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The key implementation test will be whether transmission projects and battery capacity are commissioned in step with renewable generation. Attention will also turn to state-wise allocations, procurement costs, storage tariffs and whether delays or cost overruns ultimately affect electricity consumers.



No Compromise on Health and Safety of Students in Residential Institutions: Sanjay Jajoo

Munsif News Bureau Medak, Sep. 30:

Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jajoo has directed officials to comprehensively monitor the functioning of all residential educational institutions across the state and regularly update details of ground-level measures and resolution of issues on the Integrated Portal. He made it clear that no negligence would be tolerated with regard to students’ health, safety, nutrition and mental well-being. Officials were instructed to ensure mandatory implementation of the Facial Recognition System (FRS) attendance in all educational institutions and closely

monitor staff punctuality and performance of their duties. The Chief Secretary said that food served to students must be hygienic and meet prescribed quality standards. Kitchens should be inspected daily, with special attention to the cleanliness of cooking areas, utensils, food storage rooms and surrounding premises. He directed officials to appoint a nodal officer for every educational institution to continuously monitor students’ welfare, attendance, sanitation, food quality, drinking water, safety and other essential facilities. Nodal officers should regularly visit the institutions and submit reports.



He also instructed that women officers be appointed as nodal officers in girls’ residential institutions. They should specifically monitor the safety, health, personal concerns, sanitation and counselling needs of girl students. Sanjay Jajoo stressed that students’ mental health was equally important. Officials were asked to identify signs of mental stress, personal difficulties and

emotional distress at an early stage and provide counselling whenever required. Regular mental health awareness programmes should also be conducted for students.

BRS Holds Rasta Roko Over Shekhar's Suicide; Traffic Hit for Two Hours

Munsif News Bureau Zaheerabad, Sep. 30:

BRS leaders and workers staged a rasta roko protest near the Zaheerabad Town Police Station on Tuesday, protesting the suicide of BRS leader Shekhar of Bilalpur village in Kohir mandal. The protest was led by Zaheerabad MLA Manik Rao, with a large number of BRS leaders and workers participating. The protesters demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation into Shekhar’s suicide and sought action against those responsible. According to the protesters, Shekhar had been called to the Zaheerabad Town



Police Station three days ago for questioning in connection with a case. He was released after questioning. His subsequent suicide raised several questions, prompting BRS leaders to demand a detailed

inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the incident. During the protest, BRS leaders and workers raised slogans against the police and demanded that the facts be brought to light.

Section 30 of Police Act Enforced in Adilabad from October 1

Munsif News Bureau Adilabad, Sept 30:

Section 30 of the Police Act, 1861, will be enforced across Adilabad district from October 1 to October 31 as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order, prevent anti-social activities and ensure a peaceful atmosphere. District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, IPS, announced this in a press statement issued from the district police headquarters on Wednesday. The SP stated that under the orders, organising or making preparations for public meetings,



processions, dharnas, rallies and other public gatherings without prior written permission from an officer of the rank of DSP or above is strictly prohibited. Violators will face legal action. Carrying prohibited weapons, including knives, sticks, firearms, explosives or other ar-

ticles that could be used to incite violence or criminal activity, has also been prohibited. The use of high-volume loudspeakers, DJs, microphones and publicity vehicles (Prachara Rathas) that cause inconvenience or disrupt public life will not be permitted without the required permission. SP Akhil Mahajan appealed to citizens to cooperate with the police and administration in ensuring that the upcoming Durga Devi Navratri festival is celebrated peacefully and harmoniously. He advised organisers to submit applications well in advance to obtain the necessary permissions for any proposed events.

Hard Work Has No Substitute, Free Coaching a Boon for Police Job Aspirants: CP Shweta

Munsif News Bureau Warangal, Sep. 30:

Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shweta, IPS, has said that hard work, discipline and proper planning are essential for candidates aspiring to secure police jobs, and urged them to make the best use of the free coaching being provided by the Police Commissionerate. A meeting was held at Shubham Function Hall in Bhimaram ahead of training classes for 560 candidates who qualified in the screening test conducted as part of the free coaching programme organ-



ised by the Warangal Police Commissionerate with the support of public representatives and district Collectors. Addressing the candidates, Commissioner Shweta said several aspirants had secured

police jobs in the past after benefiting from free coaching provided by the Police Commissionerate. She said candidates could achieve success by studying with proper planning, discipline and consistent effort. She cautioned aspirants against falling victim to middlemen who promise government jobs in return for money and advised them not to pay anyone on the assurance of securing employment. The Commissioner appealed to all the candidates to make full use of the free coaching facility, attend classes regularly and work towards achieving their goal of securing a police job. Central Zone DCP Kavitha, Additional DCP Suresh, Hanamkonda ACP Narasimha Rao, KU CIs, RIs, RSIs and other police personnel attended the meeting.

RAMCHANDER RAO WELCOMES HIKE IN RABI MSP

Hyderabad, Sept.30 (NSS): Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao welcomed the Union Cabinet’s decision to increase the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for mandated Rabi crops for the 2027–28 marketing season. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved higher MSPs for wheat, barley, gram, lentil (masur), rapeseed and mustard, and safflower. In a post on X, Rao said the decision reflected the Central government’s commitment to improving the livelihoods of farmers.



Yennam Srinivas Reddy said 3,500 houses had been sanctioned for the constituency in the first phase, while another 2,000 Indiramma houses were allocated in the second phase, taking the total number of sanctioned houses in the constituency to 5,500.

Congress Government Committed to Providing Houses to Every Poor Family: Yennam Srinivas

Munsif News Bureau Mahbubnagar, Sept.30:

Government Whip and Mahbubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy said the Congress government was committed to providing a house to every poor family in the Mahbubnagar Assembly constituency. He was speaking at a programme held at the MLA Camp Office on Wednesday, where he distributed sanction proceedings documents for houses to eligible beneficiaries living in huts under the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme. The amount would be

deposited directly into the beneficiaries’ bank accounts based on the progress of construction. The first instalment would be released after completion of the foundation, followed by further instalments at different stages of construction. The second instalment would be released after completion of the roof, while the final instalment would be released when the house reaches the final stage of construction. The MLA said officials would regularly inspect construction works at the field level and upload photographs of the progress online.

Nizamabad Athlete Tabassum Shines at Senior National Ball Badminton

Nizamabad Bureau Nizamabad, Sept.30:

Tabassum Begum, a student of Telangana Minority Residential College for Girls at Ranjal in Nizamabad district, brought laurels to the district by playing a key role in the Telangana women’s team at the 72nd Senior National Ball Badminton Championship. The championship was held at Srikalahasti in Tirupati district of Andhra Pradesh, where the Telangana women’s team secured fourth place at the national level. Tabassum Begum represented the Telangana team at the prestigious national tournament

and put up an impressive performance on the courts in Tirupati, contributing significantly to her team’s progress to the semi-finals and its fourth-place finish. Earlier, while studying at the Telangana Minority Residential Junior College for Girls at Ranjal, Tabassum impressed selectors with her all-round abilities at the state-level final team selection camp held at Balanagar in Hyderabad and earned a place in the state team. She continued her strong performance at the 72nd Senior National Ball Badminton Championship and played a key role in helping the Telangana team reach the semi-finals.

Municipal Workers Urged to Prioritise Their Health



Munsif News Bureau Kalwakurthy, Sept.30:

Kalwakurthy Municipal Chairperson Burangi Rathanamala Anand Kumar said the health and safety of municipal workers were being given top priority. On Wednesday, she inaugurated a free health camp organised by the Kalwakurthy Government Hospital for municipal workers at the Kalwakurthy Municipal Office, along with Vice-Chairman Shah Nawaz Khan

and Municipal Commissioner Mahmood Shaikh. Medical examinations were conducted for the workers during the camp, while safety jackets and gloves were distributed to them. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson said sanitation workers of the municipality worked day and night to maintain cleanliness in the town and protect public health. She advised workers to use safety equipment while performing their duties.



Jogulamba Gadwal District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik directed officials to strengthen road safety measures in coordination with the concerned departments to prevent road accidents in the district. The Collector held a District Road Safety Committee meeting with officials of various departments at the IDOC Conference Hall on Wednesday. Speaking at the meeting, he directed officials to identify black spots where accidents occur frequently and take necessary safety measures.

TUWJ-IJU to Hold District General Body Meeting

Munsif News Bureau Kagaznagar, Sept 30:

Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) District President Abdul Rahman and District General

Secretary S. Sampath Kumar said the welfare of journalists and protection of their rights were the primary objectives of the TUWJ. On Tuesday, posters for the third district general body meeting of TUWJ-

IJU were unveiled at the Retired Employees Bhavan in the municipal area of Kagaznagar. Speaking on the occasion, they said TUWJ had been striving for a long time to secure the demands and rights of journalists.

Road Safety Measures Strengthened in Jogulamba Gadwal

Munsif News Bureau Gadwal, Sept.30:

Jogulamba Gadwal District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik directed officials to strengthen road safety measures in coordination with the concerned departments to prevent road accidents in the district. The Collector held a District Road Safety Committee meeting with officials of various departments at the IDOC Conference Hall on Wednesday. Speaking at the meeting, he directed officials to identify black spots where accidents occur frequently and take necessary safety measures. He instructed officials to identify and resolve issues on national highways, inter-state highways and roads leading to rural areas at the earliest. He also directed officials of the

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to complete pending safety works on national highways without delay. The Collector called for strict regulation of vehicle parking on service roads near toll plazas and hotels and directed officials to ensure that vehicles are parked only in designated areas. He also instructed officials to provide additional lighting at toll plazas, particularly at curves, and ensure adequate illumination along highways. He directed officials to keep ambulance and patrolling services readily available and ensure effective functioning of toll-free emergency services. The Collector instructed officials to install a signboard at the Eravalli X Road indicating the direction towards Jogulamba Gadwal district. He also ordered the installa-

tion of clear signboards indicating the direction and distance to the Alampur Sri Jogulamba Temple. He said such signage would help devotees and tourists visiting the district reach the temple easily. R&B Executive Engineer Pragathi was directed to inspect the Raichur, Aija, Gattu and Eravalli roads and undertake necessary repairs to improve road safety. R&B officials were also instructed to prepare a proposal for an approach road to Rajoli mandal along the Bharatmala Highway and submit it to the highway authorities. The Collector directed the police department to undertake continuous patrolling and traffic monitoring on highways and major roads and take special measures to prevent accidents.

