenbelt area that is earmarked but yet to be developed, during the ongoing planting season itself. He also directed that the afforestation works in the 22 per cent greenbelt area earmarked within the IFFCO/concerned organisation's premises be completed as per the prescribed standards. Similarly, at Sentini Pipes, the Chairman directed the management to prepare and implement a comprehensive Action Plan for developing greenbelt in at least 33 per cent of the applicable area. He further directed that the internal roads be developed with BT or CC roads to prevent dust, particulate matter and fugitive emissions caused by vehicular movement. The waste storage area should also be developed as a properly lined yard in accordance with environmental standards.

The Chairman made it clear that Paint Sludge, Iron Slag and other solid wastes generated by the industries must be stored scientifically in accordance with the applicable regulations and must be processed or disposed of only through authorised agencies. The industry managements were also instructed to collect and segregate plastic and PVC waste in accordance with the Plastic Waste Management Rules and hand it over to authorised agencies or process/dispose of it as per the applicable regulations.

The Chairman directed the industries to strictly comply with all orders, regulations and conditions issued by the APPCB. He reiterated that no negligence would be tolerated in the implementation of environmental protection and pollution control standards, and that appropriate action would be taken in accordance with the applicable guidelines and regulations. The concerned industry managements were directed to implement all the instructions issued during the inspections within the stipulated time and submit a comprehensive report to the Pollution Control Board on the action taken.



Biodiversity Awareness Program at Paramita High School

(Capital Information)

Karimnagar, Oct 1 : A special awareness program themed "Sustainability – Biodiversity Conservation" was grandly organized at the local Paramita High School. School Headmaster Balaji stated that the primary objective of the program was to create awareness among students regarding environmental protection and biodiversity conservation.

The program was conducted by 8th-grade students—K. Aarush, M. Aadish, E. Ritheesh, A. Sri Vardhan, and J. Sai Sanhith—under the guidance of Project Head and Eco Club mentors Lalit Mohan Sahu and Anil. The students presented various activities highlighting the importance of biodiversity conservation, the preservation of natural resources, and the need to coexist with all forms of life in nature.

Certificates of appreciation and prizes were awarded to students who excelled in competitions held as part of the Biodiversity Week celebrations, including drawing, essay writing, elocution, quizzes, poster making, sapling cultivation, slogan writing, and biodiversity specimen collection. Speaking on the occasion, Headmaster Balaji said, "Biodiversity is the foundation of life on Earth. Every student must become a guardian of nature. They should actively participate in environmental conservation by planting trees, reducing plastic usage, and protecting wildlife." At the conclusion of the program, the students took a pledge to protect Mother Earth and nature. The audience was captivated by a thought-provoking message on biodiversity, a biodiversity theme song, a skit highlighting the adverse effects of deforestation and pollution, and cultural performances reflecting the bond between nature and humanity.

Dr. Inuganti Prasad Rao, the head of the school, specially congratulated the students who participated in the Biodiversity Week celebrations. Paramita Schools Directors Prasuna, Anukar Rao, Vinoda Rao, V.U.M. Prasad, and Hanumantha Rao; Headmasters Prashanth, Balaji, and Kavitha Prasad; coordinators Srinath and Chandrasena; and teachers all appreciated the students' initiative. They lauded the program for fostering awareness among students about biodiversity conservation.

2 Crore CSR Contribution to Boost Young India Police School (YIPS) Infrastructure



DGP C.V. Anand says support for education will leave a lasting impact on society

Hyderabad, Oct 1: Describing education as an investment that leaves a lasting imprint on society, Director General of Police C.V. Anand said it was encouraging to see donors and corporate organisations coming forward under Corporate Social Respsibility (CSR) to support the construction of the prestigious Young India Police School (YIPS). "Support extended by donors for this initiative is a welcome development. A contribution made towards education will always remain valuable to society and continue to benefit generations to come," Mr. Anand said. His remarks came as MYK Laticrete (MYK foundation) contributed ₹ 2 crore towards the construction of YIPS the Academic Block at Manchirevula.

The company's Managing Director & Vice chairman Murali Yadama handed over the ₹ 2 crore cheque to Mr. Anand at the DGP's office here on Thursday. Mr. Anand said the initiative was aimed at providing quality education and better opportunities to the children of police personnel and general public.

Collector Khushboo Gupta Reviewed Measures to Protect Forest Lands and Identify Wetlands



(Capital Information)

MAHABUBNAGAR, Oct 1 : District Collector Khushboo Gupta on Thursday held a review meeting with officials of the Forest, Revenue and other concerned departments at the Video Conference Hall of the Collectorate to review measures for preventing illegal activities in forest areas, protecting forest lands and identifying wetlands in the district. During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the measures being taken to curb illegal mining, sand excavation, tree felling and other unauthorised activities in forest areas. She directed officials to examine, mandal-wise, the details of lands located in forest areas that are covered under Revenue pattas and submit complete information. Officials informed the Collector that out of 521 wetlands identified in the district, the process relating to six wetlands had been completed so far. The Collector directed the officials to demarcate the remaining wetlands, conduct field-level inspections and submit detailed reports. She also instructed them to coordinate with the Irrigation and Fisheries departments during the process. The Collector further directed officials to examine the disputes related to government land allotted to the National Highways Department in Survey No. 23 near Venkatapur village in connection with the Kodangal–Kosgi road and submit a clear report. She also instructed the officials to identify the government land required for the newly sanctioned road up to Gudeballur and take necessary steps to allot the land to the concerned department. Regarding issues related to the Pillalamarri area, the Collector directed officials to coordinate with the Tourism Department.

