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COUNTER POINT



Is the food prepared with pure ingredients?

IN BRIEF

K'taka withdraws consent to CBI

Bengaluru: In order to exercise control over the CBI from taking the wrong path in investigations, the Karnataka Cabinet withdrew its notification giving "open consent" for the CBI to probe criminal cases in the state. Hereafter, the state government will scrutinise case by case before a decision is made.

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States get new Mpox advisory

New Delhi: The Centre on Thursday issued a fresh advisory to all states and Union Territories (UTs) to strengthen preparedness for managing both suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox, following the detection of India's first case of the Clade 1b strain. Last month, the WHO declared a public health emergency due to the spread of this strain. Union health secretary Apurva Chandra asked states to send samples immediately to laboratories.

ORDER | ORDER

DV Act civil law, offers more protection, says top court

DV Act protects all women: SC

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Supreme Court has ruled that the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, applies to all women in India, regardless of their religious or social backgrounds.

The bench, comprising Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, emphasised that the Act serves as a civil code aimed at ensuring the protection of women from domestic violence, irrespec-

tive of their religion or social status.

"The Act is a piece of civil legislation applicable to every woman in India, offering more effective protection of their rights guaranteed under the Constitution," the bench stated.

This ruling came in response to an appeal filed by a woman challenging a Karnataka High Court decision regarding the grant of maintenance and compensation.

The woman had originally been awarded ₹12,000 per

month in maintenance and ₹1 lakh in compensation by a magistrate in February 2015, under Section 12 of the Act.

However, her husband challenged the decision, leading to a protracted legal battle.

The Supreme Court noted that the husband's appeal had been dismissed due to a delay but was later allowed by an appellate court, which directed the magistrate to reconsider the case after both parties had presented further evidence.

The woman, dissatisfied with the appellate court's decision, moved to the High Court, which upheld the order to re-examine the case in April last year.

In its judgment, the Supreme Court referred to section 25 of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 which allows for the alteration, modification, or revocation of orders if there is a significant change in circumstances.

■ Page 7: Bench clarifies law on husband's income

CM to officials: Stand up against bad decisions

Revanth slams BRS for wasting ₹1L cr on KLIS

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday said that nearly half the state's irrigation officials were involved in the construction of the Kaleshwaram project during the BRS government tenure, and there would be no department left if action were taken against them.

In a clear attack on the previous government, Revanth Reddy said: "Had the decisions taken by politicians not been followed blindly, the current situation would not have arisen."

The Chief Minister added that till date ₹1 lakh crore was spent on Kaleshwaram and another ₹47,000 crore were needed. "But not even one lakh acres of ayacut has



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy hands over an appointment order to an assistant executive engineer at Jalsoudha, in Hyderabad on Thursday. — DC

been created. Who should be held responsible," he asked. He contrasted this with the Srisaillam and Nagarjunasagar projects, which were functioning well.

"Instead of blaming one another, we should focus on not making mistakes. Water is not just that, it is

an emotive issue for Telangana," the CM said at an event where appointment orders were issued to 687 assistant executive engineers in the irrigation department.

■ Page 3: Revanth exhorts engineers to be true to work

TELCOS TOLD TO BLOCK ILLEGAL LINKS BY OCT. 1

New Delhi: The Centre will soon require whitelisting of messaging links, directing all telecom providers to block SMS traffic containing unapproved URLs, APKs or OTT links. This measure, aimed at curbing misuse of URLs, will be implemented by October 1, 2024, the government announced on Thursday. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai), over 3,000 registered senders have already whitelisted more than 70,000 links.

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SPECIAL FORCES ACT EXTENDED TO MORE DIST

New Delhi: The Centre has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for six more months in eight districts of Nagaland, three districts of Arunachal Pradesh, and other areas after reviewing the law and order situation.

The AFSPA gives security forces powers to search, arrest and use force in "disturbed areas." In Nagaland, districts including Dimapur, Mon, and Peren, along with 21 police stations, have been declared as "disturbed" until April 2024.

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Union home minister Amit Shah during a public meet at Udhampur, in J&K. — PTI

TERRORISTS WILL MEET FATE OF AFZAL GURU: SHAH

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, SEPT. 26

Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday warned the "promoters of terrorism" in Jammu and Kashmir and beyond that they will meet the fate of the Parliament attack convict Muhammad Afzal Guru. Guru, a resident of Doabgah suburb of J&K's north-western town of Sopore, who was hanged in Delhi's Tihar Jail on February 9, 2013.

Shah, reacting to former CM and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah's recent assertion that Guru's hanging served no purpose, asked: "Phir kya biryani khilani thi usko?"

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Cong. spends time in infighting: Modi

Modi says party failed as Oppn in past 10 yrs

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The battle for Haryana heated up with Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching yet another blistering attack on the Congress on Thursday.

The Prime Minister accused the Congress of "wasting its time only in internal strife" and claimed "every child in Haryana knows about the Congress' infighting."

Exhorting the people of Haryana to give the BJP another chance, Modi said the Congress' "loudspeakers, which were initially making huge claims, have suddenly gone quiet."

Going digital, Modi interacted with Haryana BJP workers through the NaMo app, where he discussed fieldwork at the booth level for the coming state polls and encouraged them to devise a strategy for the party to win the election.

While alleging that the



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— NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

Congress has failed as an Opposition in the past 10 years, Modi claimed the grand old party's maximum time goes into infighting and taking on each other, about which every

child in the agrarian state is aware of. Attacking the Congress, he said: "The entire basis of those fighting against us in the polls is lies. They repeatedly tell lies, their talks have no head and tail and they vitiate the atmosphere. Some are saying the Congress is becoming weak each day. During the past 10 years, the Congress has failed as an Opposition too."

"The party remained far from people's issues for 10 years... Such people can never win the trust of the people of Haryana," he said.

Modi said the Congress made tall promises in Himachal Pradesh but after it came to power in the state, development came to a standstill and they were unable to pay salaries. One cannot imagine how many atrocities were committed against the Dalits during Congress rule in Haryana, he said.

■ Page 7: PM to cadre: Expose Cong's atrocities on Dalits

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IN BRIEF

Identify non-Hindus in temples: BJP

Hyderabad: Goshamahal BJP MLA T. Raja Singh here on Thursday urged AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to constitute a task force to identify non-Hindus working in temples to remove them immediately. "Some of them were working in Srisailem temple. When they don't believe in our religion, why should they work in our temples?" he asked. Raja Singh said he would write a letter to Chandrababu Naidu requesting to set up a task force committee to identify other communities' employees working in temples to remove them immediately.

BJP moots 2bhks for lake oustees

Hyderabad: State BJP president and Union minister G. Kishan Reddy said that HYDRABAD must follow principles of natural justice and be compassionate when demolishing the homes of the poor. In an open letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Kishan Reddy said 13,000 poor families reside in the Musi catchment area. "Before demolishing their homes, the government should make alternative arrangements like providing them with double bed-room houses before going ahead with the project," he said.

Kaka's death anniv on December 22

Hyderabad: The state government announced on Thursday that former Union minister G. Venkataswamy's death anniversary will be observed as a state function on December 22 every year. A state-level event will be organised at Ravindra Bharathi, and collectors across the state have been instructed to commemorate the occasion in their respective district headquarters. Venkataswamy, affectionately known as 'Kaka', was a towering Congress leader from Telangana in undivided Andhra Pradesh. He passed away on December 22, 2014, at the age of 85. The government's move comes in recognition of his contributions to the state and the country during his political career.

TG to collect citizens data for family health programme: CM

CM stresses need for affordable cancer care in Telangana

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced on Thursday that the state government would commence collecting the data of four crore citizens within 30 days under the 'Family Digital Health' programme. He pointed out the absence of accessible health records forces citizens to undergo repeated medical tests each time they visit a hospital. Speaking at the inauguration of the Durgabai Deshmukh Renova Cancer Centre in Vidyanagar, he stressed the importance of digitising health records of the state's population, stating that health and education were the government's top priorities. "By collecting and digitising health data, we are making sure that medical history is readily available, ensuring better and faster care. This will also reduce unnecessary repeated tests and ease the healthcare process," Revanth Reddy said. He added that the government would seek collaboration with institutions like the Andhra Mahila Sabha Durgabai Deshmukh Trust to help gather and digitise citizen health data. The CM stressed the need for affordable cancer care and expressed concern for families facing financial difficulties due to expensive treatments. He applauded the hospital for establishing the cancer centre, promising to positively consider the proposals put forth by the institution.



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurates the Durgabai Deshmukh Renova Cancer Centre on Thursday. Health minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha was also present.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha highlighted the growing number of cancer cases, many of which are detected at a late stage. To combat this, the state government plans to establish cancer centres at the district level in a phased manner, aiming to improve early diagnosis and treatment accessibility. "Every one of you will be posted in the field, at different projects after training at Walamtari. Take the training very seriously. And do not ask for this or that posting, that will not happen, though women may get some consideration," he said.

Uttam congratulates new irrigation AEEs

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy congratulated the 687 new assistant executive engineer recruits to the irrigation department to whom appointment orders were handed over on Thursday declaring that they should take pride in the fact that they will now be part of one of the most important departments of the government. He was addressing the recruits at a function at Jalsoudha in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who Uttam Kumar Reddy noted was the first Chief Minister to visit the department headquarters. The irrigation minister said that of the recruits,

● **IRRIGATION MINISTER** N. Uttam Kumar Reddy lauded A. Revanth Reddy for being the first Chief Minister to visit the department headquarters.

480 were men, and 207 women. Of these, 351 were civil engineers, 93 are mechanical engineers, while 149 were electrical engineers, and 94 were agriculture engineers. "Every one of you will be posted in the field, at different projects after training at Walamtari. Take the training very seriously. And do not ask for this or that posting, that will not happen, though women may get some consideration," he said.

CM reminds new engineers of KLIS failure

FROM PAGE 1

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy exhorted the engineers to be bold, true to their work, and not hesitate to call out mistakes if they think someone up the chain of command was making them. "Look at the Kaleshwaram project. Everyone in the department blames everyone else for what happened saying their superior officer said do this, or do that. Make Kaleshwaram project your study area. Learn how not to do things from that

experience. I am saying this on record from Jalsoudha. You must think why the mistakes happened," Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister said irrigation officials going in front of the Justice P.C. Ghose commission of inquiry had no answers and were reduced to shifting blame onto others or their superiors. "The blame is travelling up and down the chain of command. It is when faced with challenges and mistakes, your education should come to bear. Send wrong decisions back

pointing them out so that mistakes do not happen," he added. "Learn on the field, learn your work. Only those who rise up from the ground become successful. There was a time when engineers would wake up at 5 am, get out on field work, and write their reports. This practice has been ignored in the past few years. Be the force that will give Telangana a great future," the Chief Minister said. "Get your inspiration from the likes of

Mokshagundam Visweswaraya who built Himayatsagar and Osmansagar which even after 100 years serve as drinking water sources for Hyderabad. Decide on who your ideals should be. The likes of Visweswaraya or those who built the collapsed Kaleshwaram," Revanth Reddy said, taking his attack on Chandrashekar Rao further. Revanth Reddy added that any of the new assistant executive engineers seeking a specific posting, or coming with rec-

ommendations, would end up in a remote post, possibly in the middle of a forest. "If anyone comes with any sort of recommendation, from trying to use political obligation as a reason, or otherwise, I am instructing the irrigation secretary to post them in a forest location. Sometimes it is good to stay hungry and make do with just one meal. Hunger keeps you focused. Focus on your work, not on the place of posting," Revanth Reddy said.



Ponguleti says skill colleges in all dists

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the state government will establish skill development colleges in every district to enhance employability of the youth. The announcement was made during an event organised by the National Institute for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in Yousufguda on Thursday. The minister stressed the government's commitment to the welfare of Telangana's youth, outlining a series of measures aimed at improving their job prospects. He highlighted the establishment of the Skill University of Telangana, which will begin offering admissions from this academic year. This university, a public-private partnership, will provide a range of certi-



Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

cate, diploma, and degree courses tailored to meet industry demands, ensuring students gain the skills necessary for employment. Srinivas Reddy announced that skill development colleges will soon be set up in every district headquarters across Telangana, expanding access to quality training. These colleges are part of the state's broader goal to make Telangana a hub for worldclass talent, attracting investors and creating job opportunities both locally and globally.

DIST UNITS SLAM HCA FOR U-19 SELECTION

NEERAJ KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has gone ahead and knit together a team for the Vinoo Mankad Trophy for Under-19, which is being hosted in Mohali from October 4 to 10, without conducting a pre-selection tournament. Having drawn condemnation from all quarters, including district units, the HCA has now agreed to con-

duct a tournament in Warangal, which serves no purpose as the team has already been selected. District associations from Karimnagar, Adilabad, Khammam, Warangal, Mahbubnagar, Medak and Nizamabad have protested against the HCA, which has done away with a combined districts team. Karimnagar district cricket association president V. Agam Rao said not even one player from the district figured in the 80-odd probables.



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IN BRIEFS

Unidentified man found dead

Hyderabad: An unidentified body was found near a restaurant at Balajinagar, Miyapur police inspector Durga Ramalinga Prasad said on Thursday. The victim was suspected to be a mendicant. The body was shifted to the Gandhi Hospital mortuary to ascertain the cause of death.

4 women arrested for card games

Hyderabad: TG police arrested four women for playing cards at a hospital in Nizamabad, police also seized ₹15,000 in cash, mobile phones. Women belonged to doctors families.

WOMAN DUPED OF ₹61 LAKH IN JOB FRAUD

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

An unemployed woman looking for a job stumbled upon a promising offer: Write reviews of hotels and earn a fee. According to a complaint registered with the Rachakonda cybercrime police, the 34-year-old Uppal resident, came across a WhatsApp message that contained an offer for a part-time job. All she had to do was write reviews of hotels online and get paid. She applied, and was approved to started posting her reviews. Every time she posted a review, she was shown a false receipt showing that some amount had been deposited in her bank account. When she wanted to withdraw some money, a caller victim told her that she had to pay a fee first. The victim first paid the fraudster ₹5,000. Over the period of a week, she ended up paying ₹61,65,200. Whenever she hesitated to pay up, the group members on WhatsApp insulted her for not trusting the job and the bosses.

500% spike in noise complaints to police

Strict action on those using high-level DJ sound systems

PRIYA RATHNAM | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

City police commissioner C.V. Anand on Thursday highlighted the problems of using high-decibel DJ systems and said that strict legal action would be taken against those who violate instructions with regard to such systems and fireworks.

Anand was speaking at a round-table conference involving political leaders and other stakeholders, to discuss a ban on DJ systems and firecrackers during religious processions.

Many sought removal of the word 'religion' in the phrase. Political representatives raised issues like employment.

Anand noted that there was a 500 per cent increase in calls to the police with regard to noise during the Ganesh celebrations, due to the use of DJ systems.

BJP MLA Raja Singh said that a decision was already taken on the issue and the meeting was just a formality. There are numerous Hindu festivals involving sound and music and that will be continued as per tradition, he said and suggested a decibel lock system.



Hyderabad commissioner C.V. Anand hosts a round table discussion on noise pollution at the Command and Control Centre. Public representatives, government officials and other stakeholders participated.

Congress MP Anil Kumar Yadav highlighted the unemployment problems faced by DJs, generator operators, and autorickshaw drivers relying on festival income. He called for evolving alternatives if a ban was imposed.

