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Vijayawada, Oct 3 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has placed special emphasis on the use of technology for the state's development. He encouraged technological innovations while attending the Pan-IIT Summit held on Saturday at the Ambedkar Kalavedika in Vijayawada. The Chief Minister also visited several stalls set up at the summit venue. He inspected a drone developed by the company Oxy Aerospace and, at the request of its representatives, autographed it. The Chief Minister also examined

innovative products created by various startups and IITians. CM Chandrababu visited a stall set up by a company that converts petrol-powered two-wheelers into electric vehicles (EVs) within hours; he inquired about the conversion process and directed officials to ensure the project is established in Andhra Pradesh. He also visited the stall of a company that developed an app capable of generating a health report by scanning a person's face. Representatives of the company explained to the Chief Minister that they could provide a preliminary report within minutes. Children gave a presentation outlining their ideas on the effective implementation of the 'Swarnandhra-10 Points' through the use of technology. The Chief Minister appreciated the children and posed for a group photo with them.



Sri City boiler explosion: Rs 50 lakh compensation for the families of the deceased



Tirupati, Oct 3: The Andhra Pradesh government has stepped forward to support the families of those who died in an accident at Sri City in Tirupati district. Five people lost their lives when a water boiler exploded at a private industrial unit in Sri City. The state government has announced compensation of 50 lakh for each

of the victims' families. The incident occurred on Saturday at a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Sri City. Five workers lost their lives, and several others were injured in the accident. Officials have shifted the injured to the hospital.

Massive funds for Rajahmundry; Minister Narayana makes a key announcement regarding Pushkaram works

Amaravati, Oct 3: Minister Narayana stated that the government has allocated the necessary funds to conduct the Godavari Pushkarams on a grand scale, despite the state's challenging financial situation. He mentioned that 1,000 crore has been sanctioned for development works in Rajahmundry

and that a total of approximately 2,000 crore has been allocated for various works related to the Pushkarams. He stated that projects previously stalled would be restarted using central funds. The Minister alleged that



although the Centre had previously sanctioned 5,350 crore under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission', the funds were not utilized as of February 2019.

Withered paddy fields

Mancherial, Oct 3 : Crops are withering due to a lack of irrigation water from the Palvai Purushotham Rao Project. Although the project—located on the outskirts of Kalvada village in Dahegaon Mandal—is full of water, it has become useless; water released through the main left canal is going to waste, overflowing the canal near the Kalvada Santa (market area). Paddy fields in Kunchavelli, Chandra Palli, Peekalagundam, Bamanagar, and other areas are developing cracks due to a lack of irrigation water. Farmers are worried about this situation. Irrigation water had been available to farmers through the Palvai Purushotham Rao Project since 2003. The main left canal supplies irrigation water to an ayacut of 9,000 acres across various villages in Dahegaon Mandal.



The main right canal aims to provide irrigation water to an ayacut of 2,000 acres in the Lingala and Chintapudi villages of Kannepalli Mandal, Mancherial district.

Revanth directs officials to prepare child online safety framework

Hyderabad, Oct 3 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed state government officials to prepare a comprehensive Child Online Safety Framework to protect children from cybercrimes and ensure access to justice. The framework will be prepared in consultation with the Telangana High Court and the Telangana State Legal Services

Authority (TGSLSA), the Chief Minister said while addressing the inaugural session of the National Legal Services Authority's South Zone Regional Conference in Hyderabad. The conference was organised on the theme, 'Justice for Children in Cyberspace'. Union Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal, Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Supreme Court

judges Alok Aradhe, R. Mahadevan, P.S. Narasimha and Vikram Nath, and Telangana High Court judge Sam Koshy attended the event. On the occasion, Revanth Reddy launched the TGSLSA Freedom from Bonded Labour – Legal Aid, Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration Scheme, 2026. The scheme provides a simplified mechanism for reporting bonded labour incidents

and aims to create awareness about the rights of labourers. The Chief Minister reiterated the state government's commitment to extending full support to Legal Services Authorities (LSAs) to take their services to every district and village. He called for the involvement of parents in preparing the Child Online Safety Framework and urged them to remain actively engaged in their children's online



activities. "Every child and parent should know two numbers:

1930 for cybercrime and 1098 for child help," he said.

Telangana government takes a key decision on '22-A' issues; gives the green signal for land registrations

Hyderabad, Oct 3: The Revanth Reddy government has taken another significant step towards resolving land-related issues in Telangana. The path has been cleared for the registration of patta lands that have been converted for residential use without prior NALA (Non-Agricultural Land Assessment) permission. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy issued a statement to this effect. Under the orders issued via Memo No. 48062/ULC/A1/2026, eligible lands can now be registered upon payment of the requisite NALA fee. While orders based on GO 118, GO 76, and high-level committee recommendations had already been issued, permission has now also been



granted for the registration of houses, plots, and flats—falling under the '22-A' category—that possess approvals from the GHMC, HMDA, DTCP, and municipal authorities. Minister Ponguleti emphasized that officials must implement all these decisions at the field level with utmost sincerity. He directed District Collectors to expeditiously resolve issues concerning patta lands where ULC and NALA processes have remained pending for decades.

Bhatti travels by Metro, RTC bus to review common pass facility



Hyderabad, Oct 3 : To assess the implementation of the newly introduced RTC–Metro Common Pass, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, alongside Transport Minister Ponnampallabharathi, travelled via Metro Rail and a TGSRTC bus on

Saturday. The Common Pass allows passengers to travel seamlessly across both public transit networks without purchasing



separate tickets. Accompanied by Ministers Vivek Venkataswamy and Azharuddin, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, MLAs Ganesh and Naveen Yadav, and senior officials, the Deputy Chief Minister boarded a Metro train using the integrated pass from Begumpet to Jubilee Hills Check Post. During the ride, he interacted with commuters to gather feedback on transit convenience and ticket integration.

Kodad hospital expansion gathers pace



(Capital Information)

Kodad, Oct 3 : The construction of new facilities at the Government Hospital in Kodad is progressing at a brisk pace, with the hospital being upgraded to provide better and free medical services to people of the constituency, Suryapet District Collector Tejas

Nandlal Pawar said on Saturday. The Collector, along with Kodad MLA Uttam Padmavathi Reddy and Suryapet SP K. Narasimha, formally inaugurated the newly constructed inpatient block at the hospital.

Mr Pawar said the 30-bed government hospital had been upgraded to a 100-bed facility to meet the

growing healthcare needs of the local population. The government had sanctioned Rs 26 crore for the expansion and renovation works, which were being taken up on a war footing, he said.

He said the newly constructed existing block and inpatient facilities had been completed and were being made available to the public without delay. All free medical services at the hospital have also resumed from Saturday, benefiting people from Kodad and surrounding areas. The Collector directed doctors and hospital staff to ensure that every patient received quality and responsible medical care. He stressed that providing accessible and quality healthcare to the people remained the government's priority. Library chairman Vangaveeti Ramarao, municipal chairperson Erneni



Kusuma, Lakshma Reddy, Subbarao, DSP Srinivas DMHO Pendem Venkataramana, Reddy, doctors, public DCHS Venkateshwarlu, medical representatives and hospital superintendent Dr Dasarath, Dr



Aradhana Misra Mona appointed UP Congress President

New Delhi, Oct 3 : The Congress on Saturday announced a major organisational reshuffle in Uttar Pradesh.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Aradhana Misra Mona as the new President of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) with immediate effect.

Along with her, Imran Masood has been named Working President of the Uttar Pradesh Congress unit.

Devinder Nishad and Alok Prasad have been appointed as Senior Vice Presidents of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee.

All the appointments take effect immediately. The party expressed appreciation for the contributions of the outgoing UPCC President Ajay Rai, who had been leading the state unit.



Maha Minister terms CJP protest a 'grammar of anarchy'

Mumbai, Oct 3: Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar on Saturday said that the Election Commission has announced the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral

rolls in a transparent manner and in accordance with a clearly defined procedure. Political parties and citizens have also been informed about the process. Therefore, there is no constitutional basis for holding an agitation in the name of SIR, he said, claiming

that the agitation being carried out by the protest-driven CJP is nothing but a "grammar of anarchy". Speaking to reporters on the SIR process, Minister Shelar said that the Election Commission has announced the complete schedule and clearly laid out the procedure

to be followed. All political parties have been informed about the process.

The procedures relating to applications, claims and objections, hearings, and the required documents have also been clearly specified.

Tripura to import power from Mizoram to meet increased demand during Durga Puja

Agartala, Oct 3 : Like previous years, Tripura will import electricity from neighbouring Mizoram to meet the expected surge in power demand during the five-day Durga Puja beginning from October 16, Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath said on Saturday. Nath added that the state's peak-hour power demand is expected to rise to 370-380 MW during the festival, compared to the normal demand of 310-330 MW.