She instructed the concerned officials to personally inspect the sites at the field level and initiate further action only after verifying and certifying the reports. District SP D. Janaki, District Forest Officer M. Naveen Reddy, Assistant Collector (Under Training) Sai Shivani, RDO Naveen, Revenue officials and officials from other concerned departments attended the meeting.

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CEC Must Clarify Allegations - Sriram Venkateswara Rao



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Sathupalli, October 01 : SC, ST Rights Protection Development Society Khammam District President Sriram Venkateswara Rao demanded that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar provide clear answers to the allegations and concerns being raised against him. He said that if satisfactory explanations could not be provided, the CEC should resign. He stressed that the Election Commission has a responsibility to maintain transparency and accountability in the electoral process.Venkateswara Rao said that in a democratic system, the Election Commission must address doubts raised by citizens and provide factual clarification on matters concerning elections. He urged the Commission to explain the issues transparently and take steps to maintain public confidence in the electoral process.

MPJ Delegation Extends Greetings to CI Usman Shareef



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : A team from the Movement for Peace and Justice (MPJ), led by District President Sheikh Khasim, met Usman Shareef, the newly appointed Circle Inspector of the Khammam Women Police Station. The team welcomed him on assuming his new responsibilities and presented him with a bouquet as a gesture of goodwill.MPJ District General Secretary Syed Nasar Ahmed, Treasurer Md. Hakeem, former Shadikhana Chairman Md Majid, MPJ member Rahman and others were present during the meeting.

Poshan Maah Programme Held in Khammam



(Capital Information)

Jayashankar Bhupalpally, October 01 : As part of Poshan Maah celebrations, a collective Seemantham and Annaprasana programme was organised for 20 pregnant women in the Dwaraka Nagar and Burhan puram sectors under the Khammam Urban Project. CDPO Bhadrama and former corporators Raparthi Sarat Kumar and Sheelamshetti Veerabhadram attended the programme. A special food stall was arranged to create awareness about nutritious food and healthy dietary practices for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children.The organisers said Poshan Maah was being observed from September 9 to October 8 with various awareness programmes. Pregnant women were presented with traditional sarees and bangles and blessed on the occasion. Awareness was also created about vaccination schedules, medicines and nutritious food habits, with emphasis on preventing malnutrition and ensuring the healthy growth and development of children.

No Negligence in Residential Schools

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : District Collector Divakara T.S. directed officials to ensure strict safety and health measures in all residential educational institutions. During a review meeting at the Collectorate, he examined education, accommodation, food, sanitation, security and basic infrastructure. He stressed that wardens must stay at hostels and continuously monitor students, warning that negligence in their duties would invite strict action.The Collector ordered monthly special sanitation drives around hostels and directed officials to take preventive measures against snake and rat bites and food poisoning. He instructed that students should never be made to undertake sanitation work and called for immediate attention to pending infrastructure works, compound walls and electrical safety. He also directed officials to ensure quality food, hygienic kitchens and proper medical facilities



for students.Divakara T.S. stressed zero tolerance towards sexual harassment in residential institutions and instructed officials to maintain an effective vigilance system. He called for continuous monitoring of students' physical and mental health, with timely medical care and counselling wherever required. Officials were also directed to submit details of pending diet, cosmetic, rent, electricity and staff salary bills, along with uniform supplies and other requirements, for necessary action.

Kabaddi Players Receive Sports Jerseys at Minister's Camp Office

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : Sports jerseys were presented to Khammam district players selected for the Junior Boys and Sub-Junior Girls State-Level Kabaddi Championships at the camp office of State Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday. Camp office in-charge Thumburu Dayakar Reddy distributed the jerseys to the players, who will compete in the state-level tournament scheduled to begin on October 2 at Vemulawada in Rajanna- Sircilla district. Dayakar Reddy congratulated the selected players and appreciated the efforts of the District Kabaddi Association in providing training



and encourage ment to young sportspersons. He expressed confidence that the players would showcase their talent and perform well in the state championships. District Kabaddi Association General Secretary Christopher Babu and other representatives and leaders attended the programme. The organisers conveyed their best wishes to the players for the upcoming tournament.

New SHOs Meet Khammam CP Sunil Dutt

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : Newly appointed Station House Officers (SHOs) of Khammam Two Town, Khammam Urban and Khammam Traffic Police Stations met Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt at the Commissionerate office after assuming charge of their respective posts. Inspectors J. Ramakrishna, M. Nagaraju and K. Shivaprasad formally took charge as SHOs.During the courtesy meeting, the newly appointed officers presented bouquets to Commissioner Sunil Dutt. The Commissioner interacted with the officers and extended his best wishes as they took charge of their new responsibilities.The officers expressed their commitment to discharging their duties effectively and maintaining law and



order in their respective jurisdictions. The meeting was held as part of the customary interaction following their assumption of charge.

CPI Team Inspects Alleged Illegal Barite Mining Site

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : CPI National Council Member Bagam Hemant Rao alleged that valuable barite mineral was being illegally excavated and transported from the Velugumatla Urban Park area within Khammam Municipal Corporation limits. A CPI team inspected the alleged mining sites on Thursday and questioned the concerned authorities over the reported activities.Hemanth Rao said mineral excavation and transportation must be carried out only with the required government permissions and payment of applicable taxes. He demanded continuous monitoring of mining areas and strict action against those involved in unauthorised excavation and transportation.CPI District Secretary Dandi Suresh and other party leaders participated in the inspection. Hemant Rao warned that the CPI



would launch a large- scale agitation if alleged illegal mining activities were not stopped and effective action was not taken by the authorities.