Legislator Danam Nagender said politicians should take a stand and say no to events with DJ systems. Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan stated

that change should come from within, and there is no need for political or religious leaders. He also urged the police to focus on vehicles with modified silencers and to shut down shops offering such services.

Bhagwant Rao, general secretary of Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsava Samithi (BGUS), condemned the police for their inaction while planning to ban DJ systems. He urged them to

remove the word 'religion' from their conference title. He questioned how loud music was tolerated during political events.

Rachakonda commissioner Sudheer Babu tried to drive home his point using instances featuring Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu.

Anand said that it was now time for action. He said that all points raised during the meeting would be duly reviewed.

STUDENT GETS 3-YEAR JAIL FOR ASSAULTING MINOR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Fast-Track Special Judge for expeditious trial and disposal of Pocso Act cases at LB Nagar court on Thursday sentenced a student to three years in jail and a fine of ₹7,000 for sexually assaulting a minor. The court ordered a compensation of ₹1 lakh to the victim.

The convict, Arra Ramesh, was arrested by LB Nagar police in 2017 after the victim's family members lodged a complaint against him for sexually assaulting the minor. The accused was booked for stalking and harassing the minor.

MBBS STUDENT DIES, KIN ALLEGE NEGLIGENCE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

A 22-year-old MBBS student died while undergoing treatment at a hospital at about 7 am on Thursday, KPHB police Si Suman said. The deceased, Varun Choudhary, was suffering from appendicitis. After his death, his family alleged medical negligence but did not lodge a complaint with the police.

After Maoist attack, police step up vigil

MOULI MAREEDU | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

A day after Maoists attacked a police camp base in Cherla of Bhadradri Kothagudem district, police swung into action and started identifying the left-wing extremists and their dalam details.

A senior officer said that they have inputs that Maoists Telangana battalions might have participated in the latest attack.

"Anticipating further threat, senior officials did not visit the spot suspecting that the extremists could have planted IEDs. Once the route is cleared, senior officers will visit the spot and analyse the incident," sources said.

The state police officials have obtained leads that the banned party has been targeting police base camps for the past few months not only in Telangana but also bordering localities in an attempt to create disturbances.

"In the Cherla incident, they used many under-barrel grenade launchers but fortunately 80 per cent of them failed. We defused them. A probe is on to identify dalam members," officials said.



BGL shell used by Maoists targeting CRPF base camp in Bhadradri district.

Tension near border due to combing ops

P. SRINIVAS | DC
KOTHAGUDEM, SEPT. 26

Tension prevailed in the Telangana-Chhatisgarh border area as the police intensified combing operation in the forests after Maoists made an abortive attempt to destroy a CRPF base camp with a barrel grenade launcher (BGL) at Punuguppa of Cherla mandal in the district late on Wednesday night.

The grenade fell short of the camp of the 81st Battalion of CRPF which is pursuing anti-Maoist operations. CRPF personnel retaliated and the exchange of fire between continued for 20 minutes. After the firing ceased, CRPF

and Greyhounds personnel launched a combing operation in the area.

The attack and the aftermath left the locals of Raghunadhapalem, Chinthakunta and Punuguppa in a state of panic. The district committee of Adivasi Hakkula Sangham released a letter, stating their rejection of the Maoist activities and support to development. The sangham questioned why the Maoists were celebrating 20 years of formation day. Over, 5,500 Dalits and Adivasis died after joining the banned outfit, believing the false stories of Maoist leaders, the sangham said.

Telugu ex-actor nabbed in Goa

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Tollywood actor Abhishek, wanted in drugs cases, who has eluded the police drag-net since 2012, was arrested by a special team of TSNAB from his hideout in Goa.

Abhishek, who reportedly has a strong nexus with bulk cocaine suppliers from South Africa, has been supplying cocaine in bulk to locations in Mumbai, Goa and Pune, police sources said.

A native of Uttar Pradesh, Abhishek was arrested in a drug case in 2012 when he was travelling with one G. Srinivasulu. They were caught with 10 packets of cocaine during police checks. Also arrested were

Naveen and two Nigerians. After his arrest by the SR Nagar and Jubilee Hills police, Abhishek obtained bail but did not attend court even once. An NBW was issued against him, police said.

The police learnt that Abhishek was running a restaurant in Goa and was dealing in drugs from there. A special team of TSNAB tracked him in Goa and arrested him. He was produced before the court on Thursday, police sources said.

Much earlier, he was arrested by the city task force for organising gambling at his house in SR Nagar. Abhishek acted in over six Telugu movies before his role in the drug trade was exposed.

GANG HELD FOR DRUGGING, STEALING JEWELLERY OF ₹4L FROM PASSENGER

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD SEPT. 26

A special team of the Kacheguda Government Railway Police arrested a four-member gang for drugging a passenger and recovered ₹4.5 lakh worth stolen jewellery from them.

The GRP was acting on a

complaint of a farmer, Siddesh, of Hasan district of Karnataka on September 22.

The gang had fed him sedative-laced biscuits on Mysore Express and robbed him.

Siddesh woke up in Bengaluru and found his two gold rings and a gold chain missing.

MAN STABS EX-GIRLFRIEND AFTER BREAKUP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD SEPT. 26

A man attacked his former girlfriend, a BTEch student, with a knife for ending their relationship, Uppal police said. Police arrested the accused, R. Sai Kumar, 24. Police said Kumar and the victim, hailing from the same village in Bhongir, had been in a relationship for three years. The duo broke up a month ago, and the victim had been avoiding his calls or texts.

The accused in Thursday went to her college in Moinabad to meet her and returned in a bus to Uppal. There, Kumar allegedly attempted to grab her phone but she prevented him. Kumar then took out a knife and attacked her.

MAN MURDERS DAUGHTER'S FATHER-IN-LAW

DC CORRESPONDENT
NIZAMABAD, SEPT. 26

A man murdered his daughter's father-in-law at Kanjar in Mopal mandal on Wednesday night, suspecting him to be responsible for the suicide of his daughter two months ago. The accused was identified as Satyanarayana, his daughter who died by suicide as Bhavitha and the victim as Narahari. Police said that Satyanarayana had set out to murder his son-in-law Govardhan at his residence. Noticing the presence of Narahari, Govardhan's father, Satyanarayana and his associates threw mirchi powder and stabbed him and escaped.

Mopal police registered a case and are investigating. The body was shifted for post-mortem at Government Hospital.

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R. PAUL PRASAD
S/o Mrs. & Mr. R. Devanandam
D.O.B: 27-10-1950 D.O.D: 24-09-2024
At St. George's Church, Abids on 28-09-2024
Saturday at 11 AM
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
(S/2425/D00624)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Late Sri Putrevu Radhakrishna Murthy
DOB: 11-11-1931 DOD: 27-09-2014
"Though you are not with us you will always remain in our hearts."
Putrevu Family

OBITUARY

Late. Boddam Mallesh Yadav
Retd. Account Dept. TSSSDCL
DOB: 26-01-1946 DOD: 25-09-2024
'You are forever in our hearts'
Inserted by:
Boddam Abhilash Yadav
S/o Late B. Satyanarayana Yadav
Nampally Bazarghat

8th Year Remembrance

M. PRAKASH
Retd. BHEL Employee
A husband, father, mentor, sportsman, & a true gentleman.
We hope you are in a better place and we miss you.
Inserted by:
Sandeep Prakash (Son)
and Rashmi Prakash (Daughter)
Ph.: 9703887404, 9985901408

12th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.
PSALMS- 23:6

Late S. S. RAJARATHNAM
D.O.B: 01-09-1929 D.O.D: 27-09-2012
12 Years has Passed away we always cherish your good deeds.
Your's loving:
S.R. Sanjeev Kumar - Son (Advocate)
Hannashirley - Daughter-in-law
S.S. Sheeba Naomi - Grand Daughter
S.S. Sam Benedict - Grandson
(S/2425/D00615)

SHRADHANJALI

NALLACHERUVU LAXMI
DOB: 27-12-1954 DOD: 18-09-2024
May your soul rest in eternal peace
Inserted by:
Nallacheruvu Kiran Kumar, Swathi, Sathvik, Sri Shivank, Sarojini, Dr. Kashinatham, Santosh Laxmi

OBITUARY

RITA DEVI MATHUR
16.12.1953 to 25.09.2024
In grief:
Ajeet Kumar Mathur, Rajeev & Pooja, Sweta & Vinith, Nitin, Nilesh, Reyansh and all the family members.
Phone : 9394761037

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the Race, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7

N. DEVADAS GUNDAPPA
Thasildhar (MRO) Rtd., R.R. Dist.
DOB: 1-7-1952 DOD: 22-9-2024
MEMORIAL SERVICE ON 27-9-2024
(Friday) at K.K. Functional Hall, Hydershakote, Hyd. Time: 7:00 pm
Inserted By: Friends
M. MARK MALLAIAH & Family
Rtd. Railway.
S.D. Yesurathnam & Family Ph: 9849955213

PEDDAKARMA - 27-9-2024

Smt. Bandari Mallamma Kuruma
W/o. Late B. Ramulu Garu, Bharathi Nagar, Uppal
Inserted by :
Smt. & Sri Madharam Manj Kumar Kuruma & Rajya Lakshmi Kuruma
(Chairman - RL Group - ERI Hyderabad)
Smt. & Sri Shaga Ramulu & Illamma Kuruma
(Daughter & son in law)
Smt. & Sri. Bandari Ravi Kuruma & Sabitha Kuruma
(Son & daughter in law)
Specially remembered by Grand Children & All the Family Members of Bandari, Madharam, Shaga, Mote

HC issues bailable warrants on ex-cop

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Telangana High Court issued bailable warrants against retired additional DCP Suhas Chaturvedi for his disregard to the court by not responding

and keeping quiet for 12 years in the criminal contempt case filed against him on charges that he gave a false oath before the court. The court also directed Chaturvedi to pay ₹10,000 personal bond for release on bail.

The division bench, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, was dealing with a suo motu criminal contempt case ordered by the HC in 2012 against Chaturvedi, B. Anjaiah, then CI of Chilkalguda

police, police official K. Venugopal and home guards. They were involved in forcible eviction of a woman from her rented house at Flat No. 402, Saraswathi Residency, Secunderabad.

Goldfish Abode MD held in ₹7cr fraud

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Cyberabad economic offences wing (EOW) police on Thursday arrested Chandrasekhar Vege, managing director (MD) of Goldfish Abode Private Limited, for allegedly misappropriating funds worth ₹6.81 crore.

The police said they had received a complaint from one Vikrant Reddy, secretary of the Zresta Villas Owners MMACS Ltd at Kokapet, owner of one of the villas. According to the com-

plaint, there are 27 members in the villa complex. It was alleged that Vege allegedly carried out unauthorised registrations through his directors between 2020 and 2023 and also violated the development agreement that was signed with the society members.

"Vege took ₹25 lakh each from 27 of us for a corpus fund and maintenance. He did not repay us nor did he carry out any maintenance work," alleged Vikranth.

"The construction for the villas started in 2015

● A VIDEO of Vege, the managing director of Goldfish Abode private Limited was seen quarrelling with the guards.

when I bought one of them. Until 2022, no major maintenance works were carried out. We have paid ₹14,68,103 towards the corpus fund and ₹10,57,035 towards maintenance. However, no maintenance works were carried out," Vikranth alleged.

According to the sale deed prepared at the

time of the registrations, the villa owners were promised an interest amount, which was allegedly never paid by the accused.

"Each one of us paid ₹14,68,103 towards corpus fund, which acts as a fixed deposit, with an interest rate of 6.5 to 7 per cent interest. When we asked for the interest amount, he refused to pay," Vikranth told Deccan Chronicle. Sridhar, a villa owner, accused Vege of creating nuisance in the society. "Lately, he has been

sending workers to do some work. We started a pass system to ensure the security of the residents, but he objected to it. On Wednesday morning, he started abusing our security guards."

A video of Vege quarrelling with the security guards was circulated on social media platforms. Vikranth said the accused had around 12 criminal cases registered against him in the Cyberabad commissionerate limits and the PD Act was invoked against him.

SHORT TAKE
HC UPSET WITH
ATTITUDE OF
HEALTH VARSITYVUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Telangana High Court expressed its displeasure over the rigid stance adopted by Kaloji Narayana Rao University for Health Sciences (KNRUHS) on the definition of 'local' in admissions to MBBS and BDS courses.

As the university refused to consider a 'state recommended' military school student as a local candidate, the High Court asked the state government to intervene and consider the student as a local candidate.

A division bench, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, was dealing with a petition filed by Chepuri Avinash, who did his schooling from class 8 to 10 in Rashtriya Indian Military School at Dehradun, following the selection and recommendations of the Telangana government to the military school from the state quota. Further, he completed his intermediate course in Telangana. During the admissions of MBBS, the university refused to treat him as a local candidate, stating that his last four years of study were not in Telangana.

TG PHARMA LEADS
INDIAN MARKET:
SRIDHAR BABUDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu said Telangana was powering India's position as the global leader in pharmaceutical production and exports, pointing to the state's performance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"During the Covid-19 pandemic, four vaccines were manufactured in India, out of which three were produced in Hyderabad," Sridhar Babu said at the inauguration of 'India Lab Expo-2024' at Hitex on Thursday. Addressing representatives from the pharmaceutical industry, he said, "One-third of all vaccines in the country are supplied from Telangana. Additionally, 30 per cent of the (national) pharmaceutical production happens within the state, and 40 per cent of the medicines exported from India come from Telangana." He added 50 per cent of bulk drug exports were from Telangana.

He said Telangana held a 19 per cent share in life sciences and med-technology start-up ventures. Over the past four years, the life sciences sector has attracted investments worth ₹10,000 crore. Owing to the state's industry-friendly environment, pharma and life sciences companies are viewing Telangana as a key destination for expansion, the minister noted. He expressed happiness that 25,000 products from 25 countries were showcased at the Lab Expo. Notable pharma industry leaders, including Bhupinder Singh, Harshit Shah, and Dr. S.V. Veeramani, were present at the event.

Legal notice to KTR for linking bizman to Amrut

BRS leader given 24 hours to give written apology

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao was on Thursday slapped with a legal notice for his allegations that Soodini Srujan Reddy, who he claimed was Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's brother-in-law, received undue benefits and was handed a ₹8,888-crore contract by the state government.

The notice from Srujan Reddy's legal counsel charged Rama Rao with making "false, malicious, politically-motivated, and vindictive statements" against Srujan Reddy and Shodha Constructions, the company run by him, "without any basis or substantiation."

Rama Rao was also accused of making unfounded and defamatory statements in the media about Srujan Reddy and "falsely implied" that Srujan Reddy was related to the Chief



K.T. Rama Rao

Minister and as a result secured a contract worth ₹1,377 crore for executing works related to Central government's Amrut scheme.

The BRS working president was given 24 hours to issue a written public apology for making false and defamatory statements against Srujan Reddy and Shodha Constructions "for harming and damaging his hard-earned reputation and goodwill," and also "remove/delete/take down the defamatory content from the social media accounts and websites maintained and controlled" by Rama Rao, and the BRS

and also desist from making further comments against Srujan Reddy.

Srujan Reddy's counsel said if Rama Rao did not issue the public apology and withdraw his comments, "appropriate legal proceedings, both civil and criminal in nature" would be initiated against the BRS leader.