The Minister was speaking to IANS after chairing a review meeting at the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Lim-

ited (TSECL) to assess preparations for ensuring uninterrupted power supply during the festival. "We have an understanding that during Christmas, we supply electricity to Mizoram in December. In a reciprocal manner, Mizoram supplies electricity to Tripura during the Durga Puja festival," Nath said. The meeting, attended by TSECL Managing Director Biswajit Basu and senior officials of the corporation, focused on ensuring reliable power supply across the state during the festive period. Nath reviewed the preparedness of the Power Department and TSECL and discussed measures to minimise the possi-



bility of power disruptions during the Puja celebrations. He directed officials to remain vigilant and take necessary preventive measures to address technical problems and other challenges that could affect power supply. The Minister also stressed the need to strengthen the response mecha-

nism so that power-related complaints and faults are attended to promptly. "With large numbers of people expected to participate in Durga Puja celebrations across Tripura, we have to ensure adequate manpower, equipment and field-level preparedness throughout the festival," Nath said. He emphasised close coordination among officials and field-level teams so that emerging issues are identified and resolved without delay. Nath called for round-the-clock preparedness during the festive days, particularly in areas witnessing large public gatherings and major Puja celebrations. He said that maintaining a stable power supply was essential for the smooth functioning of Puja pandals, public spaces, markets and other important installations during the festival. The Minister urged TSECL officials and employees to remain dedicated and responsive throughout the period and

JD-U looking into Anant Singh's support for Jan Suraaj: Bihar Dy CM



Patna, Oct 3 : Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, who was in Samastipur to attend a JD-U conference marking 20 years of the Jeevika initiative, responded to Union Minister Chirag Paswan's recent criticism of the state government and also addressed the ongoing dispute within the JD-U involving Mokama MLA Anant Singh. Responding to Paswan's recent remarks on the law-and-order situation in Bihar.

J&K: CS asks DCs to ensure 100 pc AgriStack coverage for eligible farmers

Srinagar, Oct 3 : J&K Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of land-record digitisation and implementation of AgriStack across J&K. The meeting focused on district-wise progress in the creation of Farmer IDs, generation of Unique Land Parcel Identifica-

tion Numbers (ULPINs), digitisation and integration of cadastral maps through BhuNaksha, and the proposed integration of digitised land records with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Unified Lending Interface (ULI). Taking a detailed district-wise review of each component, the Chief Secretary sought explanations from Deputy Commission-

ers regarding delays and gaps between targets and achievements. He directed district administrations to ensure that no eligible farmer is left out of AgriStack or Farmer ID registration and asked them to furnish certificates to this effect after due verification. The Chief Secretary also directed Deputy Commissioners to fix responsibility wherever undue de-

lays are observed and conduct frequent field inspections to monitor both progress and quality. He further instructed them to depute concerned officers for regular field inspections and submit weekly progress reports. ACS Finance Shailendra Kumar stressed the need to prioritise farmers residing in villages, observing that they constitute the overwhelming majority of the target population, while exceptional cases involving absentees could be taken up subsequently. He advised against generalising exceptions and urged field agencies to complete AgriStack-related work



without further delay. The ACS Finance also asked Deputy Commissioners to formulate specific operational guidelines for different situa

'You are free to take action': Vishvendra Singh as Congress sends disciplinary notice

Jaipur, Oct 3: The Congress Disciplinary Committee has issued a notice to former Rajasthan Minister Vishvendra Singh over his recent remarks against Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) President Govind Singh Dotasra and other party leaders. The notice, issued on Saturday evening by Disciplinary Committee Chairman Udaylal Anjana, seeks a reply from Singh within seven days. It lists eight allegations, including making statements against the PCC President and two district presi-



dents, not working for the party during the urban local body elections and remaining indifferent towards organisational activities. The notice followed complaints from the Bharatpur and

Deeg district Congress Presidents. Reacting to the disciplinary notice, Singh shared it on social media and responded sharply to Anjana.

Nitesh Rane accuses Abhijeet Dipke of echoing Pakistan's script; hails India's maritime growth

Mumbai, Oct 3 : Maharashtra Minister Nitesh Rane on Saturday criticized the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke for allegedly making abusive remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, claiming that such language originates from Pakistan. Speaking to the media, Rane said, "If someone is making such abusive remarks against the Prime Minister of India, then their script must be coming from Pakistan. Because such abusive comments against the Prime Minister of India only originate from Pakistan's Parliament and the people of Pakistan, who always hate India. This kind



of politics of hate and language of hatred can only come from Pakistan." He also alleged that Dipke was not speaking in his own voice but was reading a script linked to jailed JNU activist Umar Khalid and his supporters. "That is why, as I have always been saying, this

is not about Abhijeet Dipke. We are not keeping him in focus, but the voice Abhijeet Dipke is speaking with belongs to Umar Khalid. And those sitting in Pakistan who support Umar Khalid, it is their script that Abhijeet Dipke is reading out," he said.

Chennai Shopping Mall opens in Kodad



Kodad, Oct 3: The Chennai Shopping Mall, a new retail outlet in Kodad town, was inaugurated by local MLA Uttam Padmavathi Reddy on Saturday. After lighting the ceremonial lamp, Ms Reddy said Kodad was developing rapidly and welcomed the opening of a modern shopping destination offering a wide range of quality garments and the latest designs under one roof. Popular film actor Rithika Nayak attended the inauguration as the special guest. She toured various sections of the mall and viewed

the latest collections and designs. Later, she danced to popular songs on the stage, adding excitement to the event. A large number of fans and local residents gathered to catch a glimpse of the actor and take selfies with her. The mall management felicitated Ms Reddy and Ms Nayak with shawls and mementoes. Municipal chairperson Erneni Kusuma Venkataratnam Babu, vice-chairperson Devarapalli Malleshwari, commissioner Ramadevi, local councillor Kolla Kotireddy, PCC delegate



Chintakuntla Lakshminarayana Reddy, district library chairman Vangaveeti Ramarao and mall

management representatives, including Marri Venkata Reddy, were among those present.

SCRWWO honours Safai Mitras with nutrition kits



Hyderabad, Oct 3: The South Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (SCRWWO), Hyderabad Division, honoured sanitation workers by organising a 'Safai Mitra Suraksha Seva & Samman' programme and a health camp at the Railway Institute, Moulali, as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva-2026 campaign.

The SCRWWO distributed nutrition kits containing rice, atta, toor dal, red chana, sunflower oil and mota chudwa to 100 Safai Mitras working in the twin cities. A health check-up camp was also conducted for contract sanitation workers serving at various railway premises in the Hyderabad Division. The programme was aimed at

recognising the contribution of sanitation workers and promoting their health and well-being. Divisional Railway Manager Santosh Kumar Verma and SCRWWO Hyderabad Division president Asha Verma were the chief guests. Additional Divisional Railway Manager D.S. Rama Rao and SCRWWO vice-president D.Y. Sunitha attended as guests of honour.

The programme was co-ordinated by Chief Medical Superintendent Dr A.V.S.K. Prasad and Additional Chief Medical Superintendent, Moulali Health Unit, Dr V. Saradha. Senior railway



officials and executive members of SCRWWO, including Senior DPO J.S. Chauhan, Senior DME Vikash Ranjan, Senior DME/DSL/Moula Ali Suneel Kumar and Assistant Health Officer U. Hari Krishna, participated in the programme.



The government should respond to the problems of working journalists at least now!

(Capital Information)

Tadepalligudem, Oct 3: The Indian Journalists Union has demanded that the central and state governments, realizing the sentiments of journalists who took to the streets across the country on Gandhi Jayanti, take the initiative to resolve the problems of working journalists. Accordingly, IJU National President Balwinder Singh Jammu and Secretary General D. Somasunder issued a statement on Saturday. They said that the Indian Journalists Union's call to observe Korkela Din across the country on Gandhi Jayanti has received an unprecedented response. The "Korkela Dinam" program was successfully held in about 350 centers in seventeen states of the country, they said in the statement. The statement explained that thousands of journalists took to the streets, held rallies, dharnas, meetings and submitted petitions to ministers, public representatives and high-ranking officials demanding a resolution to their legitimate issues. The journalists demanded

the establishment of a media commission to study the current media situation and trends in the country, a special law for the safety of journalists at the national level, the immediate restoration of the Working Journalists Acts of 1955 and 1958, and the immediate establishment of a new wage board as there has been no wage revision for journalists after 2007. They revealed that the petitions containing these demands were sent to the President of India by the affiliated associations of the respective states. Journalists in various states also submitted petitions to public representatives and officials mentioning the local problems they are facing. They made it clear that they would launch an agitation if the problems were not resolved.

Indian Journalists Union National President Balwinder Singh Jammu and Secretary General D. Somasunder congratulated thousands of journalists who participated in the "Day of Wishes" programme in a large scale in a media statement issued on Saturday.

Mental stability, women's empowerment is the goal of 'Beyond the Horizon': District Collector Rajarshi Shah



Capital Information Adilabad, Oct 3: District Collector Rajarshi Shah said that the main objective of the national campaign 'Beyond the Horizon: A Ride for Resilience' is to create awareness about mental health and build self-confidence among women. It is advised to face the ups and downs, hardships and depression faced in life with courage and move forward.

District Collector Rajarshi Shah along with mental health campaigner Sehar Hashmi held a media conference on the national campaign 'Beyond the Horizon: A Ride for Resilience' at the Collectorate meeting hall on Saturday. The objectives of the trip and the activities carried out so far were explained.