Muslim Minority Gurukulam Girls Shine in SGF Sports



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : Students of Khammam Muslim Minority Gurukulam Girls-2 showcased their talent at the School Games Federation (SGF) competitions held at Sardar Patel Stadium. In the Under-14 category, the students secured first place in Kabaddi and second place in Volleyball. In the Under-17 category, they secured first place in the 100-metre race and second place in Kabaddi. One student



was selected for the state-level Hockey team, while six students earned selection for state-level Wrestling competitions.Principal Seetha Mahalakshmi and PETs Saida Bibi, Triveni and Harsha congratulated the students for their achievements. They appreciated the athletes for performing well amid tough competition and wished them success in the upcoming state-level events, expressing hope that they would bring recognition to Khammam district.

Gandhian Ideals Continue to Guide Society-Former MP Nama



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : Former BRS Lok Sabha Floor Leader and former Khammam MP Nama Nageswara Rao said Mahatma Gandhi's principles of truth, non- violence and peace continue to be relevant to society. In a statement issued on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, he recalled Gandhi's historic role in India's freedom struggle and said his ideals of Satyagraha, tolerance, social equality, self- reliance and Gram Swaraj continue to inspire every generation.Nama also recalled the peaceful and democratic struggle led by BRS president and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao during the Telangana statehood movement. He said rural development was given priority during the BRS government through initiatives such as Palle Pragathi, strengthening gram panchayats and converting tandas into gram panchayats. He paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and called upon people to work towards implementing his ideals.

SUDA Chairman Reviews Town Planning Issues



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : Khammam SUDA Chairman Puvvalla Durga Prasad conducted a review meeting with Town Planning officials at the SUDA office on issues reported by residents of the 18th Division. During his earlier visit to the division, locals had raised concerns over road ramps, road-related difficulties and other town planning issues. The Chairman directed officials to conduct field inspections and initiate necessary action in accordance with regulations.He sought a detailed report on the measures already taken, completed works and pending issues and instructed officials to speed up their resolution. He emphasised that public grievances should be addressed promptly and that Town Planning officials must respond immediately to issues affecting residents. Former corporator Mandadapu Lakshmi Manohar, Town Planning DCP, supervisors, TPBOs and other officials attended the meeting.

Red Cross Elections - Our Collective Responsibility



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, October 01 : The Indian Red Cross Society, Khammam elections are scheduled to be held on the 4th of this month, with 45 eminent and service-minded individuals, 15 from each of the three panels, contesting. All the contestants deserve appreciation for coming forward with a spirit of service. As per the rules, each of the 2,400 members can cast only 15 votes.Since members cannot vote for everyone, they should consciously consider candidates who can dedicate more time to service and remain available to people in need, with the motto 'Service as Goal, Service as Purpose' in mind. Dr. Kadavendi Venugopal appealed to members to participate responsibly in the election and said that the collective efforts of elected representatives would help strengthen the Khammam Red Cross and enhance its reputation at the State and National levels.

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Illegal Extortion in the Name of Village Panchayats



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Mulugu, October 01 : The alleged illegal activities being carried out by some self-proclaimed village elders in the name of the panchayat system in the villages of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district are reportedly increasing day by day. Individuals with little knowledge of the law and limited legal awareness are allegedly wearing white khadi shirts and acting as though they are judges, passing resolutions and exploiting several illiterate and innocent victims. The situation is causing concern among rural communities.

Misleading People Away from Lok Adalats

The government conducts Lok Adalats across Telangana with the objective of taking justice closer to the people. However, instead of approaching legally recognised Lok Adalats for resolving disputes, some innocent rural people are reportedly turning to these self-proclaimed village elders. Taking advantage of this situation, some individuals are allegedly using village settlements as a means of making illegal collections.

Thousands Collected in the Name of Fines

Whether it is a minor land dispute, a family dispute or a debt-related issue, people involved in such disputes are allegedly being asked to deposit thousands of rupees in advance in the name of conducting a panchayat. After the settlement, additional amounts are reportedly being collected in the name of fines or penalties. The resolutions issued by such individuals have no legal validity. Documents are allegedly prepared on stamp papers at their discretion, and signatures are reportedly obtained from both parties, sometimes without them fully understanding the contents or consequences. Many victims remain confused because they are unaware that such resolutions may not have legal validity before a court. It is also alleged that some self-proclaimed elders demand daily payments, ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500, for attending or conducting such panchayats. There are also allegations that some individuals wearing khadi shirts stand outside police stations and negotiate informal arrangements in the name of conducting village settlements.

What Does the Law Say?

In general, disputes in villages should be addressed through lawful mechanisms such as the police, courts, or legally recognised Lok Adalats, depending on the nature of the dispute. If any person threatens individuals, forcibly collects money, or engages in unlawful conduct in the name of settling disputes, such actions may attract criminal liability under applicable provisions of law.

Police and Authorities Must Take Action

The police and district administration should take strict action against any illegal activities being carried out in the name of village panchayats. There is a need to conduct awareness programmes and Gram Sabha meetings in every mandal to educate people that unlawful settlements have no legal authority and that they should approach the police or the Legal Services Authority for legitimate dispute resolution. If anyone demands money in the name of conducting a panchayat or threatens people, citizens should immediately contact the police or lodge a complaint at the nearest police station. There is a need to create widespread awareness among rural communities that legal institutions are available to protect their rights.

MLA GANDRA SATYANARAYANA RAO DISTRIBUTES KALYANA LAKSHMI AND SHAADI MUBARAK CHEQUES



(Capital Information)

Jayashankar Bhupalpally, October 01 : Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao distributed cheques worth ₹39,04,524 to 39 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at a programme held at the Rythu Vedika in Shayampet Mandal.Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that despite the financial challenges inherited from the previous government, the present government was continuing welfare schemes while overcoming financial difficulties. He said that Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques and LOCs were being provided to all eligible beneficiaries without political discrimination.He appealed to the people to extend their support to the welfare and development programmes being implemented by the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.The programme was attended by the Tahsildar, MPDO, Mandal Agriculture Officer and other officials, Parakala Market Vice-Chairman, Mandal Congress President, party leaders, sarpanches and local residents.