The 56-page notice said that Rama Rao had claimed that a company that had only ₹2 crore in profits was given contracts worth ₹1,377.77 crore through favouritism by the CM. Rama Rao, and the BRS, amplified the allegations, following a statement released by the BRS leader that the company did not meet the financial qualification to bid for the tender, the notice said.

The notice said Shodha Constructions entered into a joint venture with AMR Private Limited, and IHP Limited to bid for a tender announced by the Telan-

gana government, and that the contract was awarded through the tender process after the combined resources of the three companies were considered by the government.

The notice further said the total value of the work under Amrut 2.0 scheme was around ₹3656.78 crore and nowhere near ₹9,000 crore as claimed by Rama Rao, which was a fictitious and bogus number. The tender awarded to the joint venture was around ₹1,110 crore. The ratio of the JV bid was 51:29:20 with AMR holding the highest share, followed by Shodha, and IHP, which meant Shodha will get works worth only ₹321.9 crore.

"These vital aspects have been deliberately concealed" by Rama Rao "with malicious intent. It shows a deliberate attempt" to misguide the public with the "sole object of causing reputational damage" to Srujan Reddy, it said.

Excise aims for 25 pc rise in Dasara sales

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The state excise department is aiming for a 25 per cent increase in liquor sales during the upcoming

Dasara and Bathukamma festive season in October, compared to the corresponding period last year. Last October, liquor sales reached ₹2,900 crore, but officials said the department is now targeting ₹3,625

crore in sales. Excise revenue remains a key financial source for the state.

Dasara and Bathukamma, the biggest festivals in Telangana, witness heightened celebrations both in cities and rural areas,

driving significant increases in liquor consumption.

Traditionally, people return to their native villages to celebrate these festivals in a grand style, further boosting demand for alcohol.

Notices to widen road for Old City Metro in 3 months

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Authorities plan to complete issuing notices to all 1,100 properties identified for road widening along the Old City Metro Rail route. Roads will be expanded to 100 feet and up to 120 feet at station locations. So far, 400 notices have been issued, and land acquisition is set to begin soon.

Chandrayanagutta junction will serve as the main station for this line.

N.V.S. Reddy, managing director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited, said that all 103 religious and other sensitive structures along the route will be preserved using innovative engineering solutions and careful adjustment of pillars and station locations. Reddy stated that the detailed project

report (DPR) had been completed and would be submitted for approval. He said that due to changes in the Hyderabad Airport Metro Rail alignment, a new study has been initiated as per the Chief Minister's instructions. The new proposed routes include Mairdevpally, Aramghar, and the New High Court at Rajendranagar, covering 4 km. Additional expansions include 14 km from Miyapur to Patancheru via Chandanagar and BHEL, 12 km from Raidurg to the Financial District via Biodiversity Junction, and 8 km from LB Nagar to Hayatnagar via Vanasthalipuram.

Reddy also mentioned that the Airport Metro Rail will be extended to the Future City's Skill University, with stakeholder meetings currently underway.

Curious kids



Schoolchildren take a look at the exhibits displayed at CSIR-NGRI as it celebrated the 83rd foundation day of CSIR as 'Open Day' on Thursday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

Ambekar award for Sanjeeva Reddy

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh, Mumbai, has conferred the coveted G.D. Ambekar Shram Ratna Award to Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy, president of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (Intuc) for his meritorious service over the decades.

The sangh is celebrating its 75 years in the service of the Indian labour movement. The award was announced by Sachin Ahir, MLC and former minister of Maharashtra, and Gawde, director of G.D. Ambekar Institute of Labour Studies, Mumbai. They said that this was in



Office-bearers of the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh honour Intuc president Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy.

appreciation and recognition of the yeomen services rendered by Reddy, especially in taking forward the movement. Dr Sanjeeva Reddy has served as chairman of the

labour cell of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). He voiced collective opposition to anti-labour policies that were unleashed due to unhindered globalisation.

NEW | EVENT **Key policy announcements awaited**

State planning tourism gift for students: Min.

SAALINI LOKESH | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The state government is planning an ambitious scheme of taking students of state-run schools and colleges to major tourist destinations, tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao told *Deccan Chronicle* in an exclusive interview.

Official orders for this scheme, called 'Telangana Darshini', were issued on Thursday. It will be applicable to students from Class 2 to graduation.

The minister said, "While Kerala leads the way in tourism, we are committed to ensuring that our state reaches the top position. By focusing on our natural attractions — forests, rivers, and wildlife sanctuaries — and prioritising environmental conservation in sensitive areas, we are preparing to offer new experiences."

This scheme will make government education institutions more attractive, as well as boost state tourism.

"Previously, the government was progressing at a snail's pace, but now we are committed towards taking giant strides in tourism. As

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	III CATEGORY: Class 9 to Intermediate: Places with 50 km to 70 km (two days trip; ₹2,000 per student)

World Tourism Day (Sept. 27) approaches, Telangana is set to celebrate sustainable tourism, infrastructure development, and engaging new sectors like IT," he said.

Highlighting the importance of engagement with the IT sector, the minister said, "Many IT professionals from Hyderabad travel to destinations in Karnataka and Maharashtra on weekends. Telangana Tourism aims to introduce these travellers to beautiful, lesser-known destinations within the state, offering them quick and easy weekend getaways. "Telangana is also working on developing tourism circuits across its 33

districts, each with its unique attractions. However, lack of infrastructure for hotels, toilets, and changing rooms have been a challenge. To address this, the department is exploring public-private partnerships to develop necessary amenities," he said.

On Friday, the official event will be held at the National Academy of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Gachibowli.

"The event will feature cultural programmes and key policy announcements for tourism development. The Chief Minister is likely to attend the event," Krishna Rao said.

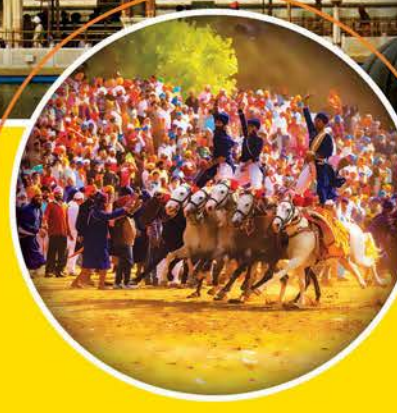


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SHORT TAKES

HYD TO SEE MORE RAIN THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK: IMD

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Scattered rainfall for the seventh consecutive day resulted in waterlogged streets and significant traffic delays across the city. Intense rain affected surrounding areas. The IMD has indicated that Hyderabad will see consistent rainfall throughout the week.

According to popular weather blogger Balaji T, Hyderabad will witness a two-day break from the rains on September 27 and 28. However, he cautioned that high humidity and thunderstorms are expected to resume from September 29, impacting various parts of Telangana.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for several districts in Telangana, warning of heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning. The districts under the alert include Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Hanamkonda, Mahabubabad, Khammam, Bhadrachalam, Kamareddy, Nirmal, Jagtial, Bhupalpally, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Adilabad, Nizamabad, and Karimnagar.

These areas are likely to experience isolated spells of heavy rain, lightning, and gusty winds of 30-40 km/h on Friday.

TG PLANS PRAVASI PRAJAVANI AT PRAJA BHAVAN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The state government will open a 'Pravasi Prajavani' counter at Praja Bhavan, Begumpet, on Friday to address the grievances of Gulf workers and NRIs. Transport minister Ponnamp Prabhakar will open the counter at 10 am on Friday. Pravasi Prajavani will operate every Wednesday and Friday, providing a platform for expatriate workers and their families to seek assistance and solutions for their problems.

Prominent attendees will include Prajavani incharge G. Chinna Reddy, MLAs from constituencies with a large high number of expatriates, members of the TPCC NRI department, families of Gulf labourers, Gulf workers union leaders, and other key leaders from various organisations.



ISF members present
Zaheerabad MP D. Suresh Kumar a memento at the inauguration of the International Startup Expo on Thursday.

IT MIN STRESSES ON INNOVATIVE GROWTH IN STATE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

At the International Start-up Festival (ISF), Telangana highlighted its intention to expand beyond traditional technology sectors by fostering a diverse startup ecosystem, including agriculture and health tech. IT minister D. Sridhar Babu, stressed the need for innovation-driven growth and international collaborations to propel the state into a global hub for next-generation startups.

The three-day festival, themed 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the AI Era,' witnessed over 5,000 delegates from 15 countries at the Engineering Staff College of India in Gachibowli. The International Startup Foundation (ISF), co-powered by NTT Data, signed 12 MoUs with key institutions like Singularity University, We-Hub, and the US India Chamber of Commerce, aiming to boost next-generation innovation. A new concept, 'Junicorns', was introduced to encourage young innovators to transform ideas into sustainable businesses.

The event featured the Unicorn pavilion and the ISF Pitch Fest, where winners emerged from a competitive pool of startups, showcasing Telangana's rich entrepreneurial talent. D. Shetkar Suresh Kumar, MP for Zahirabad, and IAS officer Jayesh Ranjan, inaugurated the ISF Expo, which showcased over 200 start-ups. Dr J.A. Chowdary, chairperson of ISF, announced the 'Ankura Yatra,' a plan to identify rural innovators across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, aiming to bridge the urban-rural divide through technology-driven solutions.

Brimming Jalpally drowns illegal buildings, car sheds

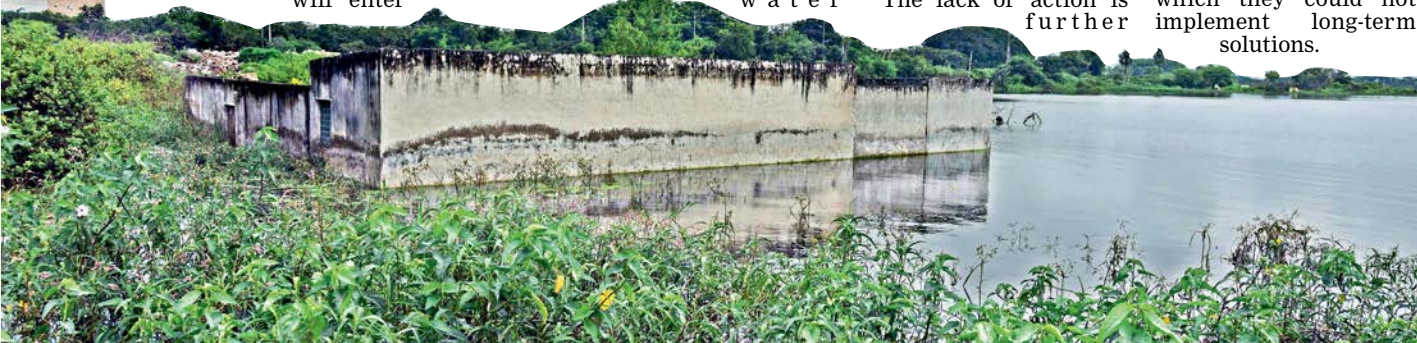
Drainage water enters houses, many suffer from viral diseases

MRITTIKA
BANERJEE | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Jalpally lake near Pahadishareef has filled up, submerging illegal structures along its banks, including houses and sheds constructed near the proposed Metro Rail route to the Shamshabad airport. Polluted lake water, mixed with garbage, was seen overflowing onto the main road, forcing vehicles to slow down.

The lake's waters inundated a shed filled with dilapidated cars, sending them floating. Elsewhere, the rising water, mixed with debris and waste, lapped at the walls of residential buildings. The lake's deteriorating condition is largely due to unchecked encroachments, poor drainage systems and waterlogging.

For many, the problems extend beyond mere flooding. Homes have become uninhabitable due to water entering kitchens and bathrooms.



(Left) Overflowing water in Jalpally lake submerges car sheds near Pahadishareef. (Right) The roads in Pahadishareef covered with rainwater, inconveniencing commuters.



— P. SURENDRA

"The drainage water has come inside our houses, into the kitchen and bathroom. This flooding has been happening for two years now," said Sudha (name changed), a resident.

"When we complained, GHMC workers cleared the water. But, as soon as it rains again, we face the same situation within hours." After the downpour on Wednesday night, Sudha's house was cleared of water by Thursday morning. With more rain forecast, she fears water will enter

the house again.

Residents also say many of them are suffering from fever and mosquito-borne diseases like malaria. Residents say the situation has worsened in the last two years. Some families have also been forced to leave their homes and seek shelter with relatives. Jalpally is part of the Maheshwaram Assembly constituency, represented by BRS MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy. The issue has been taken to her notice. Protection of

bodies in Jalpally has been an ongoing concern. In April, the Telangana High Court took suo motu cognisance of the issue, following media reports, and issued notices to the Chief Secretary and municipality officials to address the issue of encroachments, particularly on the lake's eastern side. Once covering over 250 acres, the lake has now shrunk to half its size due to encroachments, many allegedly backed by local politicians.

The lack of action is further

compounded by the failure of a beautification project announced in 2021 by the HMDA. The ₹9.5 crore project promised walkways, a cycling track, an open gym, and other facilities around the lake. However, no work has begun. "If the beautification had been taken seriously, Jalpally might not be in this situation today," a resident said.

When contacted, municipal officials said that they faced a paucity of funds because of which they could not implement long-term solutions.

Green channel to fund irrigation projects: CM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday instructed finance department officials to open green channel payments for work on irrigation projects that are nearing completion in order to ensure faster irrigation to more acreage before the start of the Kharif crop season.

Reddy said projects in the Godavari and Krishna basins on which 75 per cent or more work had been done should be the priority for completion to bring them on stream.

"By doing so more ayat can be irrigated before the next Kharif. Take quick and prompt action to remove any hur-

● **CHIEF MINISTER** said projects in the Godavari and Krishna basins on which 75 per cent or more work had been done should be the priority for completion to bring them on stream.

dles. Officials from irrigation, power and revenue departments should hold joint meetings to discuss any emerging issues, including land acquisition, and find solutions and prepare action plans for project completion," the Chief Minister said.

The top priority, he said, should be for projects that can begin providing irrigation in the next six months. Focus should be on projects that can be fully completed in

the next two years, and not chase those which will require five years or more as spending right now should be on those that can be turned around quickly, he added.

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Tummala Nagaswara Rao, and principal secretaries of finance and irrigation departments, Ramakrishna Rao and Rahul Bojja, and senior officials took part in the discussions.

Reacting to a submission that the irrigation department was facing challenges with respect to dues it owes to Transco and Discoms, Revanth Reddy suggested that irrigation officials meet officials from the utilities to find a way forward.

"Irrigation engineers played a crucial role in the Telangana movement and they should take note of the fact that their jobs are vital for the progress of the state. Water is not just a commodity but an emotion for the people. Officials should be on field and not locked up in their offices," he said.

On land acquisition, the Chief Minister urged the officials to adopt a humane approach and discuss the issues with people whose lands are being sought for the project, by taking assistance from elected representatives.

Irrigation officials gave a presentation on Chinnna Kaleshwaram, Modikuntavagu, lower Penganga, Chanaka Korata, Devadula lift irrigation

scheme, Sripada Yellampalli, Koilsagar, Kalwakurthy lift irrigation scheme, SLBC tunnel, Dindi lift, SRSP II and Sadarmet barrage. They informed Revanth Reddy that these, along with a couple of other projects, are among those that can be completed fast.

Later, the Chief Minister discussed each project related issue via videoconference with irrigation officials working on these projects. He asked them to discuss the issue of siltation at various irrigation projects and the best methods to attend to the problem.