Co-option Members’ Election in Zaheerabad Municipality Remains Pending

Munsif News Bureau Zaheerabad, Sept 30:

The election of four co-option members in Zaheerabad Municipality continues to remain pending, nearly seven

months after the formation of the municipal governing council. Lack of political consensus among local leaders has reportedly delayed the process, with around 36 aspirants seeking the

four positions. Co-option members can attend municipal council meetings, raise issues concerning their respective wards, bring public grievances to the atten-

tion of officials and represent people’s concerns. However, they do not have voting rights in important matters such as no-confidence motions. Despite this, the positions have attracted

considerable political and social interest because of the recognition, protocol and opportunities for public service associated with them. A majority of those who ap-

plied for the four co-option posts are reportedly associated with the Congress. However, differences among various groups within the party and competing demands from senior leaders to

accommodate their supporters have complicated the selection process. Some leaders who were denied tickets in the municipal elections, along with senior

leaders and other aspirants, are also seeking the co-option posts. Party leaders are reportedly considering candidates who could be acceptable to different groups and help



Collector Inspects Land for Dal Mill in Parvathagiri; Anganwadi Centres' Cleanliness, Records Reviewed

Munsif News Bureau Warangal,Sept.30:

District Collector Dr Satya Sarada on Wednesday inspected suitable sites for setting up a dal mill in Parvathagiri mandal. Accompanied by field-level officials, she visited Konkapaka and the market yard and examined locations for processing organic pulses and millets and manufacturing plates and tiffin plates from banana and modugu leaves.

The Collector discussed with officials the proposal to establish a tur dal and other pulse processing unit under women's organisations, with the objective of adding value to locally



grown crops and creating employment and income opportunities for women's groups. She also reviewed the availability of land for the mill, space for a VO building and basic infrastructure.

Later, Dr Satya Sarada

conducted surprise inspections of Anganwadi centres at Daulat Nagar and Utti Tanda in Parvathagiri mandal. Expressing displeasure over poor cleanliness at the centres, she directed the concerned Anganwadi teachers to ensure

proper sanitation.

She instructed officials to make uniforms compulsory for children and provide quality, nutritious food strictly according to the prescribed menu. She also directed that the ayahs regularly discharge their responsibilities related to cleanliness.

The Collector expressed displeasure over improper maintenance of records at the Anganwadi centres.

She instructed the District Welfare Officer to issue show-cause notices to Anganwadi teachers who failed to maintain records properly and to Anganwadi supervisors who did not conduct regular inspections of the centres.

Trust is the new cyber security battlefield: Experts

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.30:

Cybercrime is increasingly becoming a battle for human trust and judgement rather than technology alone, cyber-security experts and police officials said at a symposium in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Themed "When Trust becomes the weapon - The new battle for the human mind", the programme was organised by Symposium in collaboration with the Telangana State Police, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau and Cyberabad Police. More than 200 people attended the event at Hotel Avasa, Madhapur.

Shikha Goel, Principal Secretary to Home department, Telangana, and Director, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, said stock-market and investment frauds had emerged as among the most financially damaging cybercrimes in the State.

Nearly 60 per cent of finan-



cial losses suffered by cyber-crime victims in Telangana were linked to stock-trading and business investment frauds, she noted.

Cybercriminals were increasingly studying human behaviour, building trust and manipulating victims into transferring their own money, Goel said.

She added that sophisticated fraud networks operating from countries including Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia were using multilingual call centres and multiple layers to target victims.

"Cybercrime is one of the

most organised crimes. At the same time, it is also one of the most preventable crimes. People get trapped because of their fear, greed and ignorance", she said.

Goel said Rs.455 crore lost to cyber fraudsters had been recovered over the last two years. "Innocence doesn't work. If you don't want to fall prey to cyber fraud, you have to be intelligent. Trust your intelligence. Pause, think and verify before you act", she said.

Air Vice Marshal (Dr.) Devesh Vatsa, VSM, Cyber Security & Critical Technologies Advisor, DSCI,

who moderated the discussion, described the Lakshman Rekha from the Ramayana as the "original firewall" — a boundary designed to keep threats out. "Cybercrime is nothing but greed, lust and fear", he said, warning that the weaponization of trust was emerging as a major cybercrime strategy.

Cyber-law expert and Supreme Court Advocate Dr. Pavan Duggal cautioned against excessive dependence on Artificial Intelligence. "Don't use AI for recommendations for every small thing. Keep AI at arm's length", he said, warning that excessive dependence on AI could weaken independent human judgement.

Duggal called for dedicated legal frameworks for AI and deep fakes and greater accountability for AI-related harms. He also referred to the Draft Regulations for Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Courts, 2026.



Medak District Collector Pratima Singh advised farmers to focus on alternative crops instead of traditional paddy cultivation in view of the impact of El Niño and adopt modern agricultural practices to increase their income. The Collector inspected various horticulture crop fields established with the support of the Horticulture Department at Mutrajpally village in Kowdipally mandal and reviewed the crop conditions.

Systematic Preparation Key to SI/PC Exam Success: Faraaz Mohiuddin

Munsif News Bureau Kagaznagar,Sept.30:

A guidance programme titled "How to Crack SI/PC Exams" was organised at the Minority Function Hall, Indira Market, Kagaznagar, to guide youngsters preparing for Sub-Inspector (SI) and Police Constable (PC) competitive examinations. A large number of aspirants from Kagaznagar and surrounding areas attended the programme.

The programme was organised by the Academy of Success

and Excellence, with competitive-examination expert Faraaz Mohiuddin as the resource person. He provided aspirants with guidance on systematic preparation, examination strategy, previous question papers and physical fitness.

Addressing the gathering, Faraaz Mohiuddin said systematic planning, consistency, regular study, continuous practice and effective time management were essential for success in competitive examinations.

GWMC Prioritising Health and Safety of Sanitation Workers: Commissioner

Munsif News Bureau Warangal,Sept.30:

Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) Commissioner T. Venkanna said the health and safety of sanitation workers, who render continuous services to keep the city clean, was being accorded top priority by the civic body.

As part of the "Swachhata Hi Seva" programme, Commissioner Venkanna inaugurated a special free medical camp for sanitation workers at

the GWMC Indoor Stadium.

Eye examinations were conducted with the support of Smart Vision Eye Hospital, while medical staff from UPHCs in Warangal district carried out blood tests and other basic health check-ups and provided free medicines wherever required. Health cards were issued to all sanitation workers, with their medical details to be recorded in the cards.

Medical camps will be organised once every three months.

BRAOU 27th Convocation to Be Held on October 7

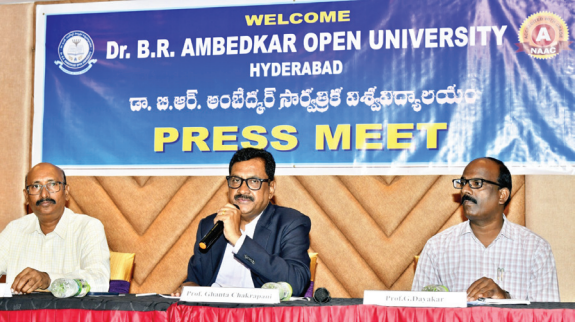
36,145 Students to Receive Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates; 23 PhDs, 38 Gold Medals and Honorary Doctorate for Filmmaker B. Narsing Rao

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.30:

The 27th Convocation of Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) will be held on October 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bhavanam Venkatram Auditorium on the university campus at Road No. 46, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.

University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, speaking at a press conference on Wednesday, said a total of 36,145 candidates would be awarded degrees, diplomas and certificates at the convocation.

Telangana Governor and University Chancellor Shiv Pratap Shukla will attend as the chief guest and confer M.Phil and PhD degrees, undergraduate



and postgraduate gold medals and book prizes.

Former NAAC Director and former BRAOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. V.S. Prasad will deliver the convocation address. Renowned filmmaker, producer, writer and actor B. Narsing Rao will be conferred an honorary doctorate (Honoris Causa). Prof. Chakrapani will preside

over the ceremony. According to the Vice-Chancellor, 17,960 candidates are from undergraduate programmes, while 18,185 are from postgraduate, diploma and certificate programmes.

Among the graduates, 19,800 are women and 16,334 are men, while 11 transgender candidates will also receive certificates. The graduating candidates include 43

personnel from the armed forces, comprising 37 men and six women.

A total of 23 research scholars will be awarded PhD degrees, while one candidate will receive an M.Phil degree.

38 Gold Medals; Women Win 29

The university will confer 38 gold medals, including 16 for undergraduate and 22 for post-graduate programmes. Women have secured 29 gold medals, while men have won nine.

In the undergraduate category, women secured 14 gold medals and men two. In the postgraduate category, women secured 15 and men seven. Nokapalli Suresh, an inmate of Rajahmundry Central Jail.

Self-Awareness, Lifelong Learning Key to Quality Education: Pasha

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad,Sept.30:

Teachers play a vital role in inspiring students, building their confidence and preparing them to face the challenges of life, said Maulana Mufti Dr Hafiz Mohammed Saber Pasha

Quadri, President, Languages Development Organisation, and Khateeb and Imam of Telangana State Haj House Mosque, Nampally.

He was speaking at a felicitation programme organised in honour of Maulana Hafiz Mohammed Ayub Ahmed

Ansari, School Assistant (Urdu), Government High School, Moghalpura, who received the Best Teacher Award for his distinguished services in the field of education.

Dr Pasha Quadri said a teacher's responsibility extends beyond classroom teaching

and includes shaping the intellectual, moral and educational foundations of the younger generation. He stressed the need for teachers to regularly evaluate their performance, acknowledge shortcomings and adopt new methods to meet the changing needs of students.