Speaking on this occasion, the Collector said that mental health is a very important aspect in the present society. Instead of worrying too much about the future, it is advised to understand the present conditions and continue life with a positive attitude. It is said that students should be mentally strong to overcome the pressures of studies, work and personal life. The Collector said that there should not be any discrimination or inequality between boys and girls in the society. It is advised to proceed with the concept that everyone is equal. He said that it is the responsibility of family members, friends and society to encourage someone when they do not perform at the expected level in any matter. Anyone who feels depressed is advised not to face the problem alone. Talking to family members, friends or medical professionals can help find a solution to the problem, he said. He said there is a need to remove the misconceptions about mental health

and raise awareness among people to seek help when needed. The Collector said that the awareness programs on mental health conducted for the students in the Government Degree College (Arts and Commerce) in Adilabad as part of the 'Beyond the Horizon' campaign had received a good response. He said that especially girls actively participated in the program. He said that there is a need to spread awareness about mental health in urban areas as well as remote areas. Media representatives were asked to play a vital role in creating awareness among the people on this issue. Sehar Hashmi, a mental health campaigner, said that since he was studying in the sixth standard, he dreamed of riding a Royal Enfield bike when he grew up. But due to health problems, he could not fulfill that dream for some time, he said. He explained that he learned to ride a bike in 2021 and bought his own Royal Enfield bike in 2024. He said that he organized the first campaign trip in 2025 and is currently continuing the second 'Beyond the Horizon: A Ride for Resilience' campaign trip. He said that through the bike trip, he is moving forward with the intention of creating awareness about mental health and changing the stereotypes about the ability of women in the society. Sehar Hashmi said that women are not inferior to men in any respect and they can show their talent in any field if given a chance. He said that there is a need to change the traditional views and stereotypes in the society about women riding bikes and going on adventure trips. He explained that the purpose of the trip is to build self-confidence among women and encourage them to achieve their goals. Later, District Collector Rajarshi Shah unveiled an awareness poster on mental health. Earlier, collector and mental health campaigner Sehar Hashmi participated as the chief guest in the program organized at Government Degree College (Arts and Commerce) and made the students aware about mental health, self-confidence, positive thinking, women empowerment etc. District Welfare Officer Milka, Prachar Yatra Riders Paras, Amit Tyagi, Rajesh, College Principal Atiq Begum and others participated in this meeting.

BRS seeks ED probe into Revanth Reddy family's alleged business dealings



Hyderabad, Oct 3: BRS leader and former corporation chairman Manne Krishank has demanded an Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe into the alleged business interests, assets and financial transactions of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his family members. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here on Saturday, Krishank raised questions over alleged links involving Medcover Hospitals, Maxbion Pharma, Sahrudaya Healthcare, Geetha Automotive and educational institutions associated with individuals connected to the Chief Minister's family. He called for an independent investigation into ownership patterns, investments, shareholdings, related-party transactions and sources of funds. Krishank also alleged that Rs.13,000 crore in black money had been legitimised through Medcover-related transactions, a claim that would require verification by investigating agencies. Raising further questions over Hyundai dealerships in Hyderabad, he sought clarity on the ownership and investment structure of Geetha Automotive and the alleged business interests of Dumpa Sirisha.

Four women killed, seven injured as bus overturns on Ananthagiri ghat road

Hyderabad, Oct 3: Four women were killed and seven others injured when a private travel bus overturned on the Ananthagiri Ghat Road in Vikarabad district on Saturday. The injured were shifted to nearby hospitals for treatment. The condition of two of them was reportedly critical. According to local residents, 54 people from Kesaram near Patancheru in Sangareddy district were travelling in the private bus to Chintakunta village in Dharur mandal of Vikarabad district to attend a funeral. The accident occurred while the bus was descending the Ananthagiri hills. The driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle while negotiating the ghat road, causing it to veer off the road and overturn. Vikarabad District Collector Deepak Tiwari immediately visited the accident site and reviewed the rescue and relief operations.

LOST PASSPORT

Renu Sanjeev, a resident of Nagaram village, Dharmapuri mandal, Jagtial district, lost his passport on September 28 while traveling by two-wheeler from Nagaram to Dharmapuri. The passport number is S109 371. Anyone who finds the passport is requested to contact 7416031 265 and provide the information. A suitable reward will be given to the person who returns the passport.

LOST PASSPORT

Mohammed Yaqub Pasha, a resident of Dharmapuri, Jagtial district, lost his passport while travelling by two-wheeler from Dharmapuri to Jagtial on September 30. The passport was lost somewhere along the way. Passport Number N1677096. Anyone who finds the passport is requested to contact 994910 3310 and provide the information. A suitable reward will be given to the person who returns the passport.

OPINION INFORMATION



Horticulture hub to transform Rayalaseema

Rayalaseema will be transformed from a land of drought into a land of prosperity through the Global Horticulture Hub to be developed with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced on Friday. He, along with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, laid the foundation stone for the Global Horticulture Hub and the Indian School of Agriculture at Madanapalle in Annamayya district. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Human Resource Development Minister Nara Lokesh also addressed the event. Global Horticulture Hub project will be implemented in three phases with an estimated investment of Rs 1 lakh crore. Of this, the Centre will contribute Rs 40,352 crore, while efforts will be made to mobilise Rs 60,000 crore in investments from the private sector. According to officials, the project will cover Anantapur, Annamayya, Chittoor, Kurnool, Nandyal, Sri Sathya Sai, Tirupati, Kadapa, Prakasam and Markapuram districts. Development works will be undertaken through 201 clusters spread across 303 mandals and 5,869 villages in these 10 districts.

The government plans to expand the existing horticulture cultivation area of 8.41 lakh hectares by another 6 lakh hectares, taking the total to 14.41 lakh hectares.

The project aims to increase horticultural production from the current 222 lakh tonnes to 435 lakh tonnes, directly benefiting 9.6 lakh farmers. As part of the initiative, an additional ayacut of 9 lakh acres will be created, while irrigation facilities in 4.3 lakh acres will be stabilised.

Addressing the public meeting, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the government was delivering on its promise to transform the fortunes of Rayalaseema farmers by turning the drought-prone region into a land of prosperity. Stating that Rayalaseema farmers can now grow everything from apples and strawberries to bananas, avocados, kiwis and dates, he expressed confidence that, with the Global Horticulture Hub, Rayalaseema would emerge as a global "fruit bowl". The Chief Minister thanked the Centre for funding the Global Horticulture Hub, specifically acknowledging the support provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. He also praised Nirmala Sitharaman for providing funds whenever the state requests them. The Chief Minister noted that the foundation stone had also been laid for the Indian School of Agriculture (ISA).

He said that just as IIMs produce management experts, IITs produce technical experts, and ISB hones the skills of entrepreneurs, the ISA would groom leaders in the field of agriculture.

The ISA, being established in Madanapalle, will be pivotal for the horticulture sector, he added. CM Naidu pointed out that Anantapur is the second-driest district in the country and had previously faced desert-like conditions. He said the government came to the aid of Rayalaseema by completing irrigation projects initiated by former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao to remove the region's hardships. "We introduced technologies like drip irrigation to alleviate the region's water-related struggles," he said. Naidu added that the government had implemented action plans to boost groundwater levels through water-conservation measures. Chandrababu Naidu said he was happy to be recognised as the "Water Man". "Throughout my five-decade political career, I have been called the 'Hi-tech CM' and 'CEO CM'; now, I am recognised as the 'Water Man'. This brings me great happiness," he said.



Odisha: OSCW seeks report on Bhubaneswar rape charges, takes suo motu cognisance

Bhubaneswar, Oct 3 : The Odisha State Commission for Women (OSCW) on Saturday took suo motu cognisance of allegations that a woman was raped at gunpoint in the Nayapalli area of Bhubaneswar and sought an Action Taken Report (ATR) from the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Bhubaneswar, in the case. In a letter to the DCP, Bhubaneswar, the commission asked the Commissionerate Police to take prompt action in the case, keeping in view the sensitive nature of the offence.

Congress approves candidates for Maharashtra Legislative Council biennial elections

New Delhi, Oct 3 : The All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Saturday announced the candidates approved by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge for the upcoming biennial elections to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from the Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies. The decision was officially communicated through a press statement signed by the AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal.

The Congress has fielded three candidates across key regional constituencies, including Nagpur Division Graduates' Constituency: Abhijit Govindrao Wanjarri, Pune Division Teachers' Constituency: Jayant Dinkar Asagaonkar and Amravati Teachers' Constituency: Aditi Rishikesh Pohare.

The Congress has renominated sitting legislators Wanjarri and Asagaonkar.

The Congress' announcement comes hours after the constituents of Maha Vikas Aghadi met Friday morning to discuss the seat sharing. The NCP-SP and Shiv Sena-UBT are expected to file their nominees in Pune and Aurangabad Graduates' constituencies.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on September 22 sounded the poll bugle for the elections to five key Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) seats, triggering intense political manoeuvring within the ruling MahaYuti alliance. The election covers three Graduate constituencies (Aurangabad, Pune, and Nagpur) and two Teachers' constituencies (Amravati and Pune), where the terms of the sitting members are set to expire on December 6. According to the official schedule released by the ECI, the notification



will be issued on September 29, last date for nominations is October 6, scrutiny of nominations is October 7, last date for withdrawal is October 9, polling day is October 23 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and counting of votes is October 27. The election will have to be held before October 31. Incumbent representative from Graduate constituencies include Aurangabad Division – Bhanudasrao Satish Chavan (NCP), Pune Division – Arun Ganpati Lad (NCP-SP) and Nagpur Division – Abhijit Govindrao Wanjarri (Congress). The legislative members from the Teachers' constituencies include Amravati Division – Kiran Ramrao Sarnaik (Independent but officially joined Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena as an associate member).