Bojja informed that a recent study found that on an average all the irrigation projects were 25 per cent silted up.

HC tests RWA managers' power

L. RAVICHANDER
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Telangana High Court will hear an appeal on the powers vested with the manager of residential apartments with regard to disconnection of essential services for non-payment of dues. It pertains to the inaction of TSSPDCL to disconnect power to residents of Pride Residency at Hanuman Tekdi for alleged failure to pay for a new flooring in the parking lot. The panel, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, was dealing with a writ appeal filed by Pride Residency Welfare Association. The appellant filed a petition stating that every flat owner was required to pay ₹34,000 for the parking lot but only nine obliged. Because of this, the other occupants were suffering. The petitioner said that the Telangana Apartments (Promotion of Construction & Ownership) Act, 1987 conferred powers on the manager or the association to take action. As services like electricity and power connection are provided by the TSSPDCL, the issue cannot be handled by the manager. Moreover, the state was not providing any enforcement agency due to which the petitioner was unable to take any action against unofficial

respondents. Per contra the respondents contended that the petitioner cannot seek direction to a statutory authority to act as per his directions and the claim of the petitioner to disconnect power to the respondents' house was without authority. The judge pointed out that Section 21 of the Act, conferred power on the manager to cut-off, withhold, curtail or reduce any supply or service enjoyed by an apartment owner, which are provided or being managed by the manager, like provision of a lift, common area maintenance, lighting, water supply from the overhead tank, etc. It does not take into its ambit services which are being provided directly by third parties like direct power supply to the house, Internet and telephone services. The judge accordingly dismissed the writ petition as devoid of merit. The panel after perusing the records ordered notices.

TRANSTROY CHIEF MOVES HC ON LOC

The Telangana High Court granted liberty to a person, against whom a LOC (look out circular) was opened, to move an appropriate application seeking permission to travel abroad despite a pending criminal case. The order was made by Justice C.V. Bhasker Reddy in a plea challenging the LOC issued on



Cherukuri Sridhar, director of Transstroy (India) Limited. The company was declared as an NPA following loan default and was alleged to have committed bank fraud of over ₹7,000 crore. A chargesheet was filed against the company and others before the additional chief metropolitan magistrate, Nampally. The petitioner the LOC was issued at the behest of Bank of Baroda. The petitioner challenged the legality of the official memorandum issued on February 22, 2021, by the Union home ministry, which provides for guidelines for opening LOCs. The judge, refusing to grant any relief in the interim application, posted the main petition for further adjudication.

BAR ENROLMENT DELAY CHALLENGED

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy took on file a writ plea challenging the actions of the Bar Council of Telangana in withholding the enrollment of a lawyer. The judge was

dealing with a writ plea filed by Vedula Kiranmayi, a student from Pendekanti Law College. The petitioner alleged that despite meeting all the requirements, her application submitted on August 20 remained unprocessed. Counsel for the petitioner also contended that the enrolment process was earlier stayed by the Supreme Court due to revision in the enrolment fee structure. It was the case of the petitioner that the authorities cannot sleep on the rights of persons who can start their practice only after being enrolled as members. Since the stay was lifted and the process resumed on August 14, there has been an unexplained delay in enrolling eligible candidates. The judge questioned the standing counsel for the state Bar Council and Bar Council of India regarding the next enrollment date. The standing counsel sought additional time.

PLEA FILED ON POLICE PROMOTIONS

The Telangana High Court will hear a writ plea challenging the actions of the state home department and the DGP for alleged discrimination while promoting inspectors. Justice Pulla Karthik took on file a writ plea filed by ten inspectors alleging that they were not promoted

to the post of deputy superintendent of police along with other inspectors during the panel year 2022-2023 as per the rule of reservation. The petitioners alleged that actions of the respondent authorities were illegal and in violation of the Constitution. The petitioners also rely upon the apex court judgement, sought a direction to the respondent authorities for promoting them with immediate effect with all consequential benefits. The judge after hearing the petitioners directed the government pleader to get instructions from the respondent authorities and posted the matter for further adjudication.

CAB DRIVER IN DRUG CASE GETS BAIL

Justice Juvvadi Sridevi of the Telangana High Court granted bail to a cab driver, who was in judicial custody for allegedly carrying 8.5 kg of amphetamine in his car. The judge was dealing with a bail application filed by Ashagona Vinod Kumar, who was travelling in his cab along with the other accused. The petitioner contended that he was innocent. The additional public prosecutor contended that specific allegations were levelled against the petitioner.

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SCB's 60-km road widening by 2026

RACHEL DAMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

A total of 60 km of roads under the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB), including SH-1 and NH-44, will be widened to end growing traffic woes.

Officials of the SCB and the state road development authority (TGR DA), at a recent meeting, decided to significantly transform the stretch from Bo-laram to Bowenpally which is used by 2 lakh vehicles daily.

The SCB and the Telangana government have sanctioned an initial budget of ₹5.4 crore for the works, which are planned for completion by 2026. The project will involve clearing various encroachments along the designated routes.

A special grievance cell has been set up to address the

issues of residents and business owners.

The SCB's meeting on road widening comes in response to the increasing traffic congestion, particularly along the ECIL crossroads and Secunderabad routes.

The expansion of the National Highway-44 route is anticipated to play a key role in enhancing connectivity between the northern and southern regions of the city. Plans include the construction of elevated corridors at crucial junctions to mitigate congestion. This comprehensive plan also includes the construction of service roads and footpaths to ensure safety and accessibility for pedestrians.

The board has proposed a series of public consultations to keep the stakeholders informed throughout the construction phase.

CITY BRIEFS

INTACH, HECS WORKSHOP CREATES AWARENESS ON HERITAGE CLUBS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (Intach) and its heritage education and communication service (Heecs) organised a two-day workshop for teachers of schools to establish heritage clubs and integrate textile education into school curriculums.

It brought together teachers from 26 schools, all of which are part of the Intach heritage club network.

Although textile intersected with subjects like science, history and geography, it was neglected in the school curriculum. Further, with the intense globalisation local textiles were getting erased, it was stated.

"If schools adopt one kind of textile or village craft, it makes a significant difference in preserving local heritage," said Purnima Datt, principal director of Heecs, Intach. According to Purnima Datt, "Students need to know about the textiles of their own state."

JAM-PRONE AREAS CHECKED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD SEPT. 26

Cyberabad police commissioner Avinash Mohanty and joint commissioner of traffic D. Joel Davis inspected traffic jam-prone areas on Thursday. This inspection was carried out in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, including the GHMC, south-eastern discom and Town planning officials and was meant to implement measures aimed at reducing road congestion.

The officers covered the JNTU-Yashoda ROB road, Siddhi Vinayaknagar, Madhapur, and the NIA service road.

2 TRACED FOR OBSCENE DRIVE

PRIYA RATHNAM | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Balapur police traced the two youngsters for allegedly indulging in obscene behaviour while riding on a two-wheeler in public, and registered a case of public nuisance against the duo on Thursday. The police identified the couple after going through CCTV cameras in Balapur, after their video was posted on social media.

The duo, identified as Wasif Arshad and Annapurna Sharma of West Bengal, was issued notice and counselled by the police.

EXPERTS DISCUSS ADVANCEMENTS NEEDED FOR DEFENCE SELF-RELIANCE

Hyderabad: Top experts discussed critical advancements needed for India's defence sector to achieve self-reliance during a two-day conclave jointly organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), aims to address. The 11th Engineers

Conclave was inaugurated by Dr Anil Kakodkar, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and DRDO Dr Samir V. Kamat. Dr G. Madhusudhan Reddy and J.J. Jadhav steered conversations around the strategic priorities of additive manufacturing and advanced defence technologies.

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SHORT TAKES

HOSTEL WARDEN GETS GALLOWS IN POCSE CASE

DC CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI, SEPT. 26

A special court in Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday pronounced the death sentence to a hostel warden convicted of sexual assault of 21 minor students at a government-run residential school between 2014 and 2022.

The case came to light in November 2022 when a parent of a twin girl child lodged a complaint at the Monigong police station in Shi Yomi district accusing hostel warden of rape.

Advocate Nkita Danggen, who was appointed legal aid council but decided to fight for the case as pro-bono advocate, told this newspaper that initially the response of the authorities was lukewarm and the accused managed to get bail from the district session court but intervention of the Gauhati High Court that took suo moto cognisance and ordered SIT probe, resulted in landmark judgment.

FAULTY WELDING, RUST CAUSED FALL OF SHIVAJI STATUE

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, SEPT. 26

The faulty welding work, internal corrosion and weak frame are found to be the major reasons for the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue at a Malvan fort in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. The state government's probe committee, in its report, has also blamed lack of maintenance for the statue's crash.

The 35-foot statue of the legendary Maratha king, unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 4 last year on the occasion of Navy Day celebrations, collapsed at Rajkot fort in Malvan on August 26. While, the incident created a huge uproar in Maharashtra, who hold the king in deep reverence, it also caused an immense embarrassment to both the state and central governments.

3 TOP MAOISTS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

DC CORRESPONDENT
KOTHAGUDEM, SEPT. 26

Security forces killed three senior Maoist cadres during an encounter in the Paradi forests, in the remote Abujmahad area of Narayanpur district in Chhattisgarh.

The deceased Maoists were identified as Rupesh alias Kolu, alias Shamba Gosai Mandavi, a Dandakaranya south zone committee member with a bounty of ₹25 lakh; Jagdish alias Ramesh alias Sukhlal Tekam, divisional committee member, with a prize of ₹16 lakh for his capture; and Sarita, alias Basanti, a platform party committee member, carrying an award of ₹8 lakh.

Security forces recovered an AK-47 rifle, an INSAS rifle, two SLRs, two carbines, a .303 rifle, a 12-bore shotgun, two single-shot guns, 75 barrel grenade launcher (BGL) cells, and a large quantity of explosive materials.

REACHED SOME CONSENSUS WITH INDIA, SAYS CHINA

New Delhi, Sept. 26: China and India were able to "reduce differences" and build "some consensus" on disengaging troops from friction points to end the standoff in eastern Ladakh and agreed to maintain dialogue to reach a resolution acceptable to both sides at an "early date", the Chinese Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

Under the guidance of two leaders, China and India have maintained communication with each other through diplomatic and military channels including between two foreign ministers and China's Foreign Minister and India's National Security Advisor and through the border consultation mechanisms, Zhang Xiaogang said.

Both China and India through talks were "able to reduce their differences and build some consensus besides agreeing to strengthen dialogue to accommodate each other's legitimate concerns", Zhang, a spokesperson for the Ministry of National Defence, told a media briefing here.

"The two sides agreed to reach a resolution at an early date acceptable to both sides," he said.

Terror-free J&K, if BJP voted to power: Shah

Says NC-Cong. alliance will impose Pak agenda if elected

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, SEPT. 26

Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday warned the "promoters of terrorism" in Jammu and Kashmir and beyond that they will meet the fate of the Parliament attack convict Muhammad Afzal Guru. Guru, a resident of Doabgah suburb of J&K's north-western town of Sopore, who was hanged in Delhi's Tihar Jail on February 9, 2013.

Shah, reacting to former CM and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah's recent assertion that Guru's hanging served no purpose, asked: "Phir kya biryani khilani thi usko"? He added: "Those who will promote terrorism will meet the same fate as that of Afzal Guru."

Abdullah had earlier this month said in an interview: "The unfortunate thing was that the J&K government had nothing to do with Afzal Guru's execution. Otherwise, you would have had to do it with the permission of the state government, which I can tell you in no uncertain terms would not have been forthcoming. We wouldn't have done it. I don't believe that any purpose was served by executing him." Abdullah was the chief minister of the erstwhile J&K state when Guru was



Union home minister Amit Shah during a public meeting for the ongoing Assembly polls, in Udhampur of J&K on Thursday. — PTI

sent to the gallows.

The home minister said: "If the BJP is voted to power in J&K, we promise it will be a completely terror-free region. The NC-Congress alliance would impose Pakistan's agenda if it came to power here".

The home minister, addressing a series of BJP election rallies in the Jammu region, said terrorism has been buried so deep in J&K that it will not grow again and that Article 370, that he said stirred terrorism and violence and encouraged separatist elements to grow, was now history and will never be a part of India's Constitution again. "The NC and Rahul Baba are making claims about the restoration of Article 370, but the

generations of Rahul won't have powers to restore the provision again. The Narendra Modi government fulfilled the dream of Syama Prasad Mookerjee when it abrogated Article 370. It will never come back," Shah said.

He said: "I also heard Rahul and Omar saying they will bring J&K's statehood back. But didn't I, after the abrogation of Article 370, promise the restoration of statehood will take place after the Assembly elections in J&K? Prime Minister Narendra Modi too has made it clear it will be restored". He added: "Statehood will be restored through Parliament and it is Modi who is heading the government. Only he can restore it."

ABDULLAH TAUNTS CENTRE ON LOW VOTER TURNOUT

DC CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, SEPT. 26

National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the poor voter turnout in Srinagar shows normalcy had not returned to Jammu and Kashmir after Article 370 had been revoked.

Almost three-fourths of voters stayed away from polling in the eight segments of Srinagar in the second phase of Assembly elections on Wednesday.

Abdullah said, "To be honest, I was expecting higher turnout because there was no boycott call, there were no attacks, there were no threats or intimidation of the voters. I feel the Centre is also responsible for this".

Elaborating, he said, "They tried to present the high voter turnout as signs of normalcy and as if the people had accepted the revocation of Article 370. Maybe this was a reaction from Srinagar because the people of Srinagar do not want to send wrong signals." Abdullah, also said that the Modi government made another mistake by inviting New Delhi-based foreign envoys.

Govt extends AFSPA in 8 Naga, 3 Arunachal dists

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Centre extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in eight districts in Nagaland, three districts in Arunachal Pradesh and some other areas for six more months after a review of the law and order situation, the Union home ministry said in a notification issued late on Wednesday night.

The AFSPA under which an area is declared as disturbed facilitates the operations of the security forces and it also empowers them with sweeping powers including search, arrest and to open fire if they deem it necessary for "maintenance of public order".

The ministry in the order said that the central government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 (28 of

SPL POWERS

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UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah had earlier said that the AFSPA had been removed in 70 per cent areas in the northeastern states even though it is in force in J&K.

1958) had declared eight districts and 21 police stations in five other districts of Nagaland as "disturbed area" for a period of six months with effect from April 1, 2024.

The districts and police stations areas have been declared "disturbed areas" again for a period of six months with effect from October 1, 2024, unless withdrawn, the notification issued on Wednesday night said. The districts in Nagaland where the AFSPA was reimposed are Dimapur,

Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek and Peren.

In a separate notification, the ministry said that under the AFSPA, the central government had declared Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh and the areas falling within the jurisdiction of Namsai, Mahadevpur and Chowkham police stations in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh, bordering Assam as "disturbed area" with effect from April 1, 2024.

BJP has destroyed Haryana prospects: Rahul

FROM PAGE 1

Speaking at a rally in Assandh, Karnal, Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "systematically dismantling" the employment system in the country. He also addressed the topic of a caste census, accusing the BJP of creating divisions among the people. "A storm is coming, and the Congress is going to sweep the elections. We will form a government for all," Gandhi declared. In a show of unity, Congress MP Kumari Selja and former Haryana Chief

Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda joined Gandhi on stage, dispelling rumours of discord within the party's Haryana unit.