Nizamabad Police Personnel Felicitated at Retirement Farewell



NSS Nizamabad, Sept 30:

A retirement farewell programme was held at the Nizamabad Police Commissioner's Office for police personnel who retired from service. The retirees were felicitated with shawls and presented with retirement greetings certificates along with mementos.

Speaking on the occasion, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, said it was commendable that the retiring personnel had discharged their duties in the Police Department despite heavy work pressure and

completed their service without any adverse remarks.

He said retirement was an inevitable part of every government employee's career and appreciated the valuable services rendered by the personnel to the Police Department.

He assured them that the department would extend necessary assistance whenever required even after their retirement.

The Commissioner wished the retired personnel and their family members good health and expressed hope that their children would have a bright future.



State Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy said the establishment of an oil palm factory in Nizamabad district would provide greater benefits to local farmers and create additional employment opportunities.

Oil Palm Factory to Boost Farmers' Benefits: Sudarshan Reddy

Nizamabad Bureau Nizamabad, Sept 30:

State Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy said the establishment of an oil palm factory in Nizamabad district would provide greater benefits to local farmers and create additional employment opportunities.

Sudarshan Reddy, along with Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Collector Bhavesh Mishra, State Urdu Academy Chairman Taher Bin Handan, State Agriculture Commission member Gadugu Gangadhar, Armoor Sub-

Collector Abhigyan Malviya, Additional Collector Rajagoud and other senior officials, inspected lands adjacent to the Lakkampally SEZ in Nandipet mandal on Wednesday to identify a suitable site for the proposed oil palm industry.

The officials discussed the suitability of the identified land for establishing the factory. They noted that the availability of land for setting up a refinery in the future, the proximity of neighbouring Nirmal district within a 50-km radius, and the presence of more than 17,000 acres under

oil palm cultivation in the two districts would be favourable factors. The cultivation area is also expected to increase by another 5,000 acres.

Sudarshan Reddy instructed officials to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the site.

He said State Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao was ready to lay the foundation stone for the oil palm factory once the site was finalised. He appealed to farmers to voluntarily come forward and take up oil palm cultivation.

Farmers Urged to take up alternative Crops to tackle El Niño Effects: Collector

Munsif News Bureau Medak, Sept 30:

Medak District Collector Pratima Singh advised farmers to focus on alternative crops instead of traditional paddy cultivation in view of the impact of El Niño and adopt modern agricultural practices to increase their income.

The Collector inspected various horticulture crop fields established with the support of

the Horticulture Department at Mutrajpally village in Kowdipally mandal and reviewed the crop conditions.

She first inspected the polyhouse of farmer K. Ravinder, who is cultivating European cucumber (dosakaya) on around 20 guntas. The Collector enquired about the cost of cultivation, production, marketing and income generated by the crop.

Ravinder told the Collector that the polyhouse was estab-

lished under a State government scheme in 2018-19 and that he was currently cultivating European cucumber. He said the 2,000-square-metre polyhouse produces around 25 to 30 tonnes of crop within approximately 90 days, generating a net profit of around ₹7 lakh to ₹8 lakh per crop.

Appreciating Ravinder's efforts, Collector Pratima Singh said young farmers should adopt modern agricultural methods and

become an example for others. She said farmers could increase their income by taking up vegetable cultivation and other alternative crops.

Steps for Effective Pollination in Oil Palm

Later, the Collector inspected an oil palm plantation cultivated under the NMEO-OP scheme. On the occasion, she personally released Elaeidobius kamerunicus insects used for pollination in oil palm plantations.

Officials explained that the insects help in effective pollination, resulting in increased fruit bunch weight and higher yields.

Reviewing the oil palm crop, the Collector urged farmers to explore alternative crops and adopt modern farming techniques to improve their income.

Collector Pratima Singh also inspected a farm pond constructed under the MIDH scheme. Officials explained that the farm pond would be useful for provid-

ing protective irrigation to horticulture crops during the summer.

Encouraging horticulture farmers, the Collector said modern cultivation practices should be promoted with the support of the Horticulture Department and farmers should make full use of the government schemes available to them. District Horticulture and Sericulture Officer Pratap Singh, District Agriculture Officer Dev Kumar, Horticulture Extension Officers.



CBI arrests Western Coalfields Limited official in bribery case

IANSS
New Delhi , Sep 30:

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday arrested a Senior Overseer (Civil) of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), Umred Area, for allegedly accepting a bribe.

The case was registered after a complaint alleging that the officer demanded Rs 50,000, or two per cent of a Rs 25.35 lakh bill, for releasing payment for ongoing contractual work.

The contractor had been awarded work to construct two borewells and install submersible pumps and water pipelines at the Pirwa village rehabilitation site.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while accepting Rs 40,000. He was subsequently arrested, and further investigation is underway.

Bihar Mahagathbandhan echo in Oppn’s UP seat-sharing debates?

IANSS
New Delhi , Sep 30:

Seat-sharing differences between the Congress and Samajwadi Party (SP) ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections have drawn comparisons with the Mahagathbandhan’s negotiations in Bihar before the 2025 polls.

The Congress is seeking at least 150 of Uttar Pradesh’s 403 Assembly seats, while the SP has been preparing across the state. Detailed discussions are expected in October, with the final arrangement likely to be decided by the senior leadership of both parties.

The Congress-SP alliance had performed strongly in

Green energy scheme ‘big push’ towards achieving 900 GW non-fossil capacity by 2035: PM Modi

IANSS
New Delhi , Sep 30:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Cabinet decision on the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme is a “big push” towards achieving 900 GW non-fossil capacity by 2035.

The Cabinet has approved the GEC-III scheme to enable evacuation of up to 135 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy across states and Union Territories. “Cleaner power. Stronger grids. More opportunities,” PM Modi said in a post on X.

“The Cabinet decision on the Green Energy Corridor Phase III will ensure: 135 GW renewable energy evacuation. 50 GWh battery storage. Stronger power grids across States and UTs. More jobs in manufacturing, construction, and energy storage. Big push towards



900 GW non-fossil capacity by 2035,” he added. India’s total installed power capacity reached 552 GW in July 2026, up from 249 GW in 2014.

Notably, non-fossil capacity reached 300.50 GW (as of July 31, 2026), accounting for over 54 per cent of total installed capacity.

India ranks third globally in renewable energy installed capacity. Its installed solar capacity has reached 164.59 GW (as of July 31,

2026), rising from 2.8 GW in 2014. Solar is now the largest component of India’s renewable energy capacity. India became the world’s second-largest solar growth market in 2025, adding more than 37 GW of solar capacity, compared with 34 GW added by the US.

The GEC-III scheme is targeted to be set up by FY 2032-33 with a total project outlay of Rs 1,86,405 crore, comprising Rs 1,36,378 crore for the development

of Intra-State Transmission Systems (InSTS) under GEC-III and Rs 50,000 crore for 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

BESS manufacturing and deployment will additionally generate employment in the domestic energy storage industry. The scheme will also generate long-term skilled employment in operation, maintenance, and grid management across participating states.

The scheme also provides for deployment of 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) at the Renewable Energy (RE) developer/generator end or any other location of importance for grid flexibility to address intermittency, congestion, peak-hour curtailment and meet non-solar hour demand. The Scheme involves a total Central financial support of Rs 54,082 crore.

Bihar CM Choudhary inspects flood-hit West Champaran

IANSS
Patna, Sep 30:

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary arrived at the PM SHRI Government Plus-2 High School in Bathna on Wednesday afternoon to assess the flood situation and review relief and rescue preparations in West Champaran. Choudhary reached the school premises by helicopter at around 12:02 p.m. After landing, he received a briefing from administrative officials on the flood situation and arrangements being made for affected people.

Senior officials, including the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and BJP MP Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, had reached Bathna ahead of the Chief Minister’s arrival.

During the visit, Choudhary inspected the newly constructed helipad, security arrangements and the flood relief shelter at Bathna. Officials briefed him about the situation in affected areas and ongoing relief and rescue operations.

Choudhary said surveys of the Gandak and Kosi rivers were underway and that the findings would be used to strengthen vulnerable embankment stretches and make them more permanent.

After reviewing the arrangements at Bathna, he travelled through Machhargaoon to Bankatwa and later visited flood-affected areas, including Shivrajpur, by SDRF boat. During the tour, he assessed the flood situation and the difficulties being faced by residents.

Choudhary later visited the flood relief shelter at Bathna and reviewed the facilities available there. He interacted with flood victims, heard their grievances and assured them that the administration would work to address their concerns.

Relief materials were distributed among affected residents during the visit. Administrative and police personnel remained deployed in the area from Bathna to Shivrajpur as part of the ongoing relief and rescue efforts.

Mizoram: ED seizes Rs 4.76 crore in 22 bank accounts in cross-border drug trafficking case

IANSS
New Delhi, Sep 30:

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached balances totalling around Rs 4.76 crore in 22 bank accounts under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with an organised cross-border narcotics trafficking and money laundering network in Mizoram.

The ED said the action followed a Provisional Attachment Order issued on September 28. The probe was initiated on the basis of an NCB case involving the seizure of 49.101 kg of methamphetamine tablets and 40 grams of heroin in Mizoram on August 21, 2025.

According to the agency, the drugs were allegedly sourced from Myanmar and transported through the India-Myanmar border for distribution in other parts of India. The network allegedly involved Myanmar-based suppliers, local coordinators, transporters and receivers, with proceeds routed through multiple bank accounts and hawala channels.

The ED identified Myanmar national Thangchintuang alias Chintuang as the alleged main kingpin. He was arrested by the NCB in May 2026 and is lodged in Central Jail, Aizawl.

The agency said another Rs 3.42 crore had earlier been frozen in bank accounts linked to the accused and beneficiaries. With the lat-

All Indian Muslims are converts, have Lord Ram and Krishna as ancestors: Baba Ramdev

IANSS
Mathura , Sep 30:

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev on Wednesday remarked all Muslims in India are “converts” and that they should acknowledge Lord Ram and Lord Krishna as their “ancestors” in order to derive strength and unity.