EDITORIAL

INSV Neelkanth embarks on 660 nautical miles voyage from Visakhapatnam To the Andamans

Kolkata, Oct 3 : The INSV Neelkanth, an ocean-going sailing vessel of the Indian Navy, has set sail from Visakhapatnam to Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair) as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC).

The distance between Visakhapatnam and Sri Vijaya Puram is nearly 661.2 nautical miles.

The sailboat is being jointly sailed by Eastern Naval Command (ENC) and ANC personnel, including two women Agniveers.

This voyage reflects the courage, teamwork and evolving spirit of the Indian armed

forces, officials said. On September 19, Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty, Commander-in-Chief of ANC (CINCAN) had interacted with the crew of the INSV Neelkanth.

"The interaction focused on key lessons for the voyage and inspiring the future of sailing in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands," the ANC said.

The INSV Neelkanth is a nearly 40-foot long sailing yacht or ocean-racing vessel. It is one of the six ocean-going sailing vessels that are used for expeditions and training by the Navy.

The others are INSV Mhadei, INSV Tarini, INSV Bulbul, INSV Hariyali and INSV Kadalpura.

In 2023, the vessel won first place in the Inter Command Ocean Sail-



ing Race by covering the 360 nautical miles from Kochi to Goa.

During the race the crew, comprising both men and women, encountered heavy rain and sea states of up to four, along with speeds gusting over 25 knots for two days.

In 2024, the sailing vessel undertook a 100 nautical miles expedi-

tion in 24 hours to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Navy's submarine training school INS Satavahana.

Earlier, in 2021, it sailed from Chennai to Visakhapatnam to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Navy's submarine base INS Virbahu.

While these expeditions were along the Indian coastline, the voyage to the Andamans will be through open seas.

There is no forecast of bad weather in the Bay of Bengal in the near future, so it will be smooth sailing for the crew.

"The crew is extremely well-trained and the vessel capable of handling all weather conditions. In fact, it will be a very good experience for those participating in the expedition," an official said. The ANC is India's first and only tri-services Command that came into being on October 1, 2001.

Bengal Minister seeks Mamata Banerjee's arrest over ED claims in Indranil Sen probe

Kolkata, Oct 3 :—A political controversy erupted in West Bengal on Saturday after Labour Minister Arjun Singh demanded the arrest of former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, citing an Enforcement Directorate (ED) statement claiming that Rs 30 lakh was transferred to her from the bank account of Octave Records, a proprietorship concern of former state minister Indranil Sen, who is under investigation in connection with alleged money laundering cases. "The people of Bengal know that Mamata Banerjee made her nephew a money-making machine. The former Chief Minister was very much a part of the game. Now everything is coming out in the open," Singh told reporters.



SCI anchoring India's maritime and shipbuilding ambitions: Sarbananda Sonowal

Mumbai, Oct 3 : Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, on Saturday called on the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) to take a leading role in India's drive toward self-reliant, globally competitive shipbuilding and maritime capacity.

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is no longer content to simply own ships; we are determined to build them, right here at home, the minister said as the SCI marked 65 years of operations. Sonowal highlighted the company's role in safeguarding India's energy and trade security, pointing specifically to its per-

formance during the recent Strait of Hormuz crisis.

The minister called on SCI to help advance the government's Viksit Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat goals, framing a stronger national fleet as central to India's ambition of becoming a top shipbuilding and ship-owning nation by 2047. "SCI is one of the clearest examples of India building its own strength at sea.

As India works to become a top shipbuilding nation under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, SCI's fleet, its people and its partnerships will be central to that mission," he noted.

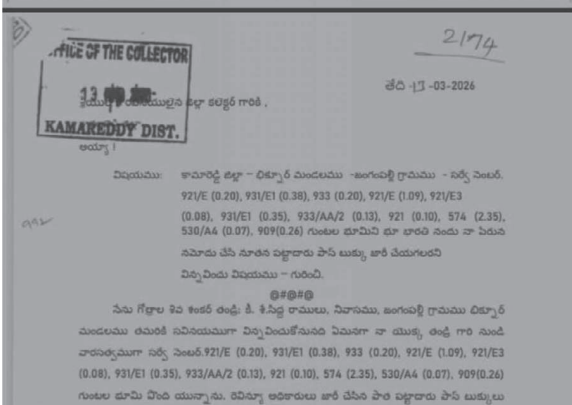
Founded in 1961 as a liner shipping company with 19 vessels, SCI has grown into a diversified

maritime enterprise operating 58 vessels totalling 5.26 million deadweight tonnage (DWT).

The company's operations now span crude and product tankers, bulk and container shipping, LPG and LNG carriers, offshore services, passenger and coastal transport, project cargo, ship management, and shipbuilding consultancy.

"SCI's growth over these decades shows what Indian enterprise can achieve when backed by national resolve. As SCI expands its fleet and deepens its partnerships, it strengthens not just one company, but India's entire shipbuilding ambition, and carries us forward, mile by mile, toward the goal of a Viksit Bharat," Sonowal said.

Negligence of Revenue Officials Triggers Farmer Distress in Kamareddy



(Capital Information)

Kamareddy, October 03 : Protests Threatened Over Land Record Discrepancies Distress among small and marginal farmers in Kamareddy district has escalated sharply due to severe discrepancies between physical land records and issued passbooks. Many cultivators possessing valid passbooks find their names omitted from official revenue registries, while others holding registered titles discover their lands missing from online databases. These administrative lapses have forced farmers to make endless visits to revenue offices for months, receiving only evasive excuses from lower-level staff. Serious allegations have surfaced regarding land misattributions, where registered properties are illegally transferred to unauthorized individuals, raising suspicions of official negligence or collusion with real estate operators. Addressing a press conference, Gotrala Shivashankar, Kamareddy District President of the Telangana Raitu Hakkula Sadhana Samiti, warned that unresolved land disputes are driving financially burdened farmers toward extreme measures and suicide out of fear of losing their livelihoods. Demanding immediate intervention from District Collectors and the implementation of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Assembly promise to protect every inch of poor farmers' land, Shiva-shankar declared that the organization will launch an indefinite hunger strike in front of the Tahsildar office and initiate unyielding protests if all pending land records are not rectified transparently.

Women Should Learn Skills and Achieve Financial Independence : MLA



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Bhainsa), October 03 : Mudhol MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel said young women should acquire vocational skills, pursue self-employment and support their families financially. Certificates were distributed to women who completed vocational skill training conducted by the Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Society in Bhainsa. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA urged the beneficiaries to make effective use of government schemes and become financially self-reliant. He assured that efforts would be made to provide sewing machines to eligible beneficiaries. Municipal Chairman Thumolla Dattatri, Kishore Reddy, councillors, public representatives and women participated in the programme.

5 Lakh Sanctioned for Temple Shed Construction..



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Bhainsa), October 03 : 5 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of a shed at the Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Swamy Temple in Padmavathi Colony, Bhainsa. MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel handed over the sanction proceedings to the temple committee members on Saturday. He said that special attention was being given to the development of temples across the constituency. Leaders of the Silver and Gold Merchants Association thanked the MLA for sanctioning the funds. Temple committee members and others were present.

Yashoda Hospital Offers Advanced Cancer Care Services : Dr. Bharat A. Vaswani

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : Yashoda Hospital is providing comprehensive, specialized healthcare services tailored to the specific needs of cancer patients. announced Medical Oncology and Hematology Clinical Director Dr. Bharat A. Vaswani during a press conference held in Nizamabad on Saturday. He explained that personalized treatment plans are developed for each patient after accurately determining the nature, severity of the disease through advanced diagnostic tests. Complex cases are thoroughly evaluated by a multidisciplinary team of medical specialists to decide on the most suitable line of treatment based on the patient's condition. The facility offers cutting-edge medical approaches including chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, and CAR-T cell therapy, alongside effective management of cancer-related emergencies. To enhance patient convenience, same-day chemotherapy services are being provided.



Advanced procedures such as robotic surgery and Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) are also made available whenever necessary. Dr. Bharat A. Vaswani emphasized that the hospital strives to deliver superior care to cancer patients by combining modern medical technology with the collective expertise of skilled doctors. Marketing Manager Sriram Suresh and other representatives were present at the press conference.