Elders' experience is a guiding force for society - *Additional Collector Sampath Rao*



(Capital Information)

Mulugu , October 01 : The experience and wisdom of senior citizens serve as a valuable guide for society, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Sampath Rao said.He was the chief guest at a programme organised on Thursday at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) here to mark International Day of Older Persons–2026. The programme was jointly organised by the District Rural Development Agency and the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons.Speaking on the occasion, Sampath Rao said age was only a physical factor and should never become a limitation on one's spirit or enthusiasm. The government had enacted special laws and introduced welfare measures to ensure the well-being and dignity of senior citizens, he said. He urged them to make effective use of the Day Care Centre and assured that the government would continue to extend its support to them.He also encouraged elderly women to join special women's groups and make use of various government schemes and community services. Family members, he said, should treat senior citizens with love and respect and pay special attention to their health, safety and overall well-being.Municipal Chairperson Chintanippula Chandrakala said senior citizens were the strong foundation of the family system. Their rich experience and valuable advice could greatly benefit future generations, she said, urging families and society to extend the necessary care and support to them.Municipal Vice-Chairperson Asia Shaheen said serving and respecting parents was one of the noblest forms of devotion. She described the welfare of senior citizens as a collective social responsibility and called upon family members to ensure that elderly persons did not suffer from loneliness. She also urged them to utilise the welfare schemes being implemented by the government.Later, participants took a pledge for the welfare and protection of senior citizens. Elderly persons were felicitated on the occasion, while prizes were presented to the winners of various sports competitions conducted as part of the celebrations.District Rural Development Officer Ravinder, BWO Premalatha, APD Srinivas, District Federation president and officials concerned were among those present.

BRS to hold Kalyana Lakshmi gratitude programme at Bhagyapur Tanda



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, Venkatapur, October 01 : The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will organise a special programme at Bhagyapur Tanda in Mallampalli mandal on October 2 to express gratitude to former Chief Minister and BRS leader K. Chandrashekar Rao on the occasion marking the launch of the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme.The programme is being organised under the direction of BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao and the leadership of Mulugu district BRS president Kakularamari Laxman Babu. According to the party, the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme was launched on October 2, 2014, after an incident at Bhagyapur Tanda in which a poor family lost its belongings in a fire, resulting in the postponement of a wedding. The party said the scheme has since provided financial assistance to eligible poor families at the time of marriage.Former Minister Satyavathi Rathod and former MP and Mahabubabad BRS district president Maloth Kavitha are expected to attend the programme as chief guests. State women leaders Gongadi Sunitha and Tula Uma, Mulugu constituency in-charge Bade Nagajyothi, Hari Ramadevi, Peddi Swapna and other women leaders are also expected to participate.The programme will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 2, at Bhagyapur Tanda in Mallampalli mandal. BRS mandal presidents, district leaders, sarpanches and former sarpanches, elected representatives, Telangana movement activists, senior party workers, youth and women leaders and party cadre have been urged to participate in large numbers and make the programme successful, said Venkatapur mandal BRS president Lingala Ramana Reddy.If you want, I can also make this more crisp and neutral for publication in an English daily, while clearly attributing the claims to the BRS.

4 MW solar power plant connected to grid in Mulugu



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 01 : Mulugu district has taken another step towards promoting renewable energy with the successful grid integration of a 4 MW solar power project at Ramachandrapur village under Mallampalli Section of Mulugu Division.Superintending Engineer, Mulugu Circle, Bethi Bikshapathi said on Thursday that two solar power units of 2 MW each, established by Bokke Sunil Reddy and Aparna Penta Reddy, were successfully connected to the electricity grid.Speaking on the occasion, the SE said the integration of solar power projects into the grid would encourage environmentally friendly power generation and promote greater use of renewable energy sources. Such projects, he said, would play an important role in strengthening green energy initiatives and contributing to a cleaner and sustainable energy future.Officials appreciated the coordinated efforts of the Operation and Protection wings in successfully completing the grid connectivity of the two solar units.DE Mulugu Raju, MRT and Construction/ Bhupalpally officials, and personnel from the Operation and Protection departments participated in the programme.

Bhupalpally District Photographers' Union Extends Financial Assistance to Photographer in Venkatapuram



(Capital Information)

Jayashakar Bhupalpally, October 01 : The Bhupalpally District Photographers' Association has extended financial assistance to Raju, a photographer from Venkatapuram mandal, who lost his house, belongings and photography equipment in a devastating electrical short-circuit accident.Responding to the incident under the leadership of the Joint Warangal District Vice-President and the District Assistant Secretary, representatives of the Bhupalpally District Photographers' Union came forward to provide financial assistance of ₹20,000 to Raju.Last month, an electrical accident completely destroyed Raju's house and valuable household belongings, along with the photography equipment that was his primary source of livelihood. Taking the initiative to support their fellow photographer who is facing severe financial difficulties, Bhupalpally District President Banda Ragotham Reddy, General Secretary Kanula Shiva, Treasurer Veldandi Rakesh, District Advisers Sadanandam, and Kataram General Secretary B. Rajababu announced the financial assistance.Speaking on the occasion, the union leaders said that it is their responsibility to stand by a fellow member of the photography profession during difficult times. They also appealed to other photographers to come forward with humanity and support their fellow professionals in times of need.Photographers from Venkatapuram Mandal and members of Raju's family expressed their gratitude to the Bhupalpally District Photographers' Association leaders for extending support during this difficult period.Photographers' representatives from various mandals also participated in the programme, including Sai Krishna, Suresh and Lotapatla Sarveshwar from Eturunagaram Mandal, Sunil Kumar, Joint Warangal District Vice-President, and the presidents of all 10 mandals of the Bhupalpally district photographers' association. Together, they extended financial support to Raju.