The Yoga guru made the remarks after AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi said that no political party in India wanted Muslims to have an independent political agency, alleging that the community has been reduced to vote bank.



Speaking to IANS, Baba Ramdev said: “I would urge all my Muslim brothers to recognise that our ancient sages are their ancestors too; Lord Ram and Lord Krishna are their ancestors as well. If Muslims connect with their ancestral roots, they will never feel weak.” “This is because every Muslim in India is a convert. If Hindus and Muslims live together in unity, they will become strong themselves, and the country will also grow stronger,” he added.

Earlier this year, National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party’s (BJP) Minority Morcha, Jamal Siddiqui, had made a similar statement. Siddiqui said: “Muslims who do not believe in Ram and Krishna

cannot be called Muslims”, while asserting that the revered figures may have a place within Islamic spiritual lineage.

In an interview with a media house, the BJP leader said: “All Muslims are descendants of Lord Ram.”

Similar remarks were made by Uttar Pradesh Minister Anand Swaroop Shukla in 2021.

He had also said that Lord Ram, Shri Krishna, and Lord Shiva were the ancestors of Indian Muslims and that they should bow to the “land and culture of India”.

Meanwhile, Baba Ramdev also reacted to the Lord Shiva-Lord Ram remarks made by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy .

“Sanatan has existed for ages and will continue to do so. Some people previously sowed discord within Sanatan based on caste, class, and community. Now, they claim that

Lord Ram is the God of the rich and Lord Shiva is the God of the poor. There is no distinction between Lord Ram, Shri Krishna, Lord Hanuman, Lord Shiva, the Divine Couple (Bhagavan-Bhagavati), Uma-Maheshwar, Lakshmi-Narayana, Sita-Ram, Radha-Krishna, or Rukmini-Krishna,” he said.

The Yoga guru asserted that all those who harbour such “divisive mindsets” are “opposed to Sanatan”.

“I appeal to everyone, do not create confusion and do not discriminate, at least not in the name of God,” he added. The Telangana Chief Minister had described Lord Shiva as the “God of the poor” and Lord Ram as the “God of the rich”, adding that both deities are revered by people.

He made the remarks while questioning the BJP’s repeated use of the slogan “Jai Shri Ram”.

J&K Assembly adjourned sine die, autumn session ends

Speaker urges constructive debate as 7-day J&K Assembly session concludes



IANSS
Srinagar , Sep 30:

The J&K Legislative Assembly was adjourned sine die on Wednesday as the Autumn Session ended.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather thanked members for their participation and said his responsibility as presiding officer was to help legislators raise public issues and convey the people’s expectations.

He said he had tried to accommodate members irrespective of their political affiliations and reiterated that he did not belong to any political party.

“I have tried to accommodate everyone irrespective of party affiliation, and I reiterate that I do not belong to any political party,” he said.

He described the Autumn Session as a short one and said longer sessions would help both him and those who wished to participate in discussions on behalf of the people they represent.

Referring to disruptions and heated exchanges, Rather said such incidents were common in legislatures worldwide, but urged members to raise their con-

cerns more constructively.

He said the Opposition also had its compulsions, which needed consideration.

“I could have marshalled them out, but I did not. I have to keep patience,” he said.

The Speaker complimented legislators for their efforts and said the people had elected leaders who were the cream of society.

He also praised the Council of Ministers for their work, saying it was not easy to handle multiple departments and that their efforts deserved appreciation.

Referring to Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma’s remarks on schooling, Rather urged him to take the matter positively, saying he was young and had a long future ahead.

“He is dear to me, and expectations from him are high,” Rather said.

He also praised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his regular attendance and participation in the proceedings.

Rather said the Chief Minister attended the session regularly, responded to issues himself and came prepared with substantial

work, which contributed to the functioning of the House.

He added that Omar Abdullah had wanted to attend the concluding proceedings as well, but had official commitments.

The Speaker also acknowledged the efforts of Assembly staff, security personnel, PHE, PDD and other line departments in facilitating the proceedings.

He praised the press and media, describing them as an important pillar of democracy and a vital link between the Assembly and the people.

“The press and media are an important pillar of democracy and an important part of us,” Rather said, adding that journalists highlight people’s issues and keep the public informed about Assembly proceedings. He said the media’s role during a session was sensitive and acknowledged its overall contribution despite occasional misconduct.

The 2026 Autumn Session of the J&K Legislative Assembly was held in Srinagar from September 21 to September 30 and lasted seven working days.

Centre approves Rs 5,547.99 crore MSP procurement

PIB
New Delhi, Sep 30:

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved procurement worth Rs 5,547.99 crore at Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27 in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana.

The decision will facilitate procurement of 7.06 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds at MSP and is aimed at protecting farmers from a decline in market prices and ensuring remunerative returns, particularly for pulse and oilseed growers.

Chouhan said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, farmer welfare, increasing farm incomes and strengthening self-reliance in agriculture remain key priorities of the government. He said efforts were being made to ensure remunerative prices for farmers and make procurement mechanisms more transparent and accessible.



In Uttar Pradesh, procurement worth Rs 3,992.57 crore has been approved. This includes 4,66,000 metric tonnes of tur valued at Rs 3,937.70 crore and 6,250 metric tonnes of moong valued at Rs 54.87 crore.

For Karnataka, procurement worth Rs 1,107 crore has been approved. The plan covers 1,15,500 metric tonnes of soybean valued at Rs 659.27 crore, 38,250 metric tonnes of moong valued at Rs 335.83 crore and 13,413 metric tonnes of sunflower valued at Rs 111.90 crore.

In Telangana, procurement worth Rs 448.42 crore has been approved. This comprises 62,000 metric tonnes of soybean valued at Rs 353.90 crore

and 10,766 metric tonnes of moong valued at Rs 94.52 crore.

Chouhan said the decision would provide greater economic security to farmers, encourage domestic production of pulses and oilseeds and contribute to India’s efforts towards self-reliance in pulses and edible oils.

The government said procurement arrangements at all designated centres would remain transparent and farmers would receive payment for their produce directly into their bank accounts in a timely manner.

The government said the procurement will strengthen MSP support for farmers and help promote domestic production of pulses and oilseeds.



India, Saudi Arabia discuss strengthening parliamentary cooperation

IAN S
Riyadh , Sep 30:

India and Saudi Arabia held discussions on strengthening parliamentary cooperation and exchanges as well as deepening bilateral cooperation across various sectors during a meeting between Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Vipul and Saudi Shura Council Speaker Abdullah Al Al-Sheikh.

During the September 29 meeting, the two sides reviewed the strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia, with particular focus on strengthening relations between the Indian Parliament and the Shura Council. They also exchanged views on various issues of mutual interest. The meeting was attended by Shura Council member and Chairman of the Saudi-Indian Parliamentary Friendship Committee, Major General Dr Abdulrahman Al-Harbi.

Earlier, on September 20, Ambassador Vipul met Riyadh Governor Prince Faisal bin Bandar



bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. The two sides discussed the close and wide-ranging ties between the two countries, with emphasis on cooperation in trade, investment, energy, technology, education, culture and people-to-people relations. Vipul also thanked the governor for the continued support and care extended to the Indian community in Saudi Arabia.

On September 10, Vipul met Saudi Arabia's Assistant Minister of Defence Khaled bin Hussain Al Biyari in Riyadh. Their discussions

focused on India-Saudi defence cooperation and regional developments, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to further strengthening the strategic partnership.

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh was on an official visit to Saudi Arabia from September 5-8. During the visit, he met Saudi Arabia's Vice Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Mansour Hilal Al Mushaiti and discussed cooperation in environment and climate action.

Singh also visited Indian workers at the Al Fanar Company labour camp and highlighted their contribution to strengthening ties between India and Saudi Arabia. He reiterated the government's commitment to the welfare of the Indian diaspora, particularly workers.

The minister also met Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Climate Envoy Adel al-Jubeir, with both sides reviewing bilateral relations and discussing cooperation on climate action.

Over three tonnes of illegal drugs destroyed in Afghanistan's Takhar

IAN S
Riyadh , Sep 30:

Afghan authorities destroyed more than three tonnes of illegal drugs in northern Takhar province on Wednesday, provincial police spokesman Naqibullah Masroor said.

The contraband, publicly burned in the presence of government officials and residents, included three tonnes of opium, 198 kg of hashish and 175 stimulant tablets locally known as "Tablet K". The drugs had been seized during counter-narcotics operations across the province over the past few months.

The provincial counter-narcotics police warned that strict action would be taken against anyone involved in producing or trafficking illegal drugs.

On September 20, Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said counter-narcotics police had arrested 60 people suspected of involvement in the illicit drug trade and seized 29 kg of narcotics during operations across 12 provinces.

FM Sitharaman urges businesses in Qatar to actively explore trade, investment partnerships

IAN S
Riyadh , Sep 30:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has urged the Qatari Businessmen Association (QBA) to actively explore trade and investment partnerships with India and further strengthen bilateral economic ties.

Addressing a QBA business roundtable in Doha, Sitharaman highlighted India's strong economic growth, noting that real GDP growth accelerated to 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of FY26, while investment grew 11.9 per cent despite global uncertainty. She also highlighted India's record annual gross FDI inflow of \$94.53 billion in FY26.

Earlier, Sitharaman met Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Trade Dr Ahmad bin Mohammed Al-Sayed.



They discussed investment opportunities in infrastructure sectors such as ports, airports, highways and power in India, while Indian companies could explore opportunities in Qatar in food security, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, education, healthcare and start-ups.

Sitharaman said India attaches high importance to expanding trade and investment with Qatar, noting that bilateral ties were elevated

to a strategic partnership during the Qatari Amir's visit to India in February 2025.

The two sides also discussed restoring normal trade with Qatar and other Gulf countries, including uninterrupted maritime navigation and commerce through the Strait of Hormuz. They reviewed Qatar's \$10 billion investment commitment and the proposed establishment of a Qatar Investment Authority office in India.