Nalanda High School Students Excel in State-Level Acharya Chanakya Business Aptitude Test

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : Students of Nalanda High School, located in Mamidipally under Armoor Municipality, displayed exceptional academic talent by securing top state-level ranks in the Acharya Chanakya Business Aptitude Test. organized by E-Abhyas Academy, Hyderabad, on September 23. Continuing their tradition of excellence every year, students from the school competed against participants from around ninety to hundred schools across the state to achieve top honors. In the state-wide ranks, Annala Hrudaya Sri of Class Nine achieved State Second Rank, while Fiza of Class Four secured State Third Rank. The State Fourth Rank was shared by Aryan, Mokshith, Lakshmi Sudeeksha, Preethi Reddy, Rushika, Rithvika, Komali, and Spoorthi. Raj Kumar, Prachi, and Nandeesh achieved State Fifth Rank, followed by Shashikumar, Yashwik, Sri Harsha, and Tamaswi securing State Sixth Rank. Vilakshana, Harshika bagged State Seventh Rank, while Sri Harsha, K. Nitheesha, Hema Sri, Lasya, Haritha, Sindhuda claimed State Eighth Rank. Furthermore, Tanmaya Sri, Sanghamitra, P. Sukeshna, and Varoodhini achieved State



Ninth Rank, Chathurya, Devanshika, Sanvitha secured State Tenth Rank. The school management, principal, and teaching staff commended the meritorious students for their outstanding performance. They appreciated the teachers for their dedicated guidance and acknowledged the parents for their continuous support, encouraging the students to reach higher achievements in the future. The impressive results generated widespread jubilation across the entire school community.

Implementation of SIR to Ensure Transparent Voter List : Electoral Roll Observer TK Sridevi

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : Electoral Roll Observer and Director of Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department TK Sridevi called for collective efforts to prepare an accurate and comprehensive final voter list, ensuring that every eligible citizen receives voting rights while removing ineligible entries. Accompanied by Armoor Municipal Chairperson G Lahari, Additional Collector V Bhujanga Rao, and Armoor Sub-Collector Abhigyan Malviya, she inspected polling stations 39 in Mamidipally and 88 in Armoor within the Armoor constituency. She reviewed the implementation of Special Summary Revision (SIR), examined registers, and inquired with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) Ramshankar and Pravalika regarding notices issued, hearings completed, verified documents, unmapped voters, and listed anomalies, expressing satisfaction with the record-keeping. Later, Sridevi conducted a review meeting with Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and representatives of recognized political parties across six assembly constituencies—Armoor, Nizamabad Urban, Nizamabad Rural, Bodhan, Balkonda, and Banswada—at the Integrated District Offices Complex. Noting high numbers of unmapped voters and anomalies in segments including Nizamabad Urban, she instructed EROs to submit category-wise reports, ensure transparent hearings, strictly monitor BLO field work, accelerate digitization without errors, and guarantee BLO presence at polling



stations. Addressing political representatives, she urged active cooperation and participation from Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to work alongside BLOs to enroll eligible voters and rectify discrepancies. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector V Bhujanga Rao, Armoor Sub-Collector Abhigyan Malviya, Nizamabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dilip Kumar, Nizamabad RDO Rajendra Kumar, Banswada RDO Ravinder, Collector Election Section Supervisor Balaraju, AEROs, concerned department officials, and political party leaders.

Nizamabad Opposition Demands Resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : In accordance with AICC directives, a joint press conference of the INDIA bloc constituent parties was, convened at the District Congress Party Office under the leadership of District Congress President Katpalli Nagesh Reddy. Addressing the media on behalf of the all-party alliance, Nagesh Reddy alleged that the ongoing Special Summary Revision program conducted by the Central Election Commission is completely biased toward the Bharatiya Janata Party and demanded the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. He announced a week-long agitation alongside partner parties to press for Gyanesh Kumar's removal, accusing him of acting as a tool for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah while asserting that lakhs of eligible voters were being arbitrarily removed in the



state, a right the coalition vows to safeguard. Pointing to democratic history over the last 79 years since independence where voter list updates occurred every decade, he criticized the current administration for attempting to selectively delete non-BJP votes, alleging that Mamata Banerjee faced defeat in West Bengal due to similar manipulation that the ruling party now seeks to replicate nationwide. As part of the national call, the Nizamabad opposition alliance will hold protests at mandal headquarters on Monday and Tuesday, followed by a massive

protest rally in the district headquarters on Wednesday. The press meet witnessed the participation of City Congress President Bobbili Ramakrishna, Agriculture Commission member Gadugu Gangadhar, State Toddy Tappers Corporation Chairman Shekar Goud, CPI(ML) leader Vanamala Krishna, RSP District Secretary Katari Ramulu, CPM District Secretary Peddi Venkat Ramulu, CPM District Secretary Ramesh Babu, CPI(ML) City Secretary Sudhakar, alongside Syed Feroz Ali, Raghuram, and Pitla Naresh.

MLA INVITED TO SHARANNAVA -RATRI CELEBRATIONS..



(Capital Information)

Mudhol (Basar), October 03 : The Executive Officer and priests of Basara Sri Gnana Saraswati Temple invited Mudhol MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel to the Sharannavaratri celebrations. On Saturday, they met the MLA at his residence in Bhainsa and personally handed over the invitation. They explained the arrangements and details of the celebrations. The MLA wished that the festivities be conducted in a grand and devotional manner and that the programmes be held peacefully without causing any inconvenience to devotees.

Elect Candidates Driven by Social Service, Urges Indur Seva Samithi



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : Members of Indur Seva Samithi carried out an extensive campaign across Nizamabad city for the Indian Red Cross Management Committee elections, urging voters to support candidates dedicated to public service. As part of their morning outreach, members met morning walkers at the Polytechnic College and ETI grounds, followed by visits to the District Collector's Office, Electricity Department headquarters, Saraswathi Nagar, and Pragati Nagar to seek votes from employees, doctors, and business owners. Speaking during the drive, contesting lawyer candidate Mallepula Jagan Mohan Goud stated that their team is contesting to expand social service initiatives throughout the district with a true spirit of community welfare, encouraging all Red Cross members to cast their votes in today's election at Haricharan Marwadi School to ensure their victory. Contesting candidate Ranjit Singh, along with Potamkal Laxminarayana, Yadagiri, Nagaraju, Endala Sudhakar, Balaji, Purushottam Reddy, Laxman, Shivaji, Subhash, and Satyaprasad, actively participated in the election campaign.

BJP Leaders Call for Politics-Free Focus on Armoor Development



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, October 03 : Armoor BJP leaders urged opposition parties to refrain from petty politics, actively cooperate for local development. during a press conference held at the Armoor MLA office on Saturday. Organised under the leadership of Armoor Town President Mandula Balu. the leaders addressed allegations surrounding the recent double-bedroom house distribution program. They clarified that the allocations were conducted with complete transparency in the presence of officials and praised the MLA for convincing the minister to hand over completed homes to beneficiaries before central funding deadlines lapsed. Highlighting ongoing municipal initiatives, the leaders noted that housing both the Integrated Municipal Office and the Integrated Revenue Office in a central location within the town offers long-term convenience for residents, while shifting the market to the town outskirts serves long-term interests. They criticized Congress leaders for attempting to block funding and indulging in corruption for political gain rather than bringing new funds for regional growth. The media interaction was attended by Mandula Balu, Nuthana Srinivasa Reddy, Pulkam Venu, Vivek, Kaligodu Gangadhar, Ranganna, Uday Goud, Kaligot Prashanth, Akula Raju, along with councilors Yamadri Bhaskar, Bottu Raju, Srinivas, Arun, Dondishwar, Shravan and other BJP leaders were participated in the press meet

Water wastage on Chandur main road

(Capital information)

Chandur : On the main road in Chandur Municipality Center, water is being wasted on the road due to a bore water pipe line leakage opposite Bhavani Function Hall. For the past few days, thousands of liters of water have been going to waste due to the leak of the bore water pipe under the main road. On the one hand, people are suffering from water shortage, on the other hand, people are expressing anger over this waste of water. There is a risk of potholes on the main road due to continuous water coming on the road. There is a risk of motorists and pedestrians slipping due to water standing on the road. Locals allege that the municipal staff, who should have identified this leakage and repaired it immediately, are not paying attention. People are demanding that the municipal authorities respond immediately and stop the bore water leakage opposite the Bhavani Function Hall and prevent water wastage.



Free Eye Camp Inaugurated in Brahmanavellam



(Capital information)

Narkatpally : Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham inaugurated a free eye medical camp at Brahmanavellam village, organised with his own funds. Under the motto "Sarvendriyanam Nayanam Pradhanam", free eye examinations are being conducted for villagers. Free spectacles and medicines will be provided to those in need, while patients requiring eye surgeries will be identified and provided free surgeries. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vemula Veeresham said public health was his top priority and that his aim was to provide poor people with free, quality healthcare on par with corporate hospitals. He assured that similar medical camps would be organised across all mandals in the constituency. Local leaders, public representatives, medical staff, village elders and youth participated in the programme.

Mehfil-e-Naat Held During Nalgonda Dargah Urs



(Capital information)

Nalgonda : The second day of the Urs celebrations at Hazrat Syed Latif Shah Wali Qadri Dargah was marked by devotional programmes including Mehfil-e-Naat and Jalsa-e-Azmat. Renowned singers from Hyderabad's Barkas performed devotional songs and Naat, captivating the gathering. A free meal was also served to the poor during the afternoon. A prominent Maulana from Hyderabad recited the Quran and delivered a spiritual message. A large number of devotees participated in the celebrations, particularly as it was Friday.