Gandhi sharply criticised the BJP government, claiming it had "destroyed" Haryana's prospects. He shared an anecdote from his recent visit to the United States, where he met young people from Haryana who had left the state in search of better opportunities. "There is unemployment and inflation," Gandhi said, recounting the hardships faced by youths in the US, many of whom

traveled dangerous routes to escape lack of employment back home.

He also accused the BJP of trying to take away farmers' rights with the now-repealed farm laws, claiming the government was more concerned with waiving the debts of billionaires than helping farmers. "The ₹16 lakh crore debt of 25 billionaires will be waived, but not the debts of farmers," he said.

In addition, Gandhi referred to the sexual harassment allegations made by women wrestlers, accusing the BJP of protecting the accused.

Monsoon troubles



A man pedals his cycle amid rains, in Kolkata on Thursday. Heavy rain partially affected normal life in several places of West Bengal as the Met office on Thursday forecast heavy downpour in the sub-Himalayan districts of the state till Friday. — PTI

Manipur govt retracts claim on Kuki militants

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, SEPT. 26

In what has reflected the casual approach of the security agencies in trouble-torn Manipur, security adviser Kuldip Singh and director general of the police Rajiv Singh in a joint statement disputed the chief minister's office's (CMO) claim that "over 900 Kuki militants" entered the state from Myanmar. The statement clarified that it could not be sustained on the ground. It is significant to note that on September 17, an intelligence report from the CMO was reportedly leaked and circulated widely claiming that over 900 Kuki militants, newly trained in drone-based bombs, projectiles, missiles, and jungle warfare, have entered Manipur from Myanmar. The

● THE SECURITY adviser had on September 20 told reporters that security agencies, especially the Assam Rifles, had been placed on high alert in the hill districts bordering Myanmar.

report suggested that militants are organised into units of 30 and are scattered on the periphery, and are expected to launch multiple coordinated attacks on Meitei villages around September 28. However, the report was vehemently denied by Kuki-Zo civil society groups.

The security adviser had on September 20 told reporters that security agencies, especially the Assam Rifles, had been placed on high alert in the hill districts bordering Myanmar following the

intelligence input.

The statement of the security adviser had not only created bitterness but also prompted the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum to accuse the security adviser of promoting "devious propaganda to defame the Kuki-Zo people and use it as a pretext to attack Kuki-Zo volunteers."

The statement that also heightened the tension and disbelief between the two communities of the state was retracted by Manipur's two top security officials in a "clarification" on Wednesday evening, stating that "the input was verified from different quarters, but it could not be substantiated on the ground".

Soon after the joint statement, the CMO also retracted its earlier claims.

Expose Cong's atrocities: Modi

FROM PAGE 1

Modi asked BJP workers to expose the atrocities of Congress against Dalits publicly. Recounting the BJP government's initiatives for farmers, the PM alleged that during Congress rule in Haryana, farmers got ₹2 compensation cheques for crop damage. Congress people live only for their family and that is their character, he said in response to a Haryana BJP worker's feedback.

Recalling that he had served in Haryana in the 1990s as a BJP worker, Modi said: "It is my full belief that the people of Haryana have decided to give one more chance to the BJP to serve. It was

my fortune that I got the opportunity to work in the state for a long period and it was also a learning time."

"They are happy that in 10 years a government has been run without corruption. This has happened in Haryana for the first time. Youth got jobs without 'parchi' and 'kharchi' (jobs for cash). Therefore, the people are with us, their blessings are with us and victory is certain," he said. He also said the hard work of the BJP's old guard and young Turks was always inspiring. He said these days you are working hard round-the-clock at your booth with the mantra of "Mera Booth Sabse Mazboot".



S. Jaishankar

JAISHANKAR MEETS LAVROV IN NEW YORK

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

External affairs minister S. Jaishankar called on his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in the early hours of Thursday (IST) for second time this month ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expected visit to Russia for the Bricks summit in October. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

The EAM took to X and said "bilateral cooperation and regional issues" with Lavrov. It may be noted that India had intensified its efforts as a peacemaker along with some other nations to arrive at a consensus to resolve the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Jaishankar met Lavrov in the Saudi Capital Riyadh earlier this month as well. New Delhi had earlier declared that it would offer all support on its part for peaceful resolution of the conflict that has raged on for more than two and a half years. Modi had visited Moscow on a bilateral visit in July and had also visited Ukraine just last month. The expected visit to Kazan would be Modi's second visit to time-tested friend Russia in four months.

Just last week in New York, a month after his historic visit to Ukraine, Modi had conveyed to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that "India remains open to provide all support within its means to facilitate a lasting and peaceful resolution of the (Russia-Ukraine) conflict", even as Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had said that "the consensus is that we must find a way to achieve a ceasefire, and our efforts are continuing in that direction".



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party leader Kumari Selja during a public meeting for Haryana Assembly elections, at Assandh, in Karnal district, Haryana on Thursday. — PTI

DRESSING | SENSE

Leaders have no right to impose dress codes on women, argues Congress

MP minister warns scantily-dressed women

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, SEPT. 26

Madhya Pradesh urban development minister Kailash Vijayvargiya on Thursday issued a veiled warning to women moving around Indore city scantily dressed and asked them to shun western culture calling it unacceptable.

Vijayvargiya's comment triggered a row with Congress exhorting him to "change mindset according to changing times". Addressing a BJP mem-

bership drive event in Indore, the minister cited a viral video showing a woman walking around scantily dressed in the city and said it tarnished the city's image.

"A woman has complained to me that some girls are roaming in Indore city in revealing clothes. This is tarnishing the reputation of Indore, the city of Mata Ahalya Bai (ex-ruler of Indore-Malwa). This is unacceptable," he said.

The minister said that he has made it clear to the



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Urban development minister



authorities concerned that this would not be tolerated in Indore. "Should we remain mute spectators to

such behaviour by some women? Does it not compromise the dignity of a woman? We will not allow

the westernisation of Indore culture that will lead to its degeneration," he added. He said that women should wear decent clothes to maintain dignity in public.

Madhya Pradesh women Congress chief Vibha Patel taking strong exception to Vijayvargiya's comment said that the BJP leaders, being intoxicated by power, hardly know what they are talking about. "Leaders have no right to impose dress codes on women. Mindset should change according

to changing times", she said.

A recent video of a young woman walking through the '56-Dukan Chaat Chowpatty', the famous food market in Indore city, took the social media by storm because of her dressing style.

The videos invited severe trolling forcing the woman to apologise for her behaviour. In a post on social media, she deeply regretted her actions and indicated suicidal thoughts triggered by the trolling.

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SHORT TAKES

EX-TN MINISTER GETS BAIL IN CASH FOR JOBS SCAM

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Supreme Court on Thursday granted bail to former Tamil Nadu minister V. Senthil Balaji in a money laundering case linked to a 2014 cash-for-jobs scam noting that there is no possibility of the completion of trial in the near future.

A bench of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Augustine George Masih said that the inordinate delay in conclusion of the trial and the higher threshold for the grant of bail cannot go together. The apex court noted that there are more than 2,000 accused and over 600 witnesses in the case, and said, "Therefore, even in ideal conditions, the possibility of the trial of scheduled offences concluding even within a reasonable time of three to four years appears to be completely ruled out".

STALIN SEEKS EARLY RELEASE OF TN FISHERMEN

Chennai, Sept. 26: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday requested the Centre to take immediate steps on the diplomatic front and facilitate the early release of fishermen from the state who were arrested by the Bahrain Coast Guard.

In a letter addressed to external affairs minister S. Jaishankar, Stalin sought for immediate diplomatic initiatives to ensure consular access and legal assistance to secure the early release of the arrested Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Bahrain Coast Guard.

"28 fishermen from Idinthakalai fishing village, Tirunelveli district, engaged in fishing in Iran, were apprehended by the Bahrain Coast Guard on September 11 for inadvertently crossing the border. I request you to take immediate diplomatic initiatives to ensure consular access and legal assistance to secure the early release of the arrested fishermen," Stalin said.

K'taka withdraws CBI's 'open consent' for probe

Govt to scrutinise cases before handing them over to CBI

M.B. GIRISH | DC
BENGALURU, SEPT. 26

In order to exercise control over the Central Bureau of Investigation from taking the wrong path in investigations, the Karnataka Cabinet at a meeting on Thursday withdrew its notification giving "open consent" for the CBI to probe criminal cases in the state.

Hereafter, the state government will scrutinise case by case before a decision is made on handing over a case to sleuths of the CBI. Earlier, under the Delhi Police Establishment Act, 1946, the CBI was given open consent to investigate criminal cases in Karnataka.

After the Cabinet meeting, law and parliamentary affairs minister H.K. Patil said the decision of the Cabinet was to control the CBI investigation from going on the wrong path. However, he made it clear that if the High Court or Supreme Court decided to hand over a particular case to the CBI, then the Cabinet decision would make no difference at all. The



BJP leaders raise slogans during a protest demanding the resignation of Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Thursday.

— PTI

decision of the Cabinet was to control CBI. Patil said "In the last two years, the CBI had been biased in its functioning. It has been observed that the CBI during the conduct of elections enquired from office-bearers of a particular political party".

The withdrawal of "open consent" to the CBI was also over concerns that day by day the Central agency had been misused by the Union government in several cases, he said. He said in a couple of cases handed over to sleuths of

the CBI by the state government, the CBI had refused to file a chargesheet and also refused to conduct a probe, but he did not reveal the specific cases involved. In reply to a query whether the decision was to shield CM, against whom the special court for people's representatives, Bengaluru, ordered a Lokayukta investigation into alleged plot allotment irregularities by the Muda, Patil said at this juncture the question does not arise at all as the Lokayukta police have been asked to investigate.

DKS BACKS SIDDA, SAYS NO PLANS FOR RESIGNATION

DC CORRESPONDENT
With agency inputs
BENGALURU, SEPT. 26

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress chief D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday ruled out the possibility of Siddaramaiah stepping down from the Chief Minister's post in the wake of a court-ordered probe by the Lokayukta police.

He also claimed that no party leader has staked claim for the post of Chief Minister. "As the president of KPCC I make it clear that a proposal for resignation does not come. All leaders from New Delhi to grass root level are backing Siddaramaiah," Shivakumar said. Reacting to Prime Minister referencing the Muda scam, He asked Modi to first drop ministers of his Cabinet facing probes over allegations.

Food safety officials inspect major temples across AP

SAMPAT
G. SAMRITAN | DC
VIJAYAWADA, SEPT. 26

The AP food safety authorities have sprung into action, inspecting major temples to check the quality of food and prasadam offered to the devotees.

This follows allegations about use of adulterated ghee for laddu preparations at the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, suspected use of animal fat in it, etc. Inspections

are done on the temples that are equipped with kitchens for preparation of food and prasadams. Food inspectors and assistant food controllers are visiting select temples for the inspections.

They have been ordered to check the quality of raw materials like spicy ingredients, cooking oils, salt, tamarind, chilly powder etc. They will also have to check the cleanliness of the premises where they are stored and

the shelf life of the raw materials. They would check the cooked food items like rice, curries and prasadam. Samples will be collected and sent to the state food lab in Hyderabad for testing.

Teams of officials have started inspecting major temples in Simhachalam, Annavaram, Dwaraka Tirumala, Srisaillam, Vijayawada etc on Thursday. Food safety joint controller Poornachandra Rao is overseeing the raids.

Rain disruption



Vehicles wade through flooded beach road following a heavy downpour in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. IMD Amaravati forecasts thunderstorms accompanied by lightning may continue in some parts of coastal AP and Rayalaseema districts for a few days.

—K. MURALI KRISHNA

NAIDU VOWS TO CREATE 2 MN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MD ILYAS | DC
VIJAYAWADA, SEPT. 26

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said the government would fulfil the election promise of creating two million job opportunities in the next five years, mostly in the private sector.

Naidu held a review meeting at the Secretariat with officials from the departments of skill development, MSME, industries and SERP, focussing on providing employment opportunities to the youths.

He asked officials to ensure that there is no shortage of human resources to the industries by promoting skill training.

"Arrange skill training centres with the help of multinational companies and study the possibility of creating employment opportunities in the flood-hit areas," he asked the officials.

The Chief Minister said the state's economic growth would be high if employment opportunities are provided to people in rural areas.

Centre asks states, UTs to be vigilant against Mpox

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Centre on Thursday issued a fresh advisory to all states and Union Territories (UTs) to strengthen preparedness for managing both suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox, following the detection of India's first case of the Clade 1b strain. Last month, the World Health Organisation declared a public health emergency due to

the spread of this strain.

In a letter, Union health secretary Apurva Chandra directed states to ensure that skin lesion samples from suspected Mpox patients are sent immediately to designated laboratories for testing. Positive samples will be forwarded to the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV) for genome sequencing to determine

the strain's clade. India recently became the third non-African country to report a Clade 1b Mpox infection, following cases in Sweden and Thailand.

Chandra emphasised the need for proactive public health measures to prevent further spread.

He urged states and UTs to raise community awareness about the disease, its transmission modes, the

importance of timely reporting, and preventive measures.

"The 2024 Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) is related to the Mpox Clade 1, which is more virulent and transmissible than Clade 2. Outside the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Clade 1 has only been detected during the current outbreak. India's recent case adds to the global spread," Chandra said.



WORLD

HATE GRAFFITI AT TEMPLE IN SACRAMENTO

Washington, Sept. 26: Unknown miscreants vandalised the BAPS Hindu temple in California's Sacramento, desecrating it with expletive-laden graffiti saying "Hindus go back!", the BAPS Public Affairs said. "Less than 10 days after the desecration of the @BAPS Mandir in New York, our Mandir in the Sacramento, CA area was desecrated last night with anti-Hindu hate: 'Hindus go back!' We stand united against hate with prayers for peace," the BAPS Public Affairs said on X. — PTI

Israeli airstrike kills 23 Syrian workers, family

Israel turns down US-backed Lebanon ceasefire proposal

Beirut, Jerusalem, Sept. 26: An Israeli airstrike in Lebanon hit a building housing Syrian workers and their families, killing 23 people, Lebanese officials said on Thursday. It was one of the deadliest single strikes in an intensified air campaign against the Hezbollah group.

Israel rejected proposals on Thursday for a ceasefire with Hezbollah, defying calls from allies, including the United States for a halt in fighting.

Israel's military said on Thursday that about 45 projectiles were identified crossing from Lebanon, as cross-border strikes continued amid a push for a ceasefire. Israel's military said it conducted an exercise simulating manoeuvres in Lebanon on Thursday. The military said the exercise of its 7th brigade took place a few km from the Lebanese border.

Israel has threatened to launch a ground invasion, and the increasingly heavy exchanges of fire could trigger an all-out war.

Lebanon's National News Agency said the strike occurred near the ancient city of Baalbek in Lebanon's northeastern Bekaa Valley, which runs along the Syrian border. It quoted Ali Kassas, mayor of the village of Younine, as saying that the bodies of 23 Syrian citizens were pulled from under the rubble. He said four Syrians and four Lebanese were wounded.

Hussein Salloum, a local official in Younine, said most of the dead were women and children, and that rescue efforts lasted through the night and into Thursday morning.

"We dug through the rubble with our own hands until a small bulldozer was brought in,"



People check the destruction in an area that was targeted overnight by Israeli airstrikes in el-Karak in Lebanon's Bekaa valley, on Thursday.