Pichai backs White House AI safety accord



IAN S
Dharamsala , Sep 30:

Google CEO Sundar Pichai and other technology executives have signed a White House accord committing companies to stronger internal controls, independent audits and board oversight as they develop advanced artificial intelligence systems.

The agreement sets common expectations for frontier AI companies, including internal risk assessments and external evaluations, but does not create legally enforceable standards or a government regulator.

Pichai said the industry must take greater responsibility for managing AI risks while ensuring its benefits. President Donald Trump described the voluntary accord as "morally binding" and said companies would largely regulate

themselves.

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg backed stronger internal controls and external audits, while Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang said safety and innovation could advance together. Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei said AI offers major benefits but also carries serious risks.

The accord comes amid global debate over AI regulation, with the European Union adopting binding risk-based rules while the US has relied more on executive action, agency guidance and industry commitments.

The accord is aimed at strengthening accountability and safety in the development of advanced AI, with companies expected to improve risk assessment, oversight and independent checks as the technology becomes more powerful.

US bipartisan delegation meets Dalai Lama in Dharamsala



IAN S
Dharamsala , Sep 30:

A high-level bipartisan US Congressional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Brian Mast met Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama at his residence here on Wednesday, amid US President Donald Trump's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The delegation included Representatives James Gallagher, Jimmy Patronis, Haley Stevens and Shri Thanedar. They were accompanied by Tibetan Prime Minister Penpa Tsering and Jigme Tsering of the Office of the Dalai Lama.

Speaking after the meeting, Mast said China was among the major issues discussed and expressed concern over what he described as Beijing's transnational repression. He said the delegation supported freedom and democracy and that the meeting did not diminish its opposition to what it described as repression of Tibetans, Uyghurs and others in China. Mast also said the Dalai Lama viewed Trump's meeting with Xi as important, given their positions as leaders of two major global powers.

The visit comes amid continuing tensions between Washington and Beijing over human rights and

China's policies in Tibet and Xinjiang. Beijing, which considers the Dalai Lama a separatist, has expressed serious concern over the visit of the US lawmakers to Dharamsala.

The Dalai Lama, 91, has lived in exile in India since fleeing Tibet in 1959.

Meanwhile, the Central Tibetan Administration launched a revised version of its vision paper, "Securing Tibet's Future", three years after its initial release. The document focuses on strengthening the CTA's administrative capacity, seeking an early resolution to the Sino-Tibet conflict and promoting the welfare of Tibetans living in exile.

IAN S
Quetta , Sep 30:

A leading human rights organisation has highlighted enforced disappearances and targeted killings across Balochistan, allegedly carried out by Pakistani forces. According to the Human Rights Department's report of

Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC), a total of 507 individuals were subjected to enforced disappearance by Pakistani state authorities, security agencies and state-backed death squads in Balochistan in the first six months of this year. Among these, 150 were released after short-term detention, 32 were killed while in custody, and 303 remain missing, with no information shared with their families about their fate or whereabouts.

The victims in enforced disappearances included 44 minors and over 20 women. Quetta and Kech recorded the highest number of documented cases of enforced disappearance in

Balochistan.

The BYC alleged that paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) and the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) were involved in most of these cases.

The BYC alleged that several state institutions were involved in the enforced disappearances and linked paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) in 180 cases, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in 93 cases, the army in 42 cases, and death squads in 20 documented cases. Some other cases were perpetrated in combined operations by forces, intelligence agencies, CTD, police, and death squads.

The BYC's Human Rights Department documented 150 cases of killings of Baloch civilians, including 15 minors, during the first half of 2026. According to the BYC, Panjgur reported the highest number of killings, followed by Kech and Gwadar. The BYC alleged that state-backed death squads were the major perpetrator of killings followed

by Frontier Corps (FC) and army.

In the report, the BYC alleged that Pakistani authorities have used various methods to torture, intimidate and break the will of Baloch activists, Mahrang Baloch and Bebarang Baloch (specially-abled person), who have remained in detention since March last year. The BYC said that both of them have been denied access to basic medical care several times by the prison authorities at the behest of intelligence agencies.

According to the report, the human rights situation in Balochistan has deteriorated during the first six months of 2026, with fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, movement, and the right to protest, severely restricted. The BYC alleged that peaceful protests by human rights organisations, families of enforced disappearance victims, and political groups were frequently met with harassment, intimidation, arrests, and the use of force by state authorities.

Eiffel Tower chief to step down amid women staff row

IAN S
Paris , Sep 30:

Eiffel Tower management chief Patrick Branco Ruivo is set to step down from his post at the end of this year following a controversy over the removal of female staff during a visit by Hindu religious leaders.

The incident took place on September 5 when members of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha group visited the Eiffel Tower. Female employees working at the site were reportedly removed from duty during the visit, triggering a controversy. Staff later staged a protest, and the Eiffel Tower was closed on September 7.

An inquiry into the in-



cident found management failures, according to the company, which said the lapses had led female staff to protest. The management company is expected to take corrective measures following the inquiry.

Ruivo took charge as head

of the Eiffel Tower management company in 2018. The landmark attracts around seven million visitors every year. A labour union representative also criticised the management restrictions imposed on female employees during the incident.

UNDP youth champions and advocates share India's perspective during UN General Assembly

IAN S
New York , Sep 30:

UNDP India youth champions and advocates shared their perspectives during high-level dialogues, conversations with global leaders, climate advocacy programmes and the UN Sustainable Development Goals Action Awards held during the 81st session of the United Nations

General Assembly (UNGA).

UNDP India youth champion Sanjana Sanghi, youth climate champion Prajakta Koli and SDG advocate Bhumi Pednekar used their platforms to highlight the role of young people in shaping a more sustainable and inclusive future.

During the UNGA session, Sanghi called for moving beyond viewing young people only as

beneficiaries of development and recognising them as partners and decision-makers. On September 16, she joined UNDP Administrator Alexander De Croo, UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Kanni Wignaraja and permanent representatives from across the region at a high-level dialogue titled 'A Generation at the Crossroads: Dynamics Facing Youth in Asia and

the Pacific'.

Drawing on her engagement with young change-makers through Youth Co, Sanghi stressed the need to give young people greater access and a meaningful role in decisions affecting their lives. She also participated in a conversation with De Croo on what young people need to build their future.

Sanghi further spoke about youth agency at

the UN Peace Circle at UN Headquarters on September 21, marking the International Day of Peace. She joined UN officials, goodwill ambassadors and youth representatives in the 'Hear Us. Act Now for a Peaceful World' campaign, stressing the importance of investing in young people, particularly in education and health, and involving them in decision-making.



Kishan Reddy's Coal India Review Puts Execution at the Centre of Special Campaign 6

With 1,565 sites identified for cleaning and nearly 60,000 physical and electronic files marked for review, the Coal Minister's intervention shifts attention from campaign announcements to measurable institutional outcomes

Based on PIB Inputs - Munsif Desk

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy's review of Coal India Limited's preparations for Special Campaign 6 is significant not merely because another government cleanliness drive is approaching, but because the exercise brings some of the country's largest public-sector organisations under direct scrutiny over administrative efficiency, waste management and accumulated pendency.

At the review, held with the Coal Secretary, Coal India Chairman, CMDs



of subsidiary companies and other senior officials, the Minister assessed preparations for the campaign with particular emphasis on institutionalising Swachhata, reducing pendency, promoting "Waste to Wealth" initiatives and strengthening e-waste management.

The operative word here should be institutionalising.

Cleanliness campaigns acquire lasting public value only when they change how institutions function after the campaign period is over. A cleaned office, disposed scrap or reviewed file may produce an immediate visual result, but the larger administrative objective must be to prevent unnecessary accumulation from

returning.

The scale of the task before the coal sector illustrates why Kishan Reddy's review deserves attention. The Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited and other coal PSUs have identified 1,565 locations for cleaning between October 2 and October 31. At the same time, 19,499 physical files and 40,094 electronic files — 59,593 records in all — have been earmarked for review.

These figures make Special Campaign 6 more than a housekeeping exercise.

For an organisation as



the possibility of identifying targets, fixing responsibility and assessing whether subsidiary companies are approaching the exercise as a serious management task rather than a ceremonial observance.

The inclusion of e-waste management and Waste to Wealth also gives the campaign a contemporary dimension. Large industrial enterprises inevitably generate obsolete computers, electrical equipment, machinery components and other recoverable material. Such waste needs traceable and environmentally responsible disposal, while recyclable material should be treated wherever feasible as an economic resource rather than simply discarded.

The test, therefore, should not be the quantity of material shifted out of offices. It should be whether waste reaches authorised recycling and disposal channels, whether scrap generates accountable value and whether environmental safeguards remain central to the process.

There is an equally important lesson in the decision to review more than 40,000 e-files. Digital administration has reduced dependence on paper,

but digitisation does not automatically eliminate bureaucratic backlog. An electronic file left unresolved is still a pending file. Digital systems become efficient only when institutions enforce clear workflows, timely disposal, rational retention policies and accountability for delay.

Public-awareness efforts already undertaken by South Eastern Coalfields Limited, including a cleanliness walkathon in Bilaspur and a street play promoting responsible waste disposal, add a community dimension to the campaign. Yet Coal India's larger responsibility is institutional: to demonstrate that the principles promoted publicly are embedded equally firmly within its own establishments.

Kishan Reddy's review should consequently be followed by transparent measurement of outcomes. How many files

were actually disposed of? How much office space was permanently recovered? What quantity of e-waste entered authorised recycling channels? What value was realised from scrap? And, most importantly, what systems were changed so that similar pendency does not accumulate again?

Those questions would provide a more meaningful assessment than photographs of cleaned premises.

Special Campaign 6 gives Coal India an opportunity to demonstrate that Swachhata can be connected directly with management discipline, environmental responsibility and faster administration. Kishan Reddy's review has placed the targets on the table; the real measure of the exercise will now be whether those targets translate into lasting improvements across Coal India and its subsidiaries.



Telangana Faces Growing Water Stress as Monsoon Ends in Deficit

Low reservoir storage and poorly filled tanks raise drinking-water and irrigation concerns ahead of summer

- Munsif Desk

Telangana is entering the post-monsoon period with mounting concern over water availability after an uneven and deficient southwest monsoon left several major reservoirs and thousands of tanks with significantly lower storage than last year.