Mandal General Body Meeting Held in Narkatpally

(Capital information)

Narkatpally : Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham attended the Mandal General Body Meeting held at the Narkatpally Mandal Parishad office as the chief guest. The meeting reviewed development works, implementation of government welfare schemes and the progress of pending works across the mandal. Officials, sarpanches and public representatives discussed various issues and measures to accelerate development. Speaking at the meeting, MLA Vemula Veeresham said the priority was to ensure the development of every village in the mandal. He directed officials to remain accessible to the public and resolve their grievances promptly. He also stressed the effective utilisation of government funds for improving basic infrastructure



and public facilities. Mandal officials, sarpanches, MPTCs and other local public representatives participated in the meeting. I can also make it shorter in newspaper style while retaining all key points.

All-Party Meet Sought on Farmers' Issues

(Capital information)

Nalgonda : Former MLA and All India Kisan Sabha 36th Conference Reception Committee State President Julakanti Ranga Reddy urged the State government to immediately convene an all-party meeting to discuss farmers' problems and seek suggestions from farmers' organisations and political parties. Speaking at a press conference in Nalgonda, he demanded pressure on the Centre to provide relief to farmers who suffered crop losses and called for the release of irrigation water to protect standing crops. He said the 36th All India Kisan Sabha Conference would be held in Nalgonda from November 15 to 18, amid drought-like conditions across Telangana. Farmers' Association State President Potheni Sudarshan said around 2,000 delegates from across the country would attend the four-day conference, with a massive public meeting involving nearly one lakh people on November 15. He said a future action plan for protecting farmers and the agricultural sector would be formulated. State Secretary Teegala Sagar demanded changes in farmer-related policies,



improved crop insurance, protection for domestic farmers from imports, support for groundnut, sesame, safflower and cotton growers, protection of dairy farmers' interests, and resolution of 22-A land issues affecting poor and middle-class farmers. District leaders and other farmers' association representatives participated in the press conference.

Dr. Kasam Venkateshwarlu Visits Yadadri Temple

(Capital information)

Yadagirigutta : BJP State Vice-President and newly appointed Karnataka Co-Incharge Dr. Kasam Venkateshwarlu visited Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Yadagirigutta on Saturday. BJP leaders accorded him a grand welcome with drums and traditional music. A rally was organised up to the foothills, where special prayers were performed with school students for the speedy recovery of pilot Smith Machar, who was injured in a recent aircraft accident. Later, Dr. Venkateshwarlu had darshan of the deity atop the hill. He subsequently participated in the graduate voter enrolment programme for the Khammam-Nalgonda-Warangal graduates' constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Venkateshwarlu criticised the Congress party over its stand on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and alleged that the party was misleading people on the issue. He said the Election Commission is an independent constitutional institution and urged graduates to support the BJP-backed candidate in the forthcoming MLC elections. He also alleged irregularities in Yadagirigutta Municipality and appreciated the BJP councillors for raising the issue. He demanded immediate steps to streamline the municipality and warned that the BJP would launch a major agitation if corrective measures were not taken. District BJP President Ashok, District General Secretary Kaduri Achayya, former District President



Pasam Bhaskar, District Secretary Krishna, State Executive Committee member Maya Dasharath, councillors Boda Radha and Karre Madhavi, Mandal President Guntupalli Maheshwari, BJYM District President Dayyala Kumar, Kisan Morcha District President Pakki Rajender Reddy and several other BJP leaders and activists participated in the programme.

Journalism Must Serve the People : Media Academy Chairman

(Capital information)

Nalgonda : State Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivasa Reddy stressed the need for people-centric journalism and urged journalists to uphold professional ethics and credibility. He was the chief guest at a one-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Media organized by the State Media Academy at the Zilla Parishad Meeting Hall in Nalgonda. Srinivasa Reddy said AI and social media are transforming journalism and can help journalists improve their professional skills and deliver quality news. He said training programmes are being conducted across Telangana and announced another AI and social media workshop for journalists in the Nagarjuna Sagar region on October 12. He also spoke about press freedom, print, electronic, social and digital media, working journalists, and key laws related to journalism. Training Assistant Collector N. Srikanth Reddy said journalists must help the public distinguish facts from misinformation in the AI era. Local Bodies In-charge Additional Collector Prem Karan Reddy urged journalists to use AI responsibly and avoid publishing unverified news. Times of India Editor (Investigations) Udumula Sudhakar Reddy conducted the AI session, while Narasimhaswamy trained journalists on social media. Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, DIPRO Assistant Director



U. Venkateshwarlu, Journalists' Union President Krishna Reddy, Media Academy OSD Rahman, PRO Shaileshwar Reddy, and others attended.

Syed Shah Latif Ullah Qadri Urs Begins in Nalgonda



(Capital information)

Nalgonda : The Urs celebrations of Hazrat Syed Shah Latif Ullah Qadri commenced at the Madina Masjid premises in Nalgonda under the supervision of Waqf Board Assistant Commissioner and Urs In-charge Ameer Ahmed. The first Gandham procession was conducted with religious fervour, following which the Gandham was brought to the mosque and special prayers were offered. Earlier, a free meal was organised for the poor. TGWB officials Aqeel Hasan, Shameem Arif, Mansoor Ahmed, Md. Faiz Mohammed, Mohammed Hamed Ali, Mohammed Vajeed Ali, Shahwali, Md. Faizuddin, Nalgonda Waqf Inspector Dastagiri, along with Syed Aqeel Ahmed, Jani and local residents participated in the programme.

Review Meeting on Advance Planning for Kharif Paddy Procurement



(Capital information)

Nakrekal : Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham directed officials to make advance arrangements for the upcoming Kharif paddy procurement season and ensure that farmers face no inconvenience. A constituency-level review meeting on Kharif paddy procurement was held at the Nakrekal MLA Camp Office in Pannalagudem. District DCO officials, MROs of all mandals in the constituency, PACS CEOs, IKP DPM and APMs attended the meeting. Vemula Veeresham said Nakrekal constituency is a major paddy-growing region and directed officials to ensure that every grain produced by farmers is procured by the government. He instructed officials to keep moisture-testing machines, weighing machines, tarpaulins and gunny bags ready in advance at every procurement centre. He also directed that payments be credited to farmers' bank accounts within 48 hours. The MLA further instructed officials to provide drinking water, shade and electricity facilities at procurement centres and ensure transparent procurement without the involvement of middlemen. He stressed the importance of proper coordination and advance planning to ensure a smooth procurement process and provide timely support to farmers.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD OFFICIALLY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH AND DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF GUNTAKA NARSAIAH PANTULU

(Capital information)

Athmakur : Pallerla Handloom Cooperative Society President Podduru Venkatesham urged the government to officially conduct the birth and death anniversary celebrations of Guntaka Narsaiah Pantulu, a pioneer of the handloom cooperative movement and a dedicated social worker. Speaking at the Pallerla Mixed Handloom Cooperative Society building in Athmakur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on the occasion of his 123rd birth anniversary, Venkatesham paid rich tributes to Narsaiah Pantulu. He said Narsaiah Pantulu was instrumental in establishing handloom cooperative societies and devoted his life to the welfare of the Padmashali community. He also authored the book "Bhriyavadhula Prabhavam," which helped bring the history and heritage of the Padmashali community to wider recognition. Venkatesham said Narsaiah Pantulu's contribution to the protection and promotion of the handloom profession would remain unforgettable. His services to society were invaluable, and his ideals continue to inspire future generations. He appealed to the government to officially commemorate his birth and death anniversaries every year in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the handloom sector and society.



New Building Should Be Constructed for Anganwadi Centre



(Capital Information)

Jayashakar Bhupalpally, October 04 : The government should immediately address the lack of basic infrastructure at the Anganwadi centres in Kakatiya Colony under Ward No. 15 of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, demanded AISF District Secretary Nerella Joseph. He stated that it was a matter of concern that Anganwadi centres, which are responsible for providing education, nutrition and basic care to children, lack essential facilities such as proper buildings, classrooms, drinking water, toilets and storage rooms. Nerella Joseph said that although there is a need to construct a separate new building for the Anganwadi centre, the concerned officials and public representatives have not paid adequate attention to the issue, forcing children to face difficulties. He further stated that, according to information brought to his notice locally, the teacher who is supposed to perform duties at the Anganwadi centre has been on leave for nearly a year. He said that the prolonged absence of staff could affect children's educational activities, nutrition programmes and the day-to-day functioning of the centre. At present, the room used by children for learning and the storage room are located in the same space, making it difficult to conduct activities effectively. Food items and other materials are being stored in the same room where children sit and study, resulting in a shortage of space. Nerella Joseph said that an Anganwadi centre is not merely a place where children are made to sit and study. It serves as a foundation for early childhood education, nutrition, healthcare and the mental and physical development of children. He made it clear that providing minimum basic infrastructure at Anganwadi centres is the responsibility of the government and urged the District Collector and the MLA to take immediate action to resolve the problems.