Government Committed to Protecting the Rights of Senior Citizens



(Capital Information)

Jayashankar Bhupalpally , October 01 : Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao said that the government is committed to the welfare of senior citizens and protection of their rights. He participated along with District Collector Rahul Sharma in the International Day of Older Persons celebrations held at the IDOC office on Thursday, organised by the Department of Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare.Speaking on the occasion, the MLA directed the officials to take strict legal action against children who neglect their parents in their old age. He said that legal action can be initiated under the welfare laws for senior citizens against those who harass their parents or take possession of their property. He also explained that, if necessary, property transferred to children can be restored in the names of the parents as per the provisions of the law.The MLA said that eligible senior citizens would be provided Senior Citizen ID cards and ration cards as per the rules. He stated that a day-care centre has been established at Hanuman Nagar in Bhupalpally to enable senior citizens to spend their time pleasantly. Facilities such as games, meals and tea are being provided at the centre. He further said that construction of a permanent day-care centre is underway and it would be made available to senior citizens immediately after completion of the works.

Special Priority for the Welfare of Senior Citizens

District Collector Rahul Sharma said that the State government is giving special priority to the welfare of senior citizens. He stated that the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act provides legal protection for the rights and welfare of elderly parents and senior citizens. If children fail to take responsibility for the maintenance of their parents, legal action can be initiated through the RDO Court, he said.The Collector also made it clear that government employees should responsibly look after the welfare of their elderly parents and that action would be taken in cases of negligence. He said that Senior Citizens Week was observed across the district from September 24 to October 1, during which several service-oriented and awareness programmes were conducted.He said that the vast experience and valuable advice of senior citizens can greatly contribute to the development of society. The district administration would always be ready to provide the necessary facilities and support to senior citizens, he added.Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Vijayalakshmi, Additional SP Naresh Kumar, Municipal Chairperson Burra Komuraiah, Welfare Officer Malleswari, DMHO Dr. Madhusudan, DRDO Balakrishna, officials from various departments, representatives of voluntary organisations and senior citizens, among others, participated in the programme.

Portrayed as Suicide, But Eventually Caught by Police



(Capital Information)

Jayashankar Bhupalpally , October 01 : Police have cracked the murder case of Pendela Sampath, a resident of Buddharam village in Ganapuram mandal. According to the police, Sampath had suspected the relationship between his wife and Ummalla Srikanth and had warned Srikanth several times. As a result, Srikanth and Sampath's wife Sumalatha allegedly conspired to eliminate him. Police arrested Ummalla Srikanth, Pendela Sumalatha and Poludasari Tarun and produced them before the court.Bhupalpally DSP Avirineni Sampath Rao disclosed the details of the case at a press conference held at the Ganapuram Police Station. He said that on the night of September 17, Srikanth and Tarun took Sampath to the premises of the Buddharam Zilla Parishad High School and allegedly mixed pesticide in liquor and made him consume it. Sampath subsequently died, police said. The accused then allegedly took his body home and attempted to portray the death as a suicide by pesticide consumption.Police registered a case of suspicious death on September 18 and began an investigation. Based on the post-mortem report and other evidence collected during the investigation, the murder angle was uncovered.Police seized a two-wheeler, three mobile phones, ₹500 in cash, a liquor bottle and a pesticide bottle from the accused. The three accused were subsequently produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody for 14 days.DSP Sampath Rao said that further investigation into the case is underway. Ganapuram CI Karunakar Rao, SI Boragala Ashok, Regonda Second SI Hema and others attended the press conference.

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Chennai Shopping Mall Opens in Nirmal with Actress Sreeleela as Chief Guest



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Nirmal, October 01 : Adding a new dimension to the shopping experience of the people of Nirmal, the new branch of Chennai Shopping Mall was inaugurated with grandeur in Nirmal on Thursday. Popular actress Sreeleela attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest and formally opened the showroom.A large number of fans and residents gathered to catch a glimpse of the actress, turning the surrounding area into a festive atmosphere. Addressing the gathering, Sreeleela expressed her happiness over the launch of Chennai Shopping Mall in the historically significant town of Nirmal. She said the showroom would serve as a destination for modern fashion and encouraged customers to visit the mall with their families to choose from a wide range of designs for Dussehra, Diwali and wedding occasions.The management said the showroom offers a combination of traditional apparel and modern fashion collections under one roof, catering to changing customer preferences. Representatives stated that bringing quality products and a wide variety of clothing to Nirmal on par with metropolitan cities was a welcome development for local consumers.The showroom features attractive interiors, a diverse range of apparel and budget-friendly pricing. The management expressed confidence that the new outlet would provide a convenient and enjoyable shopping experience for fashion enthusiasts and families. Special discounts and new collections have also been introduced keeping the upcoming festive and wedding season in mind.Managing Director Marri Venkata Reddy, Director Krishna Rao, BJP MLA Maheshwar Reddy, Congress in-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao, Municipal Chairperson Appala Kavya, councillors and leaders from various political parties attended the inaugural event and conveyed their best wishes to the management.