By late September, the State had received around 615 mm of rainfall against a normal of more than 720 mm, translating into a deficit of roughly 15 per cent. More importantly, the shortage has not been uniform. Several districts have received substantially less rain than normal, while even areas that recorded occasional heavy spells have not necessarily received sustained rainfall capable of adequately replenishing reservoirs, tanks and groundwater.

This distinction is important. A few days of intense rainfall can cause urban flooding or localised crop damage without necessarily solving a seasonal water shortage. What ultimately matters for water security is not merely how much rain falls, but where it falls, how long it lasts and whether sufficient runoff reaches major catchments and local storage systems.

The pressure is already visible in Telangana's key reservoirs.

Available figures in September showed usable storage in Srisailem at about 61.65 TMC ft, substantially below the 153.56 TMC ft available during the corresponding period last year. Nagarjunasagar had around 44.89 TMC ft, compared with 174.25 TMC ft a year earlier.

These reservoirs are critical not only for irrigation but also for drinking-water supply, power generation and downstream water management. Lower storage therefore forces authorities to make difficult choices over how much water can safely be released for agriculture while preserving sufficient reserves for domestic consumption.

The position of Telangana's smaller irrigation tanks is equally significant. Of the State's roughly 44,000 tanks, nearly 40 per cent were reported to contain less than one-quarter of their storage capacity during September. Only a much smaller proportion had filled to near capacity.

For rural Telangana, these tanks are far more than local water bodies. They support agriculture, recharge groundwater, sustain livestock and help maintain

village-level water security. When tanks remain poorly filled after the monsoon, pressure often shifts rapidly to borewells and groundwater.

That creates a second risk.

If farmers, households and local bodies begin extracting groundwater heavily during the coming months, water tables can decline well before the peak summer period. Borewell failures then become more common, particularly in areas dependent on hard-rock aquifers where groundwater availability can vary sharply even between neighbouring villages.

The State government has indicated that drinking water will receive priority in reservoir management, with irrigation releases to be calibrated after safeguarding supplies required for households and schemes such as Mission Bhagiratha.

That approach is understandable, but the challenge will be to balance competing demands.

Farmers preparing for the rabi season require clarity on how much irrigation water can realistically be expected. If reservoir availability is limited, crop planning becomes crucial. Encouraging water-intensive cultivation without assured supply could expose farmers to serious losses later in the season.

Agricultural departments may therefore need to issue district-specific advisories based on reservoir storage, groundwater availability and expected winter rainfall rather than relying on State-wide averages.

Urban areas, including Hyderabad and its expanding suburbs, cannot remain outside this discussion either.

The Hyderabad region has also experienced a considerable rainfall deficit this season. Although the city receives water from multiple sources, prolonged pressure on the Krishna and Godavari systems can eventually affect urban supply planning. Rapid construction, shrinking open spaces and rising consumption have also increased dependence on externally supplied water and groundwater.

The larger concern is what happens between now and next summer.

Water shortages rarely become crises overnight. They develop gradually through declining reservoirs, falling groundwater tables, drying village tanks and rising tanker dependence. By the time severe shortages become visible in April or May, many corrective measures are already too late.

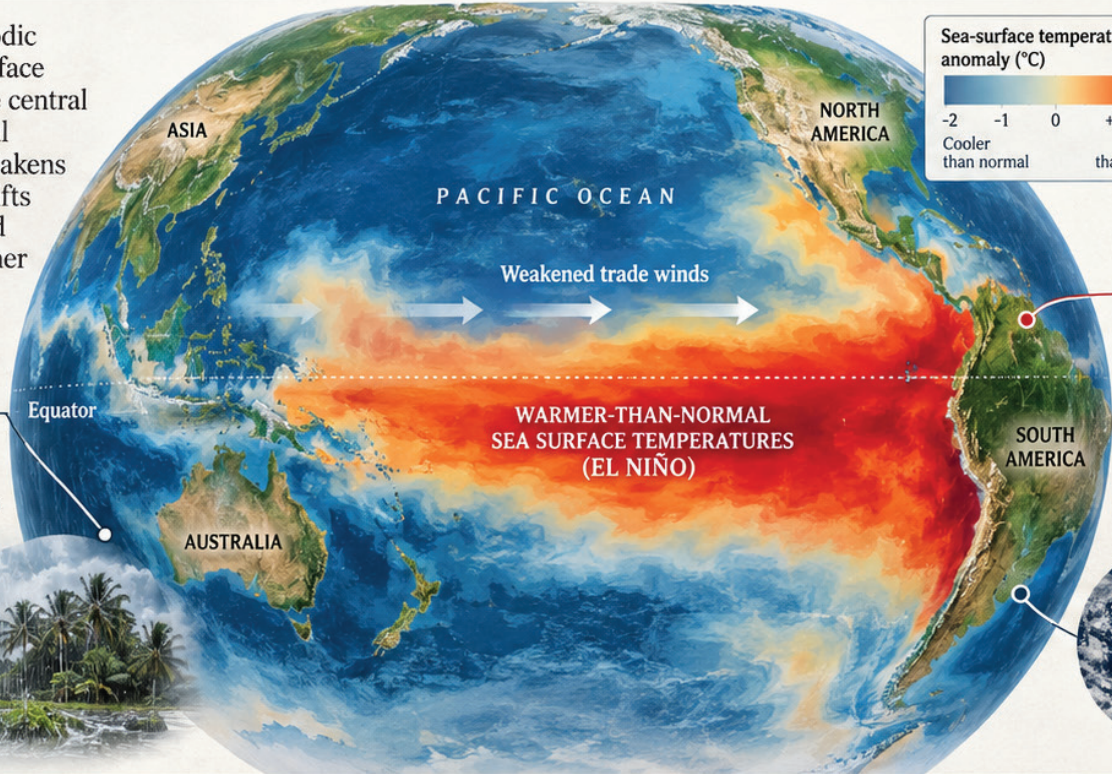
EL NIÑO EXPLAINED

A Pacific warming pattern that changes global weather — but does not decide every monsoon.

El Niño is the periodic warming of sea-surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. It weakens the trade winds, shifts rainfall patterns and can influence weather around the world.

More rain in parts of the western Pacific

Countries like Indonesia and Australia often see heavier rainfall during El Niño.



Sea-surface temperature anomaly (°C)
-2 -1 0 +1 +2
Cooler than normal Warmer than normal

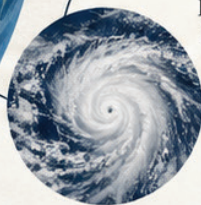
Hotter and drier in parts of the Americas

Many areas, including parts of the United States, Central America and South America, often experience higher temperatures and drought conditions.



Changes in global weather patterns

El Niño can influence temperatures, rainfall, storm tracks and ocean ecosystems worldwide.



THREE COMMON MYTHS — BUSTED

1 Not a storm



El Niño is not a storm or a single extreme event. It is a longer-lasting ocean warming pattern, usually lasting several months to over a year.

2 Not always drought in India



El Niño can increase the risk of weaker monsoon rains in India, but it does not always cause drought. Other factors also play a major role.

3 A climate signal, not a weather verdict



El Niño is a climate signal that influences the odds of certain weather outcomes. It does not decide the exact weather or the strength of every monsoon season.

WhatsApp INTRODUCES OPTIONAL PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR TEENS AMID SAFETY CONCERNS

WhatsApp on Wednesday, announced a new set of optional parental controls for teenagers, giving parents greater control over their teens' privacy settings, group activity, Channels and Meta AI experience on the messaging platform.

The company said the new controls are designed to help parents and teenagers decide together how they want to use WhatsApp, while keeping personal conversations protected.

Under the new controls, parents will be able to select privacy settings for their teens, including who can view their profile photo and who can add them to groups. If teenagers want to loosen any of these settings, they will require approval through a parent-set PIN.

Parents will also receive notifications when their teen joins or leaves a group, or when the size of a group increases significantly. They will have additional options to determine how their teen uses Channels, including which Status updates the teen can view and who can view the teen's own Status updates.

WhatsApp has also introduced controls for the Meta AI experience available to teenagers. Parents can choose between the default 13+ setting and a stricter "Limited Content" option, depending on the level of restrictions they want for their teen.

The company said the controls are being introduced gradually and will be developed further based on feedback from families. WhatsApp said the aim is to encourage open conversations between parents and teenagers about responsible use of the platform without compromising the privacy of personal communications.



2nd ODI: Nine years of first-class cricket gave me the foundation, says Jangoo after hitting 114



Guwahati, Sept. 30:

Amir Jangoo's second ODI hundred came after a long wait and the West Indies left-hander said the years spent playing domestic cricket was the foundation behind him hitting 114, as the visitors posted a record 405/7 against India in the second match here on Wednesday.

Jangoo, who walked in after John Campbell's dismissal for 101, went from 59 off 54 balls to reaching his second ODI century in just 70 balls. He eventually finished with 114 off 77 balls, his second ODI century laced with 13 fours and three sixes before being caught at backward point off Ravindra Jadeja.

"For me it's just hard work. There's a lot of lessons and failures in between there. As I said, I played nine years of first-class cricket before starting international cricket. So the foundation was there. So for me it was all about learning. "As I told you this morning, it's all about learning as

fast as possible. So it's all about enjoying international cricket now and just going out there and play free," said Jangoo in a mid-innings chat with the broadcasters.

Asked on his batting approach against Kuldeep Yadav, whom he handled particularly well, Jangoo said, "To be fair, we had our discussions. Well, first of all, that's a very big comparison (on comparing his spin play to the legendary Brian Lara). But, for me, I'm a pretty good player of spin, and the team believes in my ability.