— AFP

GETTING NATIONALS OUT OF LEBANON: WHO'S DOING WHAT

SOME DETAILS ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING

AUSTRALIA: Authorities have made contingency plans that could include evacuation by sea, though it has urged an estimated 15,000 of its citizens in Lebanon to leave while Beirut airport remains open.

CANADA: Canada will cooperate with Australia in evacuating nationals by sea. The plan involves contracting a commercial vessel to transport 1,000 people out each day.

FRANCE: France has had evacuation plans in place for several months but has not issued an evacuation order. Present contingency plans centre around Cyprus and Beirut airport, while it is also discussing evacuations via Turkey. France has a warship in the region, and a helicopter carrier in the southern French town of Toulon.

UNITED STATES: The US has ordered the deployment of dozens of troops to Cyprus to help prepare for scenarios, including an evacuation of Americans from Lebanon.

Salloum told *The Associated Press* by telephone. "We had very limited capabilities."

The Lebanese Red Cross said it recovered nine

bodies, while others were recovered by the Hezbollah militant group's paramedic service and the Lebanese Civil Defence. — Agencies

Wi-Fi at UK rail stations hacked

London, Sept. 26: British police said on Thursday they had launched an investigation into a cyberattack after passengers at the country's major railway stations saw an Islamophobic message when they tried to use Wi-Fi services.

The Wi-Fi system, which is managed by communications group Telnet, was quickly taken offline after passengers said a message was displayed which referred to terror attacks.

"We received reports at around 5.03 pm (1603 GMT) yesterday (Sept. 25) of a cyberattack displaying Islamophobic messaging on some Network Rail Wi-Fi services," British Transport Police said.

Tensions in Britain flared over the summer with a wave of anti-Muslim riots across the country after the killing of three young girls, an attack which was initially falsely blamed on an Islamist migrant following online misinformation.

The police said they

COPS ASK VICTIMS TO COME FORWARD AFTER HARRODS ASSAULT CHARGES

London, Sept. 26: British police on Thursday called for any potential victims or survivors with allegations against former Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed to come forward after reports about the Egyptian billionaire.

Lawyers for alleged victims said Al Fayed sexually abused female staff at his London department store Harrods and threatened consequences if they complied. "It is vital that victims report any allegations, and know that they will be taken seriously," said Stephen Clayman, head of special-interest crime at Metropolitan Police. — *Reuter*

were working with Network Rail to investigate the Islamophobic cyber security incident "at pace". — *Reuter*

Kaffiyeh ban: PIO author rejects award

New York, Sept. 26: Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian-origin writer Jhumpa Lahiri has declined to accept an award from the Noguchi Museum in Queens in protest after it fired three employees who wore kaffiyehs in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

"Jhumpa Lahiri has chosen to withdraw her acceptance of the 2024 Isamu Noguchi Award in response to our updated dress code policy," the museum said in a statement on Wednesday.

"We respect her perspective and understand that this policy may or may not align



Jhumpa Lahiri

with everyone's views." "We remain committed to our core mission of advancing the understanding and appreciation of Isamu Noguchi's art and legacy while upholding our values of inclusivity and openness." — PTI

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SHORT TAKES

PAK SECURITY FORCES KILL EIGHT MILITANTS

Peshawar, Sept. 26: Eight militants were killed overnight in an exchange of fire with security forces in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the army said on Thursday. The troops also seized weapons and ammunition from the militants' hideout, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) — the media wing of the army — said in a statement. The ISPR said the operation was conducted on the "reported presence" of terrorists on the intervening night of September 25 and 26 in the Razmak area in North Waziristan.

LONGEST-SERVING DEATH ROW INMATE ACQUITTED

Tokyo, Sept. 26: A Japanese court ruled on Thursday that an 88-year-old former boxer was not guilty in a retrial for a 1966 quadruple murder, reversing an earlier decision that made him the world's longest-serving death row inmate. Iwao Hakamada's acquittal by the Shizuoka District Court makes him the fifth death-row convict to be found not guilty in a retrial. The case could rekindle a debate around abolishing the death penalty in Japan. The presiding judge said the court acknowledged multiple fabrications of evidence.

ONE MORE POLIO CASE IN PAK; TALLY AT 22

Islamabad, Sept. 26: Authorities in Pakistan reported another polio case in Balochistan as the country's tally of the crippling disease cases this year climbed to 22, a setback to the government's efforts to eradicate the virus.

The latest victim of the disease was a 30-month-old boy from Pishin in Balochistan. Officials said the regional reference laboratory for polio eradication at the National Institute of Health on Wednesday confirmed the presence of wild poliovirus type 1 in the child, bringing the total reported cases so far this year to 22.

IMF BOARD NOD FOR \$7BN BAILOUT TO PAKISTAN

Islamabad, Sept. 26: The International Monetary Fund's board (IMF) on Wednesday approved a \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for cash-strapped Pakistan, providing a critical boost to the country's struggling economy.

The development was announced by the Prime Minister's Office while a statement is expected from the IMF. The PMO said the premier expressed his satisfaction with the programme's approval. "The implementation of economic reforms is going on rapidly," he said, adding that the government would continue to work hard.

SUDAN ARMY TRIES TO RETAKE CAPITAL AREA

Dubai, Sept. 26: Sudan's army launched artillery and air strikes in Sudan's capital on Thursday in its biggest operation to regain ground there since early in its 17-month war with the Rapid Support Forces, witnesses, military sources said.

The push by the army, which lost control of most of the capital at the start of the conflict, came ahead of an address by its commander, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, at the UN General Assembly.

Witnesses reported heavy bombardments and clashes as army troops tried to cross bridges across the Nile.

HURRICANE HELENE BARRELS TOWARDS FLORIDA

Florida, Sept. 26: Florida braced for the arrival of Hurricane Helene on Thursday, forecast to be a powerful Category 4 storm when it smashes into the state's panhandle.

Officials issued dire warnings, pleading with residents in coastal areas along the hurricane's path to evacuate ahead of catastrophic winds and a potentially deadly storm surge, the wall of seawater pushed on land by hurricane-force winds, that could rise to 20 feet (6.1 meters) in some spots. "This is not a survivable event for those in coastal or low-lying areas."

Russia unleashes barrage of missiles, drones on Kyiv

Moscow targets Ukrainian energy sector; one civilian killed in strike

Kyiv, Sept. 26: Russia unleashed a new barrage of drones and missiles on Ukraine overnight, again targeting the energy sector and killing at least one civilian, Ukrainian officials said on Thursday.

Ukraine's military said Russian forces had fired 78 attack drones and six missiles over various regions during the hour-long attack.

Air defences destroyed 66 drones and four missiles, it added.

"This night the enemy carried out another massive attack on the Ukrainian energy sector, using drones and missiles," Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

Shmyhal added that three electricity transmission facilities, including one in the southern Mykolaiv region, were among the targets.

Later in the morning, the air force said it had recorded the launch of several hypersonic Kinzhal missiles targeting the small western Ukrainian city of Starokostiantyniv.

One woman was killed in a missile strike on Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odesa. Meanwhile, 10 people were wounded in another attack involving a guided-bomb that targeted the city of Zaporizhzhia, officials said.

Around a dozen drones were destroyed over the capital Kyiv, while power outages were reported in the western city of Ivano-Frankivsk, in the central region of Poltava and in Chernihiv in northern Ukraine, regional officials said.



People walk past a poster with a map of the nearest bomb shelters, created by Ukrainian advertising agency Bickerstaff to remind the world about the fragility of peace, in Warsaw on Thursday.

Russian forces attacked Ukrainian facilities supplying electricity to the weapon production industry, the TASS news agency quoted Russia's defence ministry as saying on Thursday.

Moscow denies targeting civilians in Ukraine. However, it says the country's energy infrastructure is a legitimate military target.

Its attacks since March have knocked out about half of Ukraine's available power generation capacity, resulting in lengthy blackouts for millions across the whole country.

Ukraine is at a crucial juncture in the 31-month war as Russian forces steadily capture more territory in the eastern Donetsk region. — Reuters

US' \$8-bn military assistance for Ukraine

Washington, Sept. 26: US President Joe Biden announced more than \$8 billion in military assistance for Ukraine on Thursday to help Kyiv "win this war" against Russian invaders, using a visit by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to make a major commitment.

The aid includes the first shipment of a precision-guided glide bomb called the Joint Standoff Weapon, which has a range of up to 81 miles (130 km).

The medium-range missile gives Ukraine a



Joe Biden

major upgrade to the weapons it is using to strike Russian forces, allowing the Ukrainians to do it at safer distances. The bomb, capable of striking targets with high accuracy, is to be dropped from fighter jets. — Reuters

Drop civil fraud judgment, Trump to ask NY court

New York, Sept. 26: Donald Trump's lawyers on Thursday will seek to persuade a New York state appeals court to toss a nearly half-billion dollar judgment against the former US president over real estate business practices a court has declared fraudulent.

Justice Arthur Engoron in February ordered Trump, the Republican nominee for the Nov 5 election, to pay \$454.2 million in penalties and interest for inflating his net worth to induce bankers into giving him better loan terms, in a civil case brought by New York state Attorney General Letitia James.

The judge's ruling poses a threat to the business empire Trump has built over decades, which includes hotels, office buildings and golf courses around the world. With interest continuing to accrue, Trump now owes \$478.3 million. The



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case is one of a number of legal entanglements Trump has faced since leaving the White House in 2021.

He owes nearly \$90 million in federal civil penalties for defaming a writer who accused him of sexual abuse, and was convicted in May on criminal charges stemming from hush money paid to a porn star.

Trump has denied all wrongdoing and argues the cases were brought to interfere with his campaign. A Reuters/Ipsos poll on Tuesday showed Vice-President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, leading Trump 47%-40%. — Reuters

NY MAYOR HOUSE SEARCHED AFTER CRIMINAL CHARGES

New York, Sept. 26: Federal agents searched New York City Mayor Eric Adams' residence on Thursday morning, after he was indicted on criminal charges following a long-running investigation that has sent the largest US city's government into turmoil.

A black sport utility vehicle with a placard reading "Federal Law Enforcement" on its dashboard was parked outside the mayor's Gracie Mansion home on Manhattan's Upper East Side, said a Reuters witness. — Reuters



Eric Adams

OpenAI CEO: Exits, shake-up not linked

Turin, Sept. 26: Sam Altman denied on Thursday that there was any link between the departure of three senior OpenAI executives and a planned restructuring of the company which he said the board had been considering for several months.

The world-leading AI firm's longtime chief technology officer Mira Murati abruptly announced her departure on Wednesday.

Within hours of Murati leaving the job, two senior research executives Barret Zoph and Bob McGrew revealed they were also leaving the company.

On the same day, Reuters reported OpenAI was working on a plan to restructure its core business into a for-profit benefit corporation that will no longer be controlled



Mira Murati



Sam Altman

by its non-profit board, in a move aimed at making the company more attractive to investors.

Speaking at the Italian Tech Week conference in Turin, Altman said that "some stuff" reported around the executives' departures was inaccurate, adding that the personnel changes were unrelated to the restructuring.

"That's totally not true," he told event organiser John Elkann, the chairman of car companies Ferrari and Stellantis. "A lot of the stuff I

saw was also just totally wrong, but we have been thinking about that (restructuring), our board has, for almost a year, independently as we think about what it takes to get to our next stage." Altman praised the departing executives, adding he was excited to simplify the company's structure and work more closely with technical staff. "I have not been as involved in the tech recently as other things, because there's been so much going on, I'm excited to do that," he said. — Reuters

N-POLICY SHIFT A SIGNAL TO THE WEST: KREMLIN

Moscow, Sept. 26: The Kremlin said on Thursday that changes to Russia's nuclear weapons doctrine outlined by President Vladimir Putin should be considered a signal to Western countries that there will be consequences if they participate in attacks on Russia.

Putin said that Russia could use nuclear weapons if it was struck with conventional missiles, and that Moscow would consider any assault on it supported by a nuclear power to be a joint attack.

The decision to change Russia's official nuclear doctrine is the Kremlin's answer to deliberations in the US and UK about whether or not to give Ukraine permission to fire conventional Western missiles into Russia.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said adjustments to a document called "The Foundations of State Policy in the Sphere of Nuclear Deterrence" had been formulated. Asked by reporters if the changes were a signal to the West, he said: "This should be considered a definite signal."

"This is a signal that warns these countries about the consequences if they participate in an attack on our country by various means, and not necessarily nuclear ones," he said. — Reuters

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-N-W-50-24
Date 23.09.2024
E-TENDERING NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.
Approx Cost : Rs. 15508950.13 | Earnest Money : Rs. 227600/-
Description of work : Replacement of worn-out signals/boxes, defective cables and earthing's over Jhansi Division.
Cost of Tender Form : Nil | **Opening of tender :** 21.10.2024 Time 15:00
Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance : 12 Months
• Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs on 21.10.2024 • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T) 1692/24 (C)
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No./DRS/Tender/2024/1575 Raipur, Dated: 26/09/2024
TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)
Sealed tenders are invited from manufacturers/companies or/and their authorized distributors/dealers for the procurement of Laboratories Furniture. The approximate cost of tender is Rs. 300.00 Lakhs. The tender document with terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website www.igkv.ac.in. The last date for submission of sealed tender will be 16-10-2024 at 2.00 p.m. and will be opened on the same day at 3.00 p.m. in the office of the undersigned.
Sd/-
Director of Research
S-41569/2