BJP SC Morcha Reaffirms Reverence for Ambedkar, Slams Conspiracy to Defame Party



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : The Bharatiya Janata Party SC Morcha held a press conference at the party district office. addressed by BJP SC Morcha District President Pothula Purushotham and State Treasurer B.R. Shivaprasad. Addressing the media, Shivaprasad emphasized that the party consistently honors Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a, global intellectual and described attributing a controversial book written By, Hamara Prasad to the party as deeply regrettable. He asserted that the BJP never opposes Ambedkar's ideology and demanded strict government action against the author. Shivaprasad alleged that certain individuals operating behind the scenes created this issue to tarnish the party's image, sever ties between the Dalit community and the party, and divide Hindu society. Highlighting the constitutional framework, he noted that the constitution drafted by Ambedkar enabled Narendra Modi.a leader from a humble background and the Backward Classes, to become the Prime Minister. He added that the Modi administration continues to preserve Ambedkar's legacy by developing sites associated with his life into Panch Tirthas, affirming that Ambedkar belongs to the entire nation rather than a single community. The press conference was attended by D. Sanjeev, General Secretaries G. Nagabhushanam and Puli Yogendar, Vice Presidents Edla Balakrishna and Muralikrishna, along with party leaders Pawar Sainath, Rahul, Akhilesh, Budda Srujan, Daya Praveen, Shankar, Vinod, Srinivas, Mahendar, and Satheesh were present.

Paddy Procurement Centre Opened in Babapur



(Capital information)

Bheegmal / Nizamabad, October 01 : A paddy procurement centre set up under the Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP) was inaugurated on Thursday at Babapur village in Bheemgal Mandal by MPDO Gangula Santosh Kumar. He said the centre was made available from October 1, as per Telangana government directions, to ensure farmers face no inconvenience. Speaking on the occasion, the MPDO advised farmers to make good use of the procurement centres to sell their produce at the minimum support price. He asked them to dry the paddy thoroughly and bring it to the centre in line with quality standards, free of chaff and debris. He also appealed to farmers to extend full cooperation to women's groups and Agriculture Department officials so that the procurement process runs smoothly. Sarpanch Sameer, Agriculture Officer Lavanya, Deputy Sarpanch Govardhan, AMC Director Chinna Reddy, IKP CCs Srinivas and Gangadhar, VO women members, VOAs, local farmers and villagers took part in the programme.

Medicover Hospitals Hosts 3K Walkathon in Nizamabad to Mark World Heart Day



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : To mark World Heart Day, celebrated globally on September 29, Medicover Hospitals organized a grand 3K Walkathon in Nizamabad to create awareness about cardiovascular wellness. The rally commenced at Bypass Chowrasta and concluded at Medicover Hospitals in Yellammagutta, with Cardiologist Dr. Sandeep Rao flagging off the event. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sandeep Rao emphasized the importance of heart health awareness, highlighting that daily walking, regular exercise, and a balanced diet play a vital role in preventing heart diseases. Fellow Cardiologist Dr. Jagadish Chandra Bose advised the public not to ignore heart-related symptoms and urged everyone to undergo routine health check-ups for early diagnosis. Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr. Rakesh underscored the urgent need for widespread public education regarding cardiovascular conditions, while Center Head K. Swami noted that promoting heart wellness was the primary objective of this walkathon and reaffirmed that Medicover Hospitals is fully equipped with state-of-the-art medical infrastructure. The event saw active participation from Cardiologists Dr. Ravi Kiran and Dr. Warees Ali, Urologist Dr. Satish, alongside other medical experts and hospital staff, who collectively marched to spread the message of healthy living. Marking the occasion, the hospital management felicitated all attending doctors, and around 200 participants actively took part in the walkathon to champion the cause of heart health across the city.

IMA Nizamabad Releases Awareness Pamphlets on Heart Diseases



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : Marking World Heart Day, the Nizamabad branch of the Indian Medical Association organized a cardiovascular health awareness program where President Vishal Akula released informative pamphlets designed to educate the public on heart wellness. Speaking at the event, Vishal Akula emphasized that adopting a nutritious diet, engaging in regular physical exercise, and completely avoiding tobacco, alcohol, and substance abuse significantly lower the risk of heart ailments. He cautioned the public against ignoring warning signs such as chest pain or tightness, shortness of breath, and sudden cold sweats, urging immediate medical consultation upon noticing these symptoms. Cardiologists Sandeep Rao, Kalyan, and K Gopi Krishna advised people to routinely monitor and manage blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol levels. They stressed reducing junk food intake, committing to at least 30 minutes of daily walking five days a week, and incorporating yoga and adequate rest into daily routines to manage stress effectively. The initiative saw active participation from patients alongside association office bearers, including IMA General Secretary Harish Swami, Ravindranath Suri, Vishal Akula, Sandeep Rao, Kalyan, and K Gopi Krishna.

Voters Can Submit Documents Online for SIR Notices : *Nizamabad Collector Ela Tripati*





(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : Voters who received Special Intensive Revision (SIR) notices can submit their supporting documents online via WhatsApp and email without needing to meet Block Level Officers (BLOs) in person, stated Collector Ela Tripati. Participating in a, video conference conducted by Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy on Thursday, the Collector shared updates on the voter list revision progress. Sudharshan Reddy directed officials to resolve Form-6, Form-7, and Form-8 applications within the deadline, perform thorough verification for unmapped voters or those with demographic discrepancies, issue speaking orders for ineligible cases, deliver remaining notices promptly, and regularly update political parties.Addressing the conference, Ela Tripathi reported that 6,106 notices remain to be delivered in the district, including 3,865 in Nizamabad Urban, 1,631 in Armoor, 437 in Banswada, 157 in Balkonda, and 16 in Bodhan. She explained that these pending deliveries stem from migration and inaccurate address details, though BLOs continue visiting residences to serve them. She highlighted that progress updates are routinely shared with political parties and displayed on notice boards at ERO and AERO offices. Encouraging voters who received notices but cannot meet BLOs directly to use online channels, Ela Tripati instructed EROs to adhere strictly to Election Commission guidelines, maintain transparency during hearings, and complete the process within the set timeline. Additional Collector Bhujanga Rao, Municipal Commissioner Dilip Kumar, RDO Rajendra Kumar, and Collectorate Election Superintendent Balaraju attended the meeting.