"So when spinners were bowling, they always told me, 'Go out there, dominate,' and we had our team discussions, and for me it was all about batting most of him and trying to bat him positively as well. So, to be fair, the wicket was a really good one as well and for me it was all about trying to play as straight as possible, trying to rotate strike and get that boundary whenever it was needed."

cut Kuldeep, Naman

Dhir and Jadeja repeatedly through the off side, his stand of 182 runs with captain Shai Hope, who hit 104 off 94 balls, took the game away from India. The score of 405/7 is now the highest ODI total for the West Indies, an innings that featured three centuries.

"It's an amazing feeling. The boys went out there today with our game plan. We know where we went wrong in the first game, and luckily enough we executed. Credit has to go to John (Campbell) for that amazing start, and also Shai, who carried us on throughout the innings as well.

"So for me it was to just go out there and execute, and we did that. To be fair, it's whatever role the team has for me. I found out today that everyone was to go up one, which meant that I was batting at number four. So for me it was all about playing the situation. I pride myself on learning the scenarios and making sure that I can execute on the day. So luckily enough it paid off," added Jangoo.

Irani Cup: 'Whatever is in front of me, I will give my best,' says Rishabh Pant



Srinagar, Sept. 30:

Rishabh Pant on Wednesday said he remains focused on making the most of every opportunity as he works on his red-ball rhythm ahead of the Irani Cup clash between Rest of India and Ranji Trophy champions Jammu and Kashmir, beginning Thursday.

Pant, who missed the ongoing white-ball series against the West Indies, has been training hard at the Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium. The match provides him an opportunity to regain rhythm ahead of the Ranji Trophy and India's upcoming Test assignment in New Zealand.

"For me, it's very simple. Whatever is in front of me, I will give my best. Whatever opportunity I get, I try to make the best out of it. For me, every game is an opportunity," Pant said at the pre-match press conference.

Returning after a three-week break following India's 1-0 Test series win over Sri Lanka, Pant said

he does not want to be distracted by selection discussions.

"When you want to have an international career for 15-20 years, you have to go through ups and downs. You just need the right people to guide you and keep giving your best every time you take the field," he said.

Reflecting on his long rehabilitation after a serious car crash in December 2022, Pant said the experience taught him the importance of keeping things simple.

"When you have gone through so much in your life, you understand that keeping it simple is the key. Playing for your country means you have to work hard, stay mentally strong and keep learning and improving," he added.

Pant will lead Rest of India in the Irani Cup and will be keen to make a strong impact with both the bat and behind the stumps. The match also gives him valuable preparation ahead of the upcoming domestic and international red-ball assignments.

Asian Games: India storm into women's hockey final with



Kakamigahara, Sept.

India assured themselves a medal in women's hockey at the Asian Games 2026 after defeating South Korea 2-0 in the semifinal in Kakamigahara, Japan, on Wednesday, with goals from Ishika and an own goal helping the unbeaten side book a place in the final.

India, who are chasing their first Asian Games gold in women's hockey since 1982, will face China in the title clash after maintaining their perfect record in the tournament. The Salima Tete-led side dominated possession and territory for large periods but had to wait until the third quarter for the breakthrough after South Korea's disciplined defence repeatedly denied them.

India earned multiple penalty corners in the opening quarter but could not convert any of them. They also came close from open play, with Lalremsiami Hmarzote unable to finish after receiving a fine pass from Navneet Kaur.

South Korea also attempted to test the Indian defence through attacks

from both flanks, but India remained organised at the back as the opening quarter ended goalless.

India continued to press in the second quarter and came close again from a penalty corner when Navneet produced a powerful strike, only for the South Korean goalkeeper to make an excellent save while stretching across the goal.

Despite sustained Indian pressure, South Korea held firm, and the teams went into half-time locked at 0-0.

India continued to control possession after the change of ends, patiently building attacks through the midfield and looking for openings on either flank. South Korea's defence, however, continued to frustrate the Indian forwards.

The breakthrough finally arrived in the 44th minute when Ishika found the back of the net with a superb finish, giving India a 1-0 lead at the end of the third quarter.

India then doubled their advantage early in the final quarter after a fine move initiated by captain Salima Tete. The skipper carried

the ball into the shooting circle from the right and cut it back from the baseline, with the ball taking a deflection off a Korean defender's stick before ending up in the net.

South Korea attempted to fight back, but India remained composed and continued to create pressure. The Koreans defended another Indian penalty corner with determination, keeping the scoreline at 2-0.

The result keeps alive India's bid to end a 44-year wait for a second women's hockey gold at the Asian Games.

India had entered the semifinal unbeaten after sweeping aside Uzbekistan 19-0, Indonesia 17-1 and Thailand 20-1 before overcoming hosts Japan 3-1 and Singapore 7-0 in the pool stage.

South Korea, who finished second in Pool A, had won four of their five matches before Wednesday's semifinal, with their only defeat coming against China.

The Indian team will now aim to complete their campaign by winning gold when they face China in the final on Friday.

Boucher named MI Emirates head coach for ILT20

Cape Town, Sept. 30:



Former Mumbai Indians head coach Mark Boucher has been appointed head coach of MI Emirates for the upcoming season of the International League T20 (ILT20).

The former South Africa cricketer coached Mumbai Indians for two IPL seasons in 2023 and 2024. He will now take charge of their sister franchise, replacing Robin Singh. Under Singh, MI Emirates won the inaugural ILT20 title in 2024 and reached the final again in the 2025-26 season, where they lost to Desert Vipers. Boucher will now look to guide the team back to the title.

His tenure with Mumbai Indians in the IPL had also attracted criticism, particularly after the franchise replaced five-time IPL-winning captain Rohit Sharma with Hardik Pandya as captain ahead of the 2024 season.

ICC to unveil 2027 ODI WC schedule on Thursday; ticket ballot to open up for mega event

Cape Town, Sept. 30:

The countdown to cricket's biggest event on African soil in 23 years will officially begin on Thursday when the International Cricket Council (ICC) unveils the schedule for the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup during a grand launch event in Cape Town on Thursday.

Set to be broadcast live on JioHotstar and the Star Sports Network from 8:30 pm IST in India, the high-profile launch ceremony at the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA) will mark the exact one-year landmark for the 14-team mega event, which runs from October 2 to November 21, 2027, in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

Alongside the schedule release, the ICC will also open the global ticket ballot, giving fans worldwide a fair opportunity to secure their tickets across 12 host venues hosting 57 matches. Ten of the 14 participating nations will have secured direct qualification based on the September 30 cut-off date.

Hosts South Africa and Zimbabwe receive automatic entry, and are joined by top-ranked ODI nations India, Australia, England, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh. The remaining four slots will be decided through a multi-team global qualifier to be played early



next year, with two-time champion West Indies set to feature in it and aim to qualify for the mega event.

For Indian batting stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, the 2027 ODI World Cup represents a final opportunity to cap off stellar international careers with championship glory.

Speaking to JioStar, Rohit recalled the overwhelming emotion of leading India to the 2024 T20 World Cup and expressed his deep craving to replicate that feeling on the 50-over stage.

"It'll be great to win the upcoming ODI World Cup. I wouldn't think about full circle and all that now. Winning a World Cup for India is a special feeling. I have experienced that twice in the T20 format. In 2007, I was just a young kid of 20 years. Of course, it's a big tournament; you've won a World Cup in your first year, it's great.

"Then we won the Champions Trophy in 2013, and after that there was a

long period, almost for 11 years, where we couldn't win an ICC title. So that's why, when we won the T20 World Cup in 2024, there was a realisation of how important it was. So that feeling is still inside to a great extent. I know what winning a World Cup feels like.

"So that's why I want that feeling back. The fun we had, you can't describe what that feeling is, because you can't match that. That's why winning that World Cup is very important to me, because I want to have that feeling again, which we felt recently," Rohit said.

Kohli, who lifted the 2011 ODI World Cup trophy early in his career at home, declared that his final World Cup appearance provides all the motivation he needs to leave everything on the field. "I'm not in a place where I feel like, if it didn't happen earlier, I have to do it now. But for me, it's the last World Cup I'm going to play for India.

And that is my motivation.

"Like, to leave everything out there. And of course, the goal is absolutely to win the World Cup. And whatever it takes, I'm absolutely ready. My goal is to win as many games as I can for the team, and my dream is to play a match-winning knock in the finals while chasing a score; that would be ideal. If it happens, great.

"If it doesn't happen and we win the World Cup, I'll be just as happy because, eventually, you understand that, as much as that competitive nature is there, it's the last time you're getting to play in a World Cup. So, winning that trophy is the most important thing," he stated.

Meanwhile, the free ticket ballot will remain open from October 1 until November 21, 2026. Fans can request up to four tickets per match across all categories, with a randomised draw determining allocations wherever demand exceeds stadium capacity.

Nations League: Spain thrash Croatia, England beat Czechia 2-0

Cape Town, Sept. 30:

Lamine Yamal scored twice as Spain beat Croatia 4-1 in the UEFA Nations League, while England defeated Czechia 2-0 away.

Yamal opened the scoring before Marc Pubill and Nico Williams added goals, with Croatia's Dion Beljo scoring their only goal.

England sealed victory through Anthony Gordon and Harry Kane after Pavel Sulc was sent off in the first half.

Elsewhere, Switzerland beat Scotland 3-0, Slovenia defeated North Macedonia 2-0 and Slovakia edged Kazakhstan 2-1.

Telangana CM congratulates archer Chikitha for double gold at Asian Games

Cape Town, Sept. 30:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday congratulated archer Chikitha Taniparthi for winning two gold medals at the Asian Games and bringing pride to Telangana and India.

Chikitha won gold in the women's compound team event alongside Vennam Jyothi Surekha and Prithika Pradeep, before partnering Sahil Jadhav to win the mixed team gold. The Indian pair defeated South Korea in a shoot-off after the final ended 157-157.

Revanth Reddy said Chikitha's achievement was the result of hard work, perseverance and determination and would inspire young



athletes. He also congratulated Chikitha and Jadhav for securing a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, where compound mixed team archery is set to make its Olympic debut.

The Chief Minister also congratulated Chikitha's parents and coaches for supporting her journey. Telangana Sports Minister Vakit Srihari also conveyed his wishes to the archer and spoke to her father, Srinivas Rao, over the phone.