Public Works Department
Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
E-mail : tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 099/TC/EinC/ PWD/2024-25
Dated- 18.09.2024
The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of **Governor of Chhattisgarh** invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under **RCPLWE RRP-III** in the district of **Narayanpur, Bijapur & Kanker** for construction of **04 Bridges** with estimated cost amounting **Rs. 2021.88 Lacs** including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System" (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.
The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 20.09.2024 and may be submitted upto 17:00 Hrs. on 03.10.2024.
For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs. 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.
The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to **Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002** as per provisions of bid document through **Speed/Registered** post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department <http://pwd.cg.nic.in>
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Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-In-Chief
P.W.D. Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 9620242025
Dated: 24.09.2024
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-Tender) as detailed below:-
S.No.: 1 | E-Tender Notice No.: 9620242025-213 | Approx Cost (In Rs.): ₹ 6,46,87,539.2
Name of Work: Prayagraj - Construction of 22-unit Type-III & 04-unit Type-IV quarter in lieu of abandoned 22-unit type-II & 04-unit type-III in Traffic colony.
Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹ 4,73,400.00 | Completion Period: 12 Months
Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 18.10.2024 at 15.00 PM
Nature of work: Construction of Multi Storied building.
S.No.: 2 | E-Tender Notice No.: 9620242025-214 | Approx Cost (In Rs.): ₹ 50,24,900.67
Name of Work: DDU-GZB- Construction / Improvement of RPF barrack / Thana over PRYJ Division.
Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹ 1,00,500.00 | Completion Period: 06 Months
Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 18.10.2024 at 15.00 PM
Nature of work: Any Civil Engineering work.
Note: (1) For full details and submission of tenders, please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. 1698/24 (A)
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 9720242025
Dated: 24.09.2024
E-TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work upto 13.30 hrs on 24.10.2024 The details of the Tender are as under:-
Tender No : 216 | Approx Cost Rs. : 40710000/-
Name of Work : Carrying out USFD Testing of out FBW by phased array Ultrasonic testing (PAUT) in Prayagraj Division under ADEN/TRACK.
Bid Security : 353600/- | Completion Period : 12 Month
Date of Opening of tender : 24.10.2024
Eligibility Criteria for similar work : (1) Firm shall have RDSO verified PAUT weld tester. (2) Firm shall have RDSO certified USFD operators for weld testing by conventional UT method as described in IRS-T- 53. In addition to above, the operator should have competency certificate issued by OEM after completing requisite training for operation and data analysis of Phased Array ultrasonic weld tester (3) Firm shall have RDSO verified Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for ultrasonic testing of FB welds by Phased Array ultrasonic weld tester. (4) The PAUT weld tester proposed to be used by firm on IR network should be in service on some other Railway network for USFD testing of Flash Butt (FR) welds and should have carried out USFD testing of at least 5000 FB welds with satisfactory performance. Firm shall submit a certificate of satisfactory performance of USFD testing of 5000 FB welds in this regard. (5) Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) firms shall be eligible to participate in the tender. However, in case the OEM firm is not located in India, any Authorized Indian service provider or representative can participate in the tender. **Note:** For tenders for works of USFD testing of rails welds the minimum Technical eligibility criteria has been dispensed with (Ref : RB letter no 2017 Track-P9(2) vol III dt.07.03.2019). However, valid QAP is available as on date of tender opening and the same shall be uploaded along with offer Validity of QAP shall be ensured throughout the contract period. Offers without valid QAP will be summarily rejected.
Note: 1. Tender on line can be submitted upto 13.30 hrs. of tender opening date. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in upto 13.30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 1698/24 (AS)
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY	
PALAKKAD DIVISION	
Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination / Southern Railway / Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works E-TENDER NOTICE No. PG/IT/07/18/2024 Dated : 23.09.2024	
Sl. No.	Name of work
1.	Palakkad Modification of windows, pipelines and strengthening to structure of Divisional Railway Manager / Office / Palakkad.
2.	Provision of Rolling in examination huts and lights, provision of sufficient lights in between platform tracks at stations and Covering of drainage between platform tracks at Palakkad & Shoranur Stations
3.	Provision of Rolling in examination huts and lights, provision of sufficient lights in between platform tracks at stations and Covering of drainage between Platform tracks at Calicut, Kannur, Mangalore & Mangalore Jn stations
4.	Shoranur Junction - Angadipuram - Provision of new crossing station at Kulukallur between Shoranur and Angadipuram stations : Civil Engineering works such as High Level PF, RCC retaining wall, CC drain, Earthwork, Bridge extension work and building portion.
5.	Provision of new crossing at Melattur between Angadipuram and Vaniyambalam: Civil portion including construction of new station building proposed High level platform, proposed Rebuilding of RCC box, Retaining wall, Cement Concrete Drain & Earthwork etc.
6.	Proposed Track machine siding and allied works at Madukkurai and Tirur stations (Civil Engineering works includes High Level / Rail level Platforms, Connecting CC road and trolley path for Platforms).
7.	Proposed Track Machine siding and allied works at Madukkurai and Tirur stations (Track related works includes Permanent way for track machine siding including earthwork).
8.	Palghat Division - Proposed extension of FOB (Coimbatore end) from Platform No. 4/5 to second entry duly dismantling Goods shed Office and Provision of new Goods shed Office at Palghat Junction station.
9.	Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Palakkad sub division : - Proposed Overhauling and maintenance of Lifting Barrier gates for a period of 2 years. 17 Nos of LCs at Kerala state area (Senior Section Engineer / Permanent Way / East / Palakkad, Senior section Engineer / Permanent Way / West / Palakkad and Senior sections Engineer / Permanent way / Kollengode section.
10.	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Palakkad sub division : Proposed Overhauling and maintenance of Lifting Barrier gates for a period of 2 years - 16 Nos of LCs at Tamil Nadu area (Senior Section Engineer / Permanent Way/West Podanur and Kollengode section.
11.	Provision of Lifts - 13 Nos at Amrit Stations (Pollachi-1) No., Shoranur - 4 Nos (For new FOB), Nilambur (2 Nos), Badagara (New FOB)- 2 Nos, Thalassery (New FOB)- 2 Nos & Kasaragod (New FOB)-2 Nos
12.	Palakkad - Provision of truss work for Divisional Railway Manager / Palakkad office.

Sl. No.	Approx. Cash Value (Rs.)	Bid Security Amount	Tender Closing date on 15.00 hrs	Completion period in Months
1.	118.94	Rs. 2,09,500/-	15/10/2024	Six
2.	27.77	Rs. 55,500/-	15/10/2024	Four
3.	53.92	Rs. 1,07,900/-	15/10/2024	Six
4.	823.56	Rs. 5,61,800/-	24/10/2024	Twelve
5.	726.96	Rs. 5,13,500/-	24/10/2024	Twelve
6.	115.16	Rs. 2,07,600/-	24/10/2024	Six
7.	61.66	Rs. 1,23,300/-	24/10/2024	Six
8.	312.48	Rs. 3,06,200/-	24/10/2024	Ten
9.	114.95	Rs. 2,07,500/-	24/10/2024	Twenty Four
10.	108.18	Rs. 2,04,100/-	24/10/2024	Twenty Four
11.	344.08	Rs. 3,22,100/-	24/10/2024	Eight
12.	246.41	Rs. 2,73,200/-	24/10/2024	Six

(1) All the contracts on Works / goods / services will be subject to the New GST Act as applicable from time to time.
(2) Contractors / Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards.
(3) For complete details of the above tenders please visit Web site "<http://www.ireps.gov.in>".

Note : It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modification uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

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Southern Railway / Palakkad.
(For and on behalf of the President of India

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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	85,836.12	0.78
Nifty 50	26,216.05	0.81
S&P 500*	5,746.97	0.43
Dollar (₹)	83.64	-0.03
Pound Sterling (₹)	111.71	0.06
Euro (₹)	93.21	0.31
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	75,270▼43	0.06
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	72.04	-1.93
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.718	-0.02
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	3.768	-0.013

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Dr Reddy's faces penalty of ₹28L from Mexico

Dr Reddy's Laboratories said the Mexican drug regulator has imposed a penalty of around ₹28 lakh. The drug regulatory body of Mexico has imposed a penalty of MXN 6,51,420 (₹28 Lakh) on the company for deviation from prescribed guidelines for filing intimation of import of a reference standard for one of the active pharmaceutical ingredients, the Hyderabad-based drug major said in a regulatory filing.



Zelio Ebikes unveils electric scooter Mystery

Zelio Ebikes, an electric two-wheeler maker, on Thursday introduced its latest high-speed electric scooter, the Mystery, is priced at ₹81,999. Powered by a 72V/29AH lithium-ion battery and a 72V motor, the Mystery has a riding range of 100 km on a single charge and a top speed of 70 kmph. Zelio is also planning to introduce a new low-speed cargo electric scooter named Logix this year.

Sebi launches outreach cell to engage with FPIs

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Thursday has launched a dedicated foreign portfolio investor outreach cell as part of the alternative investment fund and the foreign portfolio investors department (AFD). This cell will focus on direct engagement with the foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), and supporting them in accessing the Indian securities market seamlessly.

Indogulf files draft prospectus with Sebi for IPO

Indogulf Crop Sciences, a manufacturer of crop protection products, has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO with a face value of ₹10 per equity share is a mix of fresh issue of up to ₹200 crore and an offer for sale of up to 38.54 lakh equity shares by selling shareholders.

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New norms for health, life covers from Oct 1.

No change in Irdai's stance on surrender value regulations

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, SEPT. 26

The insurance regulator insurance regulatory and development authority of India (Irdai) is in no mood to relent to the demand of public sector behemoth Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to review the surrender value regulations and has also ruled out an extension to health and life insurers in complying with its health product regulations and surrender value norms respectively. The new regulations come into effect from October 1.

A highly placed source said, "The Irdai is of the view that rules should be the same for all insurance companies including LIC."

"Also, our sense is that many insurance companies are ready with October 1 changes on revised surrender value norms," said the official. LIC had sought an

EFFICIENT COVER

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increase in the interest rate assumption used to calculate surrender values and also suggested using a plan-based government securities (G-Sec) benchmark for this calculation.

The Irdai in its final master circular on surrender value of life insurance policies has significantly reduced surrender charges on traditional sav-

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MANY INSURANCE companies are ready with October 1 changes on revised surrender value norms, an industry official said.

ings plans. At present, policyholders receive less or no payout if they discontinue paying premiums.

The regulator has sought that, while determining the surrender value, insurers must also establish "reasonableness and value for money" for both exciting and continuing policyholders. The norms also require that the discount rate for discounting

the paid-up value to calculate Special Surrender Value (SSV) can be up to 10-Year G-Sec yield plus 50 basis points versus the 10-Year G-Sec yield in the earlier norms. LIC had requested that the insurance regulator increase this cushion or spread, which currently stands at 50 basis points.

LIC has also asked the regulator to not take into account the 10-year G-Sec yield into the calculation of Surrender Value.

Speaking about the changes in health products, the head of a health department of a non-life insurance company said, "Irdai wants us to offer a product that covers for all kinds of illnesses, all kinds of treatments including ayurveda and homoeopathy, wants OPD and hospitalisation to be covered, all ages to be covered and all conditions to be covered. So actuarially we have to evaluate and frame the underwriting."

SMs: Govt to mandate whitelisting of links, URLs

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Centre is set to mandate whitelisting the messaging links and will direct all access providers to block any traffic containing URLs, android package kit or APKs or Over The Top (OTT) links that have not been whitelisted.

It is a major step forward to curb the misuse of URLs in the messaging system. This guideline will be implemented by October 1, the government said on Thursday.

As per telecom watchdog Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai), so far, over 3,000 registered senders have complied with this requirement by whitelisting more than 70,000 links. "Senders who fail to whitelist their links by the due date will not be able to transmit any messages containing URL, APK or OTT links. By complying with these new rules, both access providers and registered senders can help in creating a more reliable and

safe messaging environment," the regulator said. In August, Trai had directed that all telcos must block non-whitelisted messages to combat spam. Banks, e-commerce firms, financial institutions and others who use mobile for SMS, need to register their message content by August 31 to avoid being blocked.

The move of the regulator aims at safeguarding the consumers' interests and preventing fraudulent activities.

Besides, the regulator had also earlier talked tough on pesky telemarketers and also mandated the access service providers to migrate telemarketing calls starting with 140 series to online distributed ledger technology or DLT platform latest by September 30 for better monitoring and control.

Trai had also mandated that the trail of all messages from senders to recipients must be traceable from Nov. 1. Any message with a mismatched telemarketer chain will be rejected.



INDIA DID WELL IN INFRA IN LAST 10 YEARS: RAJAN

New Delhi, Sept. 26: India has done well in areas like infrastructure in the last 10 years, but it also needs to do more in other sectors to boost local manufacturing and job creation, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said on Thursday.

Rajan said that the government's focus on production, whether it is goods or services is a good thing, but it is also important to do it the right way.

Responding to a question on the Modi government's flagship initiative 'Make in India', he said, "I would say the intention is good. I think in some areas, we have done a lot, as I said, in infra, we have done a lot that has been very useful". "But we need to check the other places," Rajan said.

The eminent economist also pitched for more ease of doing business, especially with regard to government policies and less fear of raids by inspectors or tax authorities.

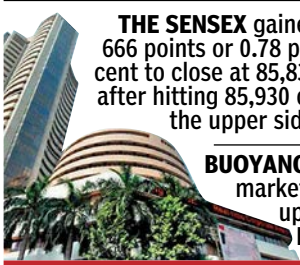
Observing that there is a package which propels economic growth, "If we focus on that, it will strengthen concept of Make in India," he said. — PTI

Markets rise for 7th straight session

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, SEPT. 26

Frontline indices Sensex and Nifty-50 made new highs for 7th session in a row on equity derivatives expiry day on bullish Asian market cues with stimulus package announced by China leading to huge rally in all major Asian markets.

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points or 0.81 per cent to close at 26,216 after hitting 26,250.9 intra-day.

"Winding up of positions by investors on

and Nifty scaled fresh highs," said Prashanth Tapse, senior VP-Research, Mehta Equities.

All sectors soared with auto and metal being the top contributors. Broader market underperformed the benchmark index," said Aditya Gaggar, director, Progressive Shares.

Positive global as well as domestic cues helped the benchmark to continue its northbound journey," said Siddhartha Khemka, head - Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

monthly expiry day coupled with buoyancy in Asian and European markets triggered a sharp upsurge as both benchmark Sensex

India GDP to grow 6.5-7% this fiscal, asserts FinMin

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The government is confident that India is set to achieve 6.5-7 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth this fiscal, said finance ministry's monthly economic review report on Thursday.

The recent developments indicate strong foundations of macroeconomic stability in India with steady growth, investment, employment and inflation trends, a strong and stable financial sector and a resilient external account, including a comfortable foreign exchange reserve position, it said.

"A challenge on the macroeconomic front is navigating the continuing uncertainty in global economic prospects. We will likely encounter a cycle of policy rate cuts globally amid fears of a recession in advanced economies and continuing geopolitical conflicts," it said.

The GDP growth of 6.7 per cent in the first quarter this fiscal and the movements in high-frequency indicators till August fit well with the real GDP growth projection of 6.5-7 per cent for FY25, provided by the Economic Survey 2023-24.

"A reasonable expectation is that public expenditure will pick up, providing added growth and investment impetus," it said.

BIG MARKET

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STOCK MARKETS around the world are booming, reinforced by recent policy announcements in a few countries.



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India to sell bonds worth ₹6.61 lakh cr for H2 of FY25

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

The Central government is expected to maintain its budgeted borrowing for the ongoing financial year, and will sell bonds worth ₹6.61 lakh crore for the second half of FY25. This constitutes 47.2 per cent of its total gross market borrowing target of ₹14.01 lakh crore for the fiscal year, the Centre in consultation with RBI announced Thursday.

"Out of gross market borrowing of ₹14.01 lakh

crore budgeted for FY 2024-25, ₹6.61 lakh crore is planned to be borrowed in H2 through issuance of dated securities, including ₹20,000 crore of sovereign green bonds (SGrBs)," the finance ministry said.

"These borrowings will cover maturities ranging from 3-50 years, with the largest share allocated to 10-year securities or 24.8 per cent," it said.

The government will carry out switching/buyback of securities to smoothen the redemption.

Higher kharif acreage is visible. Well replenished reservoir levels will give a fillip to the upcoming rabi crops as well, it said. Rural incomes and

demand should get stronger, and food inflation will be mild. However, there are also signs of strains in sectors like automobiles, it said.

Sebi plans to modify norms of passive product distribution

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, SEPT. 26

Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) will look at modifying regulations to energise mutual fund distribution of passive products like exchange traded funds. Presently, there is no incentive to the distributors.

Speaking at the launch of investor awareness initiatives by association of mutual funds (Amfi) in India, Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch promised changes in existing mutual fund distribution regulations in the light of "competitive landscape" with feedback from the mutual fund industry.

Sebi, in a consultation paper shared in July, had recommended a lenient framework with minimal regulatory constraints



Madhabi Puri Buch

referred as 'MF Lite Regulations' for passive mutual fund schemes.

Buch also shared her vision to deepen the bond market and achieve the kind of growth seen in the equity market.

"Primary debt market is vibrant with around ₹8.5 lakh crore raised last year, our strength as a country lies in our retail investors.