NIZAMABAD RURAL BRS LEADERSHIP VOWS TO ADDRESS CIVIC AND AGRICULTURAL ISSUES

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : A Nizamabad Rural constituency media conference was held on Thursday in Mopal mandal center under the chairmanship of constituency in-charge Banoth Naresh Naik. Expressing gratitude to Kalvakuntla Kavitha for appointing him, Naresh Naik committed to addressing pressing local issues based on directives from a recent strategy meeting at the party headquarters. Key priorities include resolving podu land title disputes, power supply disruptions, urea shortages, the reopening of the Sarangapur sugar factory, and improving government hospital infrastructure. Promising to hold the government accountable while taking welfare initiatives to every doorstep, he announced plans to form mandal committees and set up a constituency camp office. He emphasized that assigning leadership to a Banjara representative reflects social justice and ensures strong community support for Kavitha. The meeting was attended by Nizamabad District Banjara Cell President Banoth Premdas, Social Media In-charge Santosh, and leaders Anjaneyulu, Nitin, Balu, Bhavasingh Nitin, Basha, Limbadri, Jorsingh, Ramchandar, Suresh, and Akash others were participated



Development Works Should Be Accelerated



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Basar), October 01 : Mudhol MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel directed officials to speed up the development works being undertaken in Basara mandal. At the Basara Mandal General Body Meeting, he reviewed the progress of various departmental works and enquired about local issues and pending works in the villages. He instructed officials to resolve problems related to drinking water, electricity, healthcare, education, agriculture, Panchayat Raj and irrigation at the earliest. He also directed officials to complete the construction of gram panchayat, VO and Anganwadi buildings with quality standards and ensure that Indiramma houses are sanctioned to every eligible family. Officials, public representatives and sarpanches participated in the meeting.

BJP Workers Stage Road Blockade in Bhainsa..



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Bhainsa), October 01 : BJP and BJYM leaders and workers staged a road blockade at Shivaji Chowk on the main road in Bhainsa town on Thursday, protesting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The protesters sat on the main road and raised slogans against the Congress government. Speaking on the occasion, local BJP leaders said that it was inappropriate to divide gods into rich and poor categories and demanded that Revanth Reddy withdraw his remarks and publicly apologise to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Later, they burnt effigies of Revanth Reddy. BJP and BJYM leaders and workers participated in the protest.

Municipal Chairman Distributes Smart Ration Cards..



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Bhainsa), October 01 : Digital smart ration cards were distributed to beneficiaries in the Ganesh Nagar and Gujarigalli areas of Bhainsa town by Municipal Chairman Thumolla Dattatri. Speaking on the occasion, he said the introduction of smart cards to make ration services more convenient was commendable. However, he alleged that the state government was trying to gain political mileage by printing the photographs of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy on the cards instead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photograph. He criticised the state government, stating that while the Centre provides five kilograms of rice per person every month, the state government provides only one kilogram. Councillors Dileep and Ameer, co-option member Linguram, Suresh, beneficiaries and local leaders were present.

Ila Tripati Assumes Charge as Nizamabad District Collector



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 01 : District Collector Ila Tripati officially resumed her, duties on Thursday. She had been on maternity leave for nearly two months, during which Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra served as the in-charge collector for Nizamabad. Following the completion of her leave period, Ila Tripati took back full charge as the administrative head of Nizamabad district.

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Asian Games: Anish finishes seventh in 25m rapid fire pistol, India concludes shooting campaign with 15 medals

Nagoya, Oct 1 : Anish Bhanwala finished seventh in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol men's individual final here at Aichi Pref. General Shooting Gallery on Thursday, concluding India's shooting campaign with 15 medals. Anish was tied with other shooters on 11 but was eliminated on the countback after his lower qualification ranking placed him seventh. Indian shooters concluded their campaign with three gold, eight silver and 4 bronze medals.

Anish qualified for the men's 25m rapid fire pistol final despite finishing ninth in qualification with a score of 576-17x. Three South Korean shooters finished inside the top eight, but only two shooters per NOC are allowed in the final, which paved the way for Anish to take the eighth and final qualifying spot.

Asian Games: Ganesh Mani Ratnam bags bronze in men's compound individual

Okazaki, Oct 1 : Indian compound archer Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won the men's individual bronze medal, taking India's tally in archery to four, on Thursday. Ganesh defeated Vietnam's Cong Duc Dang 149-144 to clinch the third spot on the podium here at the Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Multipurpose Square.

Ganesh produced a perfect finish as he hit 14 10s, closing with three successive 10s to reach 149 and pull clear of his opponent. This is his second medal at Aichi-Nagoya, having won the gold in the men's team event on Wednesday.

India finish the compound archery competition with three gold medals in the team events and one bronze in the individuals.

Earlier, India's Chikitha Taniparthi was knocked out of the women's compound individual event after a close 144-143 loss to Indonesia's Nurisa Dian Ashrifah in the quarter-finals.

Chikitha trailed after the opening two ends but turned things around in the third to take the lead. However, an 8, 9, 10 in the final end proved costly, as Nurisa responded with 10, 10, 9 to edge the contest.