Raphinha Ruled Out of Brazil's Friendly Against India

Kolkata, Sept. 30:

Kolkata, Sep 30: Brazil have suffered a setback ahead of their friendly against India on October 3, with star forward Raphinha ruled out of the match due to a thigh injury.

Raphinha picked up the injury during Brazil's match against Australia on Tuesday. Medical tests revealed swelling in the

muscles of his right thigh, though there was no tear. The forward has been withdrawn from the squad as a precaution and will not be available for the India game at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.

The Brazilian Football Confederation has not announced a replacement for Raphinha.

Brazil's squad is scheduled to arrive in India on

October 1. India, meanwhile, will look to build on their 1-1 draw against Panama in Bengaluru on September 26 as they prepare to face the five-time FIFA World Cup champions.

Led by goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, India will be hoping to put up a strong challenge against the star-studded Brazilian side in the much-anticipated friendly.

Revanth congratulates Chikitha, teammates on Asian Games gold

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated Telangana's Chikitha Taniparthi and her teammates Vennam Jyothi Surekha and Prithika Pradeep on winning the gold medal in the women's compound archery team event at the Asian Games 2026 in Japan.

In a statement on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said the trio's

outstanding performance and exceptional talent had brought immense pride to India and Telangana and showcased the country's sporting excellence on the international stage.

He said their achievement would inspire and motivate young athletes to pursue their sporting dreams with dedication, determination and true sportsmanship.

Revanth Reddy extended his best wishes to the champions for more victories in the years ahead and

for bringing greater honour to the country and glory to Telangana.

The Chief Minister also conveyed his greetings to all Indian athletes participating in the Asian Games and congratulated those who had won medals in various sporting disciplines. He expressed hope that the achievements of Indian athletes would inspire the youth to take up sports, strive for excellence and represent the country with pride. (NSS)

Rs.5,547.99 CR MSP PROCUREMENT APPROVED FOR UP, TELANGANA & KARNATAKA

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved procurement worth Rs.5,547.99 crore at Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27 in Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The decision is aimed at protecting farmers from a decline in market prices and ensuring remunerative returns

for their produce, particularly for pulse and oilseed growers. Chouhan said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the welfare of farmers, increasing their incomes and strengthening self-reliance in agriculture remain key priorities of the government.

He said the government is working to ensure that farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce and that procurement mechanisms are made more transparent and accessible.

Under the approved procurement plan, farmers in the above three states will benefit from large-scale procurement of key pulses and oilseeds at MSP.

In Uttar Pradesh, the largest share of the approved procurement, worth Rs.3,992.57 crore, has been sanctioned. This includes procurement of 4,66,000 metric tonnes of tur, valued at Rs.3,937.70 crore, and 6,250 metric tonnes of moong, valued at Rs.54.87 crore, at MSP.

For farmers in Karnataka, procurement

worth Rs.1,107 crore has been approved under the PSS. This includes 1,15,500 metric tonnes of soybean, valued at Rs.659.27 crore; 38,250 metric tonnes of moong, valued at Rs.335.83 crore; and 13,413 metric tonnes of sunflower, valued at Rs.111.90 crore.

In Telangana, procurement worth Rs.448.42 crore has been approved. This comprises 62,000 metric tonnes of soybean, valued at Rs.353.90 crore, and 10,766 metric tonnes of moong, valued at Rs.94.52 crore, to be

procured at MSP under the PSS.

Chouhan said the decision will provide greater economic security to farmers while encouraging domestic production of pulses and oilseeds and contributing to India's efforts towards self-reliance in pulses and edible oils.

He assured that procurement arrangements at all designated centres will remain transparent and that farmers will receive payment for their produce directly into their bank accounts in a timely manner. (NSS)

Telangana Cabinet meets today to clear key welfare proposals

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will chair a crucial meeting of the Telangana Cabinet at the Secretariat at 3 PM on Thursday.

The Cabinet is expected to give its nod to the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme, which offers ₹5 lakh financial protection to families in

the event of the head of the household's death. The scheme is scheduled for roll-out on November 19, coinciding with former PM Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.

State employees and pensioners are also likely to receive good news regarding the release of two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs).

Additionally, the Cabinet will assess

the Keshava Rao Committee's recommendations on merging polytechnic colleges into the Skill University.

Key urban and infrastructure projects, including the Musi Riverfront project, Hyderabad Metro, barrage restoration, and preparations for December's Global Summit, will also undergo detailed review. (NSS)

UoH ENTERS THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2027 TOP 1,000

Hyderabad, Sept.30 (NSS): University of Hyderabad (UoH) has moved into the 801-1000 band of the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2027, improving from the 1001-1200 band in the 2026 rankings.

The latest ranking places UoH among the world's top 1,000 universities in the latest edition, which evaluates 2,297 institutions across 118 countries and territories.



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said Sircilla was historically known as a land of courage and bravery, with its people descending from those who fought against the atrocities of the Nizam and Razakars. Addressing a large public meeting in Sircilla town on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said the region had a rich tradition of handloom weaving and was home to skilled weavers capable of producing sarees that could fit into a matchbox.

CROPS DRY UP DUE TO CONG GOVT's NEGLIGENCE: T-BJP CHIEF NRR

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Wednesday accused the Congress government of negligence and lack of advance planning, alleging that thousands of acres of crops have dried up across Nalgonda district due to inadequate and erratic power supply to borewell-dependent farmers.

Rao made the allegations after touring several mandals and villages in Nalgonda district, including Chinna Medharam, Torgal and Malladuppapally, and interacting with farmers

whose crops had withered.

Talking to newsmen, the BJP leader said large areas in Kanagal and Nalgonda Rural mandals depend on borewells for irrigation. While the government claims to be supplying 12 to 15 hours of power to farmers, the ground reality is that many farmers are receiving only around five hours, he alleged.

Frequent tripping and breakdowns are further affecting irrigation, he pointed out. Rao also criticised the Congress government over crop insurance, recalling the promise made by Congress lead-

ers Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi during the Warangal Rythu Declaration to introduce an insurance scheme better than the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. He alleged that farmers continue to remain without adequate insurance cover.

He demanded that the state government seek Central assistance, request a Central team to assess crop losses and provide immediate compensation to affected farmers. He also called for greater awareness among farmers about alternative crops, dryland farming, vegetables and diversified cul-

tivation through Farmer Producer Organisations and agriculture officials.

On the water crisis, Rao demanded that the government ensure drinking water supplies to Hyderabad through all three phases from Nagarjuna Sagar. He also called for immediate measures to secure Telangana's share of Krishna waters and alleged that successive state governments had failed to adequately protect the state's interests.

Rao further criticised the government over the condition of minor irrigation projects, including Nettempadu, Dindi and Kalwakurthy.

GHMC Orders Closure of Slaughterhouses & Meat Shops On Oct 2

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has ordered the closure of all sheep and goat and cattle slaughterhouses, as well as retail meat and beef shops, within the GHMC limits on October 2, 2026 on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.

According to the notice issued by the GHMC, the decision was taken in accor-

dance with a Standing committee resolution, in view of the significance of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.

GHMC Commissioner Mr. R.V. Karman has requested the Commissioners of Police in Hyderabad to extend their cooperation to the municipal authorities in ensuring the closure of all sheep and goat and cattle slaughterhouses, meat shops and beef shops within the GHMC limits on the day. (NSS)

GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES MEET GITAM STUDENTS

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

More than 25 international universities participated in the Global Education Fair 2026 organised by GITAM Deemed to be University at its Hyderabad campus on Wednesday.

Organised by the Directorate of Training, Mentoring & Career Guidance (TMCg) – Alternate Career Services, the fair offered students opportunities to explore

higher education options abroad for the Fall 2027 intake. Representatives from universities across Australia, Canada, France, Singapore, Switzerland, the UK and the US interacted with students on Master's programmes, admission requirements, scholarships, financial aid and application procedures.

Students also received guidance on study destinations and programmes and were offered application fee waivers wherever applicable.

BIACH&RI Director Leads Indian Delegation at Japan Esophageal Congress

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.30

Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (BIACH&RI) medical director Dr. T Subramanyeswara Rao led a 25-member Indian delegation at the 22nd ISDE World Congress for Esophageal Diseases, held in Kyoto, Japan, from September 16 to 18.

The international congress brought together leading specialists in esophageal diseases and cancer care from across the world to discuss advances in diagnosis, treatment, surgery, technology and research.

Dr. Rao presented his research and clinical experience at the scientific programme and highlighted BIACH&RI's expertise in the management of esophageal diseases and cancer. His participation provided an opportunity to exchange

clinical experiences and interact with international experts on evolving approaches to diagnosis and treatment.

The Indian delegation participated in discussions covering the latest developments in esophageal surgery, gastroenterology, oncology, endoscopy and multidisciplinary cancer care.

The congress featured 543 accepted abstracts, with presentations covering esophageal cancer and other diseases, multimodality treatment, robotic surgery, advanced endoscopic techniques, artificial intelligence applications and emerging treatment modalities.

Speaking after his return, Dr. Rao said international medical conferences provide valuable opportunities for continuous learning and help healthcare professionals stay abreast of advances in treatment and technology.



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MLA seeks Governor's intervention on adivasi Land, Housing issues

Hyd, Sept.30: (NSS)

Adilabad MLA and BJP Legislature Party Deputy Floor Leader Payal Shankar, along with representatives of the Adivasi community, met Telangana Governor

Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and sought his intervention in resolving long-pending housing and land-rights issues.

In a representation,

Shankar said around 500 Adivasi families have been living for nearly three decades in Komaram Bheem Colony in Survey No. 72 of Battisavargaon village, Mavala mandal, without

housing pattas or recognised rights over their house sites.

He said the absence of pattas was preventing several families from accessing government welfare schemes and basic ameni-

ties, including electricity and safe drinking water. He urged the Governor to direct the authorities to conduct a comprehensive field-level inquiry and issue house-site pattas to eligible families in

accordance with rules.

The Governor assured the delegation that he would bring the issue to the notice of the State government and work towards finding a solution.