Foreign Delegates Praise Ramappa Temple's Architectural Grandeur



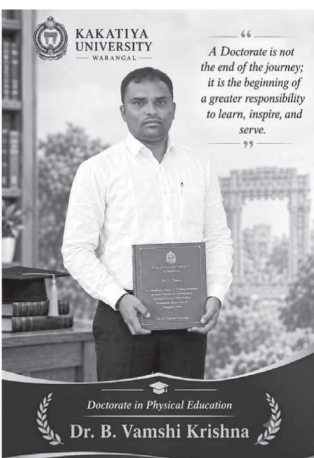
(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 03 : Foreign delegates visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ramappa Temple in Mulugu district have admired its exquisite architecture and intricate sculptures, describing the engineering skills of the Kakatiyas and the craftsmanship of the sculptors as remarkable. A 28-member delegation comprising officials and journalists from 18 countries visited the historic temple on Saturday as part of an international training programme. The two-week capacity-building programme, being conducted from September 28 to October 10, is organised by the Dr MCR Human Resource Development Institute, Hyderabad, under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of the Ministry of External Affairs. The delegation included representatives from Algeria, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ecuador, Fiji, Ghana, Liberia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Togo, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe. During the visit, the temple guide explained the historical and architectural significance of Ramappa, its UNESCO World Heritage status, the craftsmanship of the sculptors and the construction techniques used by the Kakatiyas. The delegates were particularly impressed by the sand foundation technique, believed to have enhanced the temple's resilience, and the use of lightweight bricks in the temple's superstructure to reduce its weight. The visitors keenly observed the intricate carvings on black stone, including life-size sculptures and figures depicting various dance postures. They also admired the finely carved sculptures featuring extremely delicate perforations. The delegates appreciated the architectural and astronomical features associated with the temple, as well as the remarkable precision and craftsmanship reflected in its design. They said that each sculpture vividly showcases the artistic excellence of the craftsmen of the period and reflects the richness of Indian culture and heritage. The delegation praised the technical knowledge, architectural style and artistic excellence of the Kakatiya period, describing the Ramappa Temple as an impressive testimony to India's rich cultural heritage. District Public Relations Officer Rafiq, who coordinated the visit, Tourism Coordination Officer Dharma Naik, and other officials participated in the programme.

Bhukya Vamsi Krishna Earns Ph.D. in Physical Education

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 01 : Bhukya Vamsi Krishna, who has been making significant contributions to the field of Physical Education, has successfully earned a Ph.D. in Physical Education after completing his Ph.D. Viva-Voce examination on September 25, 2026. His doctoral research, titled "A Comparative Study of Training Methods on Motor Fitness and Psychological Variables Among Tribal Welfare Residential School Boys of Telangana State," was carried out under the guidance of Prof. P. Ravi Kumar, NIT Warangal. The study examined the impact of different training methods on motor fitness and psychological variables among boys studying in Tribal Welfare Residential Schools in Telangana. The research employed scientific methodologies and statistical analysis to assess and compare the



effectiveness of various training approaches. Vamsi Krishna is currently serving as a School Assistant (Physical Education) at ZPHS Himmathnagar, Zafargadh, Jangaon district. Alongside his teaching responsibilities, he has actively pursued research and academic development, participating in several international conferences and presenting more than 10 research papers. His achievement was widely appreciated by educationists, teachers, colleagues, friends and family members, who congratulated him on earning the doctoral degree and wished him continued success in the fields of Physical Education, teaching and research.

Smt. Y. N. Jhansi honoured with JET Innovative Teacher Award 2026

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 03 : The JET Innovative Teacher Awards 2026 recognised and honoured the dedicated services of teachers as true nation-builders, with Smt. Y. N. Jhansi, School Assistant (English), ZPHS Girls, Mulugu, receiving the prestigious award for her commitment and contribution to education. Smt. Jhansi was felicitated by Sri Pingili Sripal Reddy, Honourable Teacher MLC representing the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Teachers' Constituency, in recognition of her dedicated service and valuable contribution to the teaching profession. With 29 years of teaching experience, Smt. Jhansi has earned appreciation for her discipline, systematic approach, commitment and hard work. Her friendly and student-centric method of teaching has enabled her to inspire students, build their confidence and nurture their interest in learning. She has consistently encouraged students to set goals, overcome challenges and strive for academic excellence. Her sustained efforts to improve students' performance and her continuous guidance and encouragement have contributed to the academic development of the school. Her approachable nature, sincerity and commitment have earned her the respect and appreciation of students and fellow teachers alike. She was also recently honoured by the District Educational Officer (DEO) in recognition of her dedicated service. The JET Innovative Teacher Award 2026 marks yet another significant milestone in her teaching career. Members and friends of the English



Language Teachers' Association (ELTA) congratulated Smt. Jhansi on the honour and appreciated her exemplary dedication to the teaching profession. They expressed the hope that she would continue to inspire generations of students and make meaningful contributions to the field of education. Heartiest congratulations to Smt. Y. N. Jhansi on this well-deserved recognition, expressed Kokila Sri Rangam, PRTU TS Mulugu district General Secretary

TNGO District President Thanks Government for Releasing Two DAs

(Capital Information)

Warangal, October 03 : Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers' Association (TNGO) District President Gaje Venugopal has thanked the State Government for approving two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs), a long-standing demand of government employees. He expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, the Council of Ministers, Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Finance Department, on behalf of TNGO employees of Warangal district. Venugopal urged the government to address the remaining issues, including implementation of new pay scales with 51 per cent fitment after obtaining the PRC report, release of the remaining pending DAs, clearance of pending bills of employees and pensioners, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme by scrapping CPS, and resolution of problems related to health cards. He also appealed to the government to resolve issues that do not impose any additional financial burden



on the State. TNGO District Secretary Palakurthi Sadanandam joined Venugopal in thanking the government for fulfilling its assurance to the employees' JAC. They also thanked TNGO State President Maram Jagadeeshwar and General Secretary S.M. Hussaini Mujeeb for their sustained efforts towards resolving employees' issues.

Sarpanch Chatla Vijaya - Ravinder Appeals to Mogullapally Youth

(Capital Information)

Mogulapally Jayashankar, October 03 : Sarpanch Chatla Vijaya-Ravinder has appealed to the youth of Mogullapally village to make use of the Mega Job Mela being organised under the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) to provide employment opportunities to local youth in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district. The Mega Job Mela will be held on October 9, 2026, from 9:30 AM onwards, at Pushpa Grand Convention, Bhupalpally. More than 10,000 job opportunities will be available at the recruitment drive. Eligibility: Candidates who have completed SSC, ITI, Intermediate, Diploma, any Degree or Post-Graduation can participate in the job mela. Sarpanch Chatla Vijaya-Ravinder urged all eligible young men and women from Mogullapally village to attend the job mela and make use of the employment opportunities available according to their educational qualifications. They also ap-



pealed to job seekers to bring multiple copies of their resumes and attend the recruitment drive. "Make the most of this employment opportunity and pave the way for a brighter future."

Village Sabha Successfully Concludes at Kasindevipet



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 03 : "The Gram Sabha is the first step towards village development, while people's participation is the true path to progress." The Gram Sabha was held successfully at Kasindevipet village with enthusiastic participation from the villagers. Various issues concerning basic infrastructure, drainage, drinking water and proposed development works were discussed in detail by the villagers, local representatives and officials. The villagers actively participated in bringing local issues to the attention of the authorities and offered valuable suggestions for addressing them. The meeting reflected the spirit of "Our village, our decisions", with people coming forward to contribute to the development of their village. Heartfelt thanks to all the village elders, youth, women, officials, the Upasarpnach, Ward Members and every villager who contributed to making the Gram Sabha a grand success. "Together, let us shape the future of our village and take Kasindevipet forward on the path of development."

Health Lakshmi Committee Meeting Held at Anganwadi Centre



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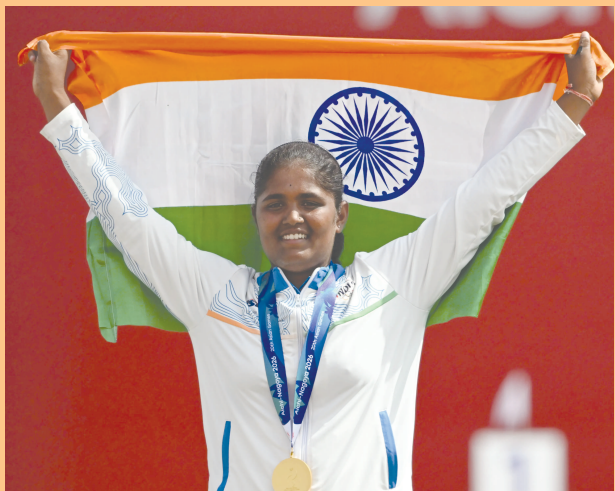
Mogulapally Jayashankar, October 03 : A Health Lakshmi Committee meeting was conducted at Anganwadi Centre-2 in Pedda Konatipalli village of Mogullapally Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally district. On the occasion, Balamrutham nutritional supplement was distributed to the children. Village Sarpanch Sappidi Indira and Congress Party Mandal leader Merugu Suresh Goud participated in the programme and distributed Balamrutham to the children. Discussions were held on the health and nutrition of children and the services being provided through the Anganwadi Centre. VO President Merugu Sharada, Anganwadi Teacher S. Parameshwari, Aaya S. Prabhavathi, ASHA worker B. Umadevi, parents of the children and others participated in the programme.