Asian Games: India beat Sri Lanka by 124 runs to enter men's cricket final

Nisshin, Oct 1 : Defending champions India thrashed Sri Lanka in the men's cricket semi-final of the Asian Games here at the Karogi Sports Park on Thursday and cruised smoothly into the final, where a high-profile clash against Pakistan awaits.

Defending a 170-run target against the Islanders, India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah ran through the opposition's top-order to start off the second innings with a double-wicket over as opener Sineth Jayawardena and keeper-batter Sohan de Livera were dismissed for a duck.





Asian Games: India lose to Pakistan in straight sets in men's volleyball quarterfinal

Okazaki, Oct 1 : India's wait for a first Asian Games medal in men's volleyball since 1986 continues after a disappointing straight-set defeat to Pakistan in the quarterfinals at Aichi-Nagoya 2026 on Thursday.

Pakistan beat India 19-25, 23-25, 18-25 in a one-sided match here at Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Gymnasium to enter the semifinal. The result meant Pakistan will now finish in the top four in volleyball at the Asian Games for the first time in 64 years.

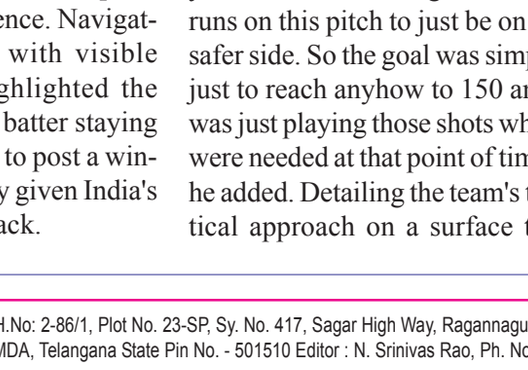
After an even start, India and Pakistan were locked at 11-11 in a neck-and-neck contest; Pakistan then began to pull away in the first set as they reeled off five straight points to move 16-11 ahead. As the set progressed India were unable to close the gap with taking the opening set 25-19. India led 19-16 in the second set but were unable to hold on as a costly run of errors allowed Pakistan to turn the set around to take 2-0 lead. Pakistan then controlled the contest for long periods in the third set to wrap up the win 25-19, 25-23, 25-18.

India came into the knockout contest unbeaten at Aichi-Nagoya 2026 after topping Pool C with three wins from as many matches. The Indian volleyball team began its campaign with a 3-0 victory over Vietnam before beating Hong Kong China by the same margin.

India then produced a stirring comeback against Qatar in their final pool match. After losing the opening two sets, India fought back to win 3-2 with a 26-28, 25-27, 25-23, 25-20, 24-22 scoreline.

Asian Games: Nagal loses QF, India's tennis campaign ends without medal for first time since 1986

Nagoya, Oct 1 : Sumit Nagal lost his men's singles quarterfinal to China's Wu Yibing in straight sets 4-6, 4-6 on Thursday at the Higashiyama Park Tennis Center here. Nagal's loss ended India's tennis campaign at the Asian Games as India went without a medal for the first time at the continental showpiece since 1986. Sumit could not avenge the loss he suffered against the Chinese at the ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai tournament, where he suffered a round-of-128 defeat. Nagal didn't land first serves well, with only 66% of those being legal. He won 62% of points from his first serve and 59% from the second serve but was broken three times in the match. Before Nagal, Suresh Dha kshineswar also suffered a 6-3, 6-4 defeat to Chinese Taipei's Tseng Chun-hsin in the round of 16 in the men's singles. India also failed to



bag a medal in the men's doubles for the first time since the 1998 Games. Star pairs of Yuki Bhambri-Dhakshineswar Suresh and Anirudh Chandrasekar-N Sriram Balaji also suffered quarterfinal defeats in the men's doubles.

Asian Games: 'Playing for India, especially for a medal, hits different,' says Ishan Kishan

Nisshin, Oct 1 : Dynamic wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan admitted that representing the country at the Asian Games brings a unique kind of pressure that is different from playing regular international fixtures, adding that the quest of clinching a medal creates a distinct, heart-felt emotion in the entire squad. At the Korogi Sports Park, Kishan hit a magnificent 80 that propelled India to post 169 and clinch a convincing victory by bundling out Sri Lanka for just 45 in the semi-finals. "To be very honest, I was thinking about this and it does make a difference in your heart, at least, when you're playing for India, especially when it's about the medal. It's not just a thing where you're related to the BCCI - it's always about India here. "There are so many flags going around and so many people cheering for you. So you get that feeling inside, though you don't show it. But I think you get that feeling like this is a different kind of thing, even if we have a very good side and we have those bowlers and batters. But still, I feel there's a bit of more pressure here, to be very honest," Kishan said in the post-match press conference. Navigating a pitch laden with visible cracks, Kishan highlighted the importance of a set batter staying through the innings to post a winning total, especially given India's formidable spin attack.

"I think it was very important for us to get to that total. First, you target, when you go in, you do know how much total is needed on this kind of wicket, especially having those spinners in your side, you need to at least get 150 odd runs on this pitch to just be on the safer side. So the goal was simple, just to reach anyhow to 150 and I was just playing those shots which were needed at that point of time," he added. Detailing the team's tactical approach on a surface that tested even established batters, Kishan added, "I think it's very tricky, to be very honest. I was not feeling so confident in the middle, but like our team, we had a team meeting and we had a plan. "Any one batsman who is set in the middle is supposed to be there and play till all the 20 overs because that is the best way he can score big runs



and help the team get to a certain total because I felt someone coming in and suddenly, if you ask him to just go for big shots or you ask him to get those runs going, it's very difficult for him to get those things. But at the same time, like we discussed, one batter in the middle, if he is set, just try and score big runs."

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