Public issuances of bonds are expensive. We hope that there will be a lot of transformation through fintech and online platforms," Buch said.

Sebi is also looking at strengthening retail investors' voice as shareholders so that it works in favour of system (in place).

"The retail investor doesn't enjoy shareholder's power..." Buch said adding Sebi would like to organise retail investors so that they have a voice in favour of the system.

Buch, as part of the initiatives on financial literacy, launched Bharat Nivesh Yatra, which will have four buses crisscross the country in 75 days travelling to 170 towns.

She also announced Bharat Nivesh Young Minds Essay Competition for students of 8 to 12 standard.

Share of green jobs in India on rise: WB

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, SEPT. 26

Around 2.7 crore workers in India are employed in environmentally sustainable green jobs, while 2.1 crore are in environmentally destructive brown jobs. While the share of green jobs has witnessed growth in the past decade, the share of brown jobs is relatively constant, finds a study by World Bank.

About 5.9 per cent of jobs in India, which amounts to about 2.71 crore workers, are green, while 4.6 per cent or 2.12 crore workers are employed in brown occupations. However, almost 89 per cent of jobs in India are neither green nor brown.

The World Bank study finds that the percentage of green jobs has increased from 5 to 6 per cent in a decade. The percentage of brown occupations stays relatively constant around 4.5 per cent over this period. These results suggest that green jobs are increasing at a faster rate than brown jobs.

The largest share of green employment is in construction (39 per cent), manufacturing (21 per cent), and agriculture (14 per cent). However, manufacturing also accounts for 53 per cent brown jobs

VALUE CREATION

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Green workers have higher average hourly wages than brown and the rest of workers in India. Hourly wages are ₹59 for green workers, ₹29 for brown workers, and ₹43 for workers in neither green nor brown occupations.

This suggests a wage premium of almost 40 per cent for green jobs and a penalty of 31 per cent for brown jobs when compared to other occupations.

SHORT TAKES

India colts pip Oz for clean sweep

Puducherry: India U-19 boys held their nerve in the final overs to eke out a seven-run victory over Australia in a high-scoring third youth ODI, completing a 3-0 series sweep on Thursday. The Indian junior team had won the first and second Youth ODIs by seven and nine wickets respectively. Batting first, India scored 324 for 8 riding on half-centuries from opener Rudra Patel (77 off 81 balls) and skipper Mohamed Amaan (71 off 72 balls). In reply, Australia were going strong at 241 for 2 in the 41st over with twin centurions — skipper Oliver Peake (111) and Steven Hogan (104) — adding 180 runs for the third wicket stand but they finally could only manage 317 for 7 at the end of the stipulated 50 overs.

Brief Scores: India U-19 324/8 in 50 overs (Mohamed Amaan 71, Rudra Patel 77, Hardik Raj 30) beat Australia 317/7 in 50 overs (Oliver Peake 111, Steven Hogan 104, Hardik Raj 3/55, Kiran Chormale 2/59).

Chandimal ton powers Sri Lanka

Galle, Sri Lanka: Dinesh Chandimal's century in Galle powered Sri Lanka to 306/3 at stumps on Thursday's opening day of the second Test against New Zealand.

The left-hander was bowled by Glenn Phillips in the final session after hitting 15 boundaries in his knock of 116 — his sixth Test century at the picturesque venue and his 16th overall. Angelo Mathews (78) and Kamindu Mendis (51) will resume for the hosts on the second day after both hitting half-centuries.

For Kamindu it was a world record eighth consecutive fifty since the 25-year-old's debut against Australia at the same venue two years ago. Mathews reached his own milestone by becoming only the sixth cricketer to make 2,000 Test runs at a single venue — a select group that includes the likes of Joe Root and Graham Gooch — on the notoriously bowler-friendly Galle pitch. Chandimal made his ton with a single off Kiwi spinner Mitchell Santner in a knock that capitalised on loose deliveries.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 306/3 (Dinesh Chandimal 116, Angelo Mathews 78 not out, Kamindu Mendis 51 not out, Glenn Phillips 1/33) vs New Zealand.

Treesa-Gayatri, Srikanth in QFs

Macau: Star Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth advanced to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament with a straight-game victory over compatriot Ayush Shetty in the second round here on Thursday. Seeded sixth, Srikanth, who is playing his first competition since recovering from an injury sustained in May, outclassed Ayush 21-13, 21-18 to emerge as the lone Indian competitor in the singles event.

Srikanth, the 2021 World Championship silver medalist, will next face Hong Kong's second seed Ng Ka Long Angus, with whom he shares an even 4-4 head-to-head record in their last eight encounters. In women's doubles, the pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also reached the quarterfinals, securing a solid 22-20, 21-11 win over Chinese Taipei's Lin Chih-Chun and Teng Chun Hsun in just 38 minutes.

Usha, EC clash at IOA board meet

New Delhi: Indian Olympic Association President P. T. Usha had another heated confrontation with the body's Executive Council on Thursday after a majority of its members reiterated their opposition to Raghuram Iyer's appointment as CEO but the embattled track-and-field great refused to back down and rejected their demand for his removal. The main agenda of the meeting called by Usha was ratification of Iyer's appointment as CEO on January 5 but it ended in a deadlock. With both sides sticking to their earlier stands, the bitter feud is expected to worsen in the coming days. "They want to re-initiate the whole process, they want to re-advertise afresh. It's like saying we don't want this person and let us start the process from the scratch," a furious Usha said. "This process (of CEO appointment) took two years and now they want to start all over again. I am not going to accept this. I have told this to the IOC (International Olympic Committee). I am not a quitter, I am not going anywhere without cleaning the IOA," she asserted. — PTI

INDIA CANPUR

Rohit & Co. likely to maintain supremacy over Bangladesh

Kanpur, Sept. 26: India would want their big guns Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to fire when the mighty hosts aim for a clean sweep against a beleaguered Bangladesh in the second and final Test starting here on Friday.

The all-round show of Ravichandran Ashwin, Shubman Gill's sublime hundred, Ravindra Jadeja's quality batting and Rishabh Pant's roaring comeback allowed India to script a comfortable victory in Chennai despite being put under pressure by the Bangladesh pacers on day one.

The way India bounced back in the game reaffirmed their supremacy in Test cricket, especially at home where they are on course for a record extending 18th consecutive series win.

Having made a successful return in white-ball cricket, it was time for Pant to show that it is the Test arena where he can make the maximum impact. It seems he has even added one more dimension to his game: curbing his aggressive instinct if the situation demands, making him even more dangerous.

However, both Rohit and Virat's bats remained silent in the series-opener as Bangladesh pacers — Hasan Mahmud and Taskin Ahmed — bowled probing lines on a supportive track and were rewarded.

With a long Test season ahead of them, the two premier batters must be itching to get back among the runs.

Playing his first Test at home since March 2023, Kohli did not look at his sharpest and one can trust him to not go for expansive cover drives at the start of his innings.

CHANGE IN COMBINATIONS

The Green Park wicket has traditionally been a low and slow track that assists spinners. While it is expected to offer some assistance to the fast bowlers initially, the basic nature of the pitch, prepared with black soil brought from Unnao, is not expected to change much.

The wicket will become slower as the game progresses. It means, India can field three spinners instead of three pacers. If that is indeed the case, Akash Deep could make way for Kuldeep Yadav.

If India think they need more cushion with the bat, then Axar Patel might just pip home hero Kuldeep, who has performed exceptionally over the last 18 months.

The muggy weather will pose a huge challenge for the players. — PTI

MAN UNITED HELD BY SMALLER SIDE TWENTE IN EUROPA GAME

Paris, Sept. 26: Manchester United stuttered to a 1-1 draw at home to FC Twente in their opening Europa League game on Wednesday as Christian Eriksen scored but then made an error that led to the equaliser. The Denmark international put United ahead with a powerful first-half strike on a soaking wet night at Old Trafford before Sam Lammers equalised for Twente in the 68th minute after Eriksen was caught in possession.

United manager Erik ten Hag selected a strong side to take on Twente, a club where the Dutchman came through the youth ranks and had three spells as a player before moving into coaching with the Eredivisie side. Marcus Rashford returned to the line-up after coming off the bench in Saturday's 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace, with Harry Maguire



India head coach Gautam Gambhir (right) talks to K. L. Rahul during a training session ahead of the second and last Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur on Thursday. — PTI

Shakib calls it quits from T20Is

Kanpur, Sept. 26: Accused of murder in his country, star Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan laid out his retirement plans on Thursday, declaring that he is done with T20Is, will wind up his ODI career in next year's Champions Trophy and is ready to say goodbye to Tests here change much.

The 37-year-old, one of the biggest stars to emerge from Bangladesh, was addressing the media on the eve of the second and final Test against Rohit Sharma's men that could well be his international swansong in the format if a proposed home series against South Africa does not work out.

He is hoping to be picked for the two-Test affair next month and wind it up in Mirpur, where the second game could be held in the second half.



Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan addresses a press conference in Kanpur on Thursday. — PTI

"It has been tough for me. Only Allah knows how I am focused on the game. Even I don't know," admitted the Bangladesh great, who featured in 129 T20Is for his country and will con-

tinue to play in franchise leagues.

"I have played my last T20 match in T20 World Cup. We have discussed this with the selectors. Looking at the 2026 World Cup, this is the right time

for me to move out. Hopefully, BCB will find some great players and we will perform well," said the spinner.

Shakib has played 70 Tests, scoring 4600 runs and taking 242 wickets.

"I have expressed my desire to play my last Test in Mirpur to BCB. They agreed with me. They are trying to organise everything so that I can go to Bangladesh. If that won't happen, the match against India in Kanpur would be my last Test," he added.

Shakib was named as an accused in a murder case back home during the political unrest that led to the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He was a member of Parliament from her party, the Awami League and he has been avoiding going back to Bangladesh to steer clear of the legal proceedings that await him. — PTI

Three share lead at Golconda Masters

Hyderabad, Sept. 26: Ravi Kumar, Saarthak Chhibber and Akshay Naranjan shot scores of seven-under 63 at the Par-70 Hyderabad Golf Association golf course on Thursday to share the lead after the first round of the Golconda Masters.

Bengaluru's Aryan Roopa Anand and Delhi's Sachin Baisoya returned cards of six-under 64 to be tied for fourth.

PGTI Ranking leader Veer Ahlawat carded a 66 to be tied 11th. Hyderabad-based professional Mohd Azhar (69) was the highest-placed among the local golfers as he was tied 48th.

Ravi, a 10th tee starter on Day One, scored seven birdies and didn't drop any shots thanks to his exceptional wedge-play. While Ravi's chipping was the highlight of his round, the 29-year-old pro, fighting to save his card

for next season also played an outstanding approach on the eighth to set up a birdie there.

Chhibber too shot a bogey-free 63 to be co-leader. The 24-year-old, enjoying one of his best seasons on the PGTI with three top-10s including a runner-up finish, landed it within six feet for six of his seven birdies. He never looked in any sort of trouble and sank his longest putt of the day, a 20-footer for birdie on the 15th, to make it a run of five consecutive birdies on the back-nine.

Akshay, also part of the three-way lead, mixed eight birdies with a bogey during his 63. Akshay enjoyed a fruitful day with the putter as he sank some long birdie putts including a 40-footer on the 13th. He also came up with some quality up and downs from rough and the bunker to keep the birdies coming.



Chess Olympiad win a promising start, says Anand

Mumbai, Sept. 26: Overjoyed by India's remarkable dual triumph at the Chess Olympiad, five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand said that while this marks a promising beginning, there is still much work to be done for women's chess in the country.

India scripted history on Sunday as both its men's and women's teams secured their first-ever titles, achieving a remarkable clean sweep of gold medals at the Chess Olympiad.

But while in recent times, the men's game has surged in popularity with young Indian talents like R. Praggnanandhaa and D. Gukesh making waves on the world stage, in contrast, the women's game has struggled to match this trajectory.

"It's a very good beginning. I think still a long way to go because we must continuously keep progressing," Anand said, at the sidelines of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League.

"And more important, get more and more girls to play and I think exactly this result will inspire more girls to play, and that is the hope," he added.

The 54-year-old chess icon who has inspired the current young crop of chess players creating a splash on the global stage was delight-



Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand at an event in Mumbai on Thursday. — PTI

ed to witness history being created by them.

"First of all that, great pride that it had happened. It's not like the result caught me by surprise. It had been the case for a couple of hours already, so you prepare yourself," he said.

"But you're happy to suddenly realise that you're double Olympiad champion, I know all of them for many, many years, and there's also the feeling of being with friends who had great success. I personally enjoyed being there. I enjoyed listening to the anthems two times. And I knew that the whole world kind of took notice of India's performance," he added. — PTI

CITY CLIPS

Rishab has Team Red line-up in a spin

Rishab Baslas was the top performer at the Hyderabad Cricket Association's Senior Zonals action on Thursday. The left-arm spinner took five wickets while conceding 45 runs in Team Yellow's drawn game against Team Red. The Reds replied to Yellow's 253 with 210 in the only innings possible. Mickil Jaiswal top-scored for the Red side with 82 while Pranav Varma contributed 40.

Brief Scores:

HCA SENIOR ZONALS

Day-3:

■ Team Yellow 253 in 77.2 overs drew with Team Red 210 in 71.3 overs (Mickil Jaiswal 82, Shashank Lokesh 32, Pranav Varma 40, K. Bhagath Varma 3/55, **Rishab Baslas 5/45 — 15.3-0-45-5**).

■ Team Green 46/1 in 12 overs drew with Team Orange (Day 3 called off without a ball being bowled).

Trials for State women's football side

The Telangana Football Association is conducting selection trials to pick the Senior Women's state football team at the Gymkhana Ground in Secunderabad on Sunday at 7 am. The trials are only for girls from the twin cities. Participants should bring their Aadhar Card for the selections, a press release from the TFA said.

KarteeK in Kigali doubles semifinal

Hyderabad's Ganta Sai KarteeK Reddy and his partner Siddant Bantia of India advanced to the semi-finals of the men's doubles ITF 25K World Tour tennis tournament being held at Kigali in Rwanda. In the quarter-final played on Thursday, KarteeK and Siddanth defeated Iradukunda Guy Orly of Burundi & Safawat Mohamed of Egypt 6-3, 6-4. Earlier in the pre-quarterfinal, KarteeK-Siddanth beat the Indian pair of Ananth Mani Muni & Bharat Nishok Kumaran with a 7-6(7-5), 6-3 scoreline.

Rui Amorim Sreenidi Deccan new coach

Sreenidi Deccan Football Club has appointed Rui Amorim as the club's new Head Coach following the departure of Domingo Oramas. Amorim brings a wealth of experience from his extensive work across various divisions in Portugal and internationally. His most recent role saw him lead SC Znojmo in the Czech Republic. Amorim's appointment is seen as a key step in driving Sreenidi Deccan FC's ambitions for success.

Reflecting on his new role, Amorim said: "I am excited to join Sreenidi Deccan FC at such an important time in the club's development. This is a great opportunity to work with a talented group of players and to help the club achieve its objectives. I look forward to bringing my experience and passion to the team."

Fabio Ferreira, Chief Football Officer of Sreenidi Deccan FC, expressed his confidence about the appointment. "Our goals and ambitions for the upcoming season remain unchanged — we are fully committed to competing at the highest level and building a strong, winning team. We are delighted to welcome Coach Rui Amorim on board," he said.



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