ENSURE QUALITY IN INDIRAMMA HOUSE CONSTRUCTION : HOUSING SECRETARY



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, October 03 : State Housing Department Secretary V.P. Gautham, IAS, has directed officials to maintain quality standards in the construction of Indiramma houses and expedite the completion of pending works. Gautham inspected houses under construction in Bussapur of GovindaraoPET Mandal, Medaram of Tadvai Mandal and Palampet of Venkatapur Mandal on Saturday. He reviewed the progress of houses at various stages and interacted with beneficiaries to ascertain whether government financial assistance was being credited to their bank accounts on time. The beneficiaries said they were receiving the assistance on time and that the construction process was being carried out transparently without the involvement of middlemen. The Housing Secretary instructed officials to ensure that there were no errors in the selection of eligible beneficiaries under the second phase and to give priority to families living in huts. He directed officials to ensure timely sanction of bills and credit the financial assistance into beneficiaries' accounts without causing them inconvenience. He advised beneficiaries not to approach middlemen or touts for house sanctions, stating that Indiramma houses would be sanctioned strictly based on eligibility. Gautham also stressed the need to pay special attention to construction quality and directed officials to speed up the remaining works and make the completed houses available to beneficiaries at the earliest. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Sampath Rao, Housing PD Krishna Prasad, local Tahsildars, Housing Department AEs, village Sarpanches and other officials participated in the inspection.



‘Doesn’t feel like winning, hasn’t sunk in’: Kumkum remains unfazed after historic Asian Games gold

Okazaki, Oct 3 : Seventeen-year-old Kumkum Mohod says she is yet to fully process becoming the first Indian woman to win an individual recurve gold medal at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games. With the recurve gold, the young archer completed a hat-trick of medals at the continental showpiece, including a gold in the women’s recurve team event and a silver in the mixed team event.

Speaking to IANS exclusively after her historic triumph, Kumkum revealed that the emotion and the feeling of winning an individual gold and securing the Olympic quota had still not sunk in. “No, doesn’t feel like it (winning) yet, still hasn’t sunk in!”

Kumkum defeated South Korea’s Yejin Oh in a shoot-off in the final on Saturday to secure the gold and an individual quota place for India at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

The significance of the achievement was matched by the simplicity of Kumkum’s explanation for how she handled a campaign that saw her eliminate some of the biggest names in women’s recurve.

Fujinami's 155-win run ends as North Korea's Son shocks Olympic champion

Nagoya, Oct 3 : Akari Fujinami’s extraordinary unbeaten run came to an abrupt end at the Asian Games 2026 on Saturday when North Korea’s world silver medalist Il Sim Son pinned the Japanese Olympic champion in the women’s 57kg semi-final.

Fujinami, who had not lost an international

bout since 2017 and had accumulated 155 consecutive victories, was unable to reproduce the comeback that had rescued her in the earlier rounds. Son instead controlled the contest from the opening exchange before ending it by fall at 3:52.



2027 Men's ODI WC will inspire next generation, SA will be good hosts, says de Villiers

New Delhi, Oct 3 : Former South Africa captain AB de Villiers expects the 2027 Men’s ODI World Cup to inspire a new generation of cricketers from the country, and drew parallels to how the 2003 edition being hosted in the country shaped his own early journey as a 19-year-old aspiring to play international cricket. South Africa will co-host the 50-over mega event alongside Zimbabwe and Namibia from October 2 to November 21, 2027.

Asian Games: Deepak Punia into SF, Sagar, Manisha, Antim, Aman reach QF

Nagoya, Oct 3 : India made a strong start to its wrestling campaign at the Asian Games on Saturday, with Deepak Punia advancing to the men’s freestyle 97kg semifinals while Sagar Jaglan, Antim Panghal, Aman Sehrawat and Manisha Bhanwala booked their places in the quarterfinals in their respective events.

Deepak had a straightforward route through the opening rounds. He began his campaign with a commanding 10-2 victory over China’s Zhou Junpeng in the round of 16, taking a 6-2 lead in the opening period before shutting out his opponent 6-0 in the second to secure the win by technical superiority. The Indian then progressed to the semifinals without having to wrestle his next bout. Hong Kong China’s Wui Fung Vincent Li forfeited their contest, send-



ing Deepak directly into the last four. In the men’s freestyle 74kg category, Sagar Jaglan also produced a comfortable opening-round victory, defeating Mongolia’s Tulga Tumur-Ochir 8-1 in the pre-quarterfinals. He will now face Iran’s Yones Emamichoghaei in the quarterfinals for a place in the semifinals. Aman Sehrawat, meanwhile, beat Japan’s Yamato Ogawa in the men’s 57kg freestyle 20-9 by technical superiority. He will face Nurdanat Aitanov of Kazakhstan next in the quarterfinals.

Asian Games: Abhishek, Tilak, Washington, Axar and Dube power India to back-to-back gold

Nisshin, Oct 3: Abhishek Sharma’s breathtaking 61 off 28, Tilak Varma’s unbeaten 51 off 22 and an all-round effort from Washington Sundar, Axar Patel and Shivam Dube helped India clinch back-to-back Asian Games gold medals in men’s cricket as they beat Pakistan by 19 runs in a thrilling final at Korogi Sports Park on Saturday.

India produced a brilliant, breathless and golden finish after posting 211/6, with Abhishek setting the tone with the fastest fifty by an Indian

against Pakistan in T20Is before Tilak and Dube provided a late surge.

But Pakistan were not going down without a fight and were powered by a magnificent 96 off 51 from Hasan Nawaz. But India’s spinners and all-rounders held their nerve in a frenzied finish with Dube taking the wicket of Nawaz on the final ball to end Pakistan’s innings at 192 for 6 and sending the Indian players into wild celebrations.

India began their innings in typically aggressive fashion after Shreyas Iyer won the toss and

opted to bat first.

The 15-year-old left-hander Vaibhav Sooryavanshi hit 15 in nine with two sixes before Saim Ayub dismissed him in the second over. Sanju Samson scored four in six before Ahmed Daniyal had him caught at mid-on.

However, the quick wickets did little to deter Abhishek Sharma. The southpaw was in devastating touch in the Powerplay, reaching his fifty off 20 balls as India struck at 81/2 in the first six overs. Pakistan’s fielding was also a source of frustration for them, with Saim Ayub dropping two



catches in the same over while Daniyal missed a direct-hit chance to dismiss Abhishek.

Abhishek finally holed out to Arafat Minhas for a spectacular 61

off 28 deliveries with three fours and seven sixes at a strike rate of 217.85.

The Pakistan attack had a very short window to attack before the

pressure from their spin bowlers started taking India. Ishan Kishan made 20 off 18 balls before the heat was felt and Shreyas Iyer added 21 from 24 balls before they lost their wickets under the pressure.

However, India had raced past 150 in 16.4 overs and had enough in the tank to unleash a late onslaught.

Tilak Varma and Shivam Dube blended superbly at the end to make it a 62-run partnership for the sixth wicket at the end. The duo batted without respite, scoring 12 runs off the 17th over of Abrar Ahmed, 18 runs in the 18th over of Sufyan Moqim and 23 runs of the 19th over by Saim Ayub.



Asian Games: Prez Murmu congratulates Kumkum, Pranavi on historic gold medals

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday congratulated archery gold medalist Kumkum Mohod and golfer Pranavi Sharath Urs for their historic performances at the Asian Games 2026, highlighting their achievements as milestones for Indian women in sport. Congratulating Kumkum on becoming the first Indian woman to win the Asian Games individual recurve gold, the president said the 17-year-old had enjoyed an “exceptional campaign” at the Games and also contributed to India’s medal haul in the team events. “Warmest congratulations to Kumkum Anil Mohod on scripting history as the first Indian to win the Gold Medal in the Recurve Women’s Individual event at the Asian Games 2026,” the President wrote on X.

She also referred to the moment India’s national anthem was played at the archery venue following Kumkum’s gold-medal winning performance. “The Asian Games venue resonated with our National Anthem after your gold medal winning performance,” she wrote, adding that Kumkum had made a “major contribution” to the success of India’s women archers at the Games.



Asian Games: India draw a blank in taekwondo to end campaign

Toyohashi, Oct 3 : India’s wait for another Asian Games taekwondo medal will stretch on after the country’s three-woman contingent returned empty-handed from Aichi-Nagoya 2026, with the competition concluding at the Toyohashi Gymnasium in Japan on Saturday. Kashish Malik, Jyoti Yadav and Rupa Bayor were India’s representatives across four medal events, but none could progress far enough to challenge for a podium finish. India’s last Asian Games taekwondo medal remains Surendra Bhandari’s

bronze from Busan in 2002. Kashish provided India’s deepest run of the Games, reaching the quarterfinals of the mixed individual virtual taekwondo event, which made its Asian Games debut at Aichi-Nagoya. She began with a 2-0 victory over Hong Kong China’s Siu Wai Lam, winning the two rounds 800-500 and 400-0. Her campaign ended in the quarterfinals against Kazakhstan’s Rita Bakisheva, who eventually claimed bronze. Kashish won the opening round 320-0 after Bakisheva took a 320-0 lead in the first round.