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New Delhi, The Journalist Post, September 19: India has achieved another milestone in space-based Earth observation with the successful launch of EOS-05 aboard the GSLV-F17 mission on September 4, 2026. According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), EOS-05 is India's first-ever Earth observation imaging satellite from geosynchronous orbit. The satellite was initially placed into a sub-geosynchro-

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Telangana Government to Distribute School Uniforms in More Attractive Colours Plan Supplies for Next Academic Year in Advance

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, September 19: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to provide government school students with uniforms in more attractive colours and explore different designs before finalising the uniform pattern. The Chief Minister reviewed the distribution of uniforms and other essential supplies to students at a meeting on Saturday. Officials informed the Chief Minister that one set of uniforms had been distributed to students in government schools, hostels and residential schools, while the second set would be pro-



vided by the end of September. Two sets of uniforms have already been distributed to students in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and Model Schools. Officials also informed the meeting that the distribution of notebooks to students had been completed. The Chief Minister reviewed the availability and distribution of essential items, in-

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Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, September 19: The ongoing manpower audit and restructuring exercise in the

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Indore, The Journalist Post, September 19: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi addressed the Congress's 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' (Voice of Students) programme in Indore on Saturday, focusing on education, examinations, recruitment and employment-related concerns. The Congress has been conducting the programme in different cities to interact directly with students and gather their views on issues affecting their education and career prospects. The party's official records confirm Gandhi's participation in the Indore programme on September 19. Addressing students,

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H-1B Fee Extension Brings Mixed Impact for Indian



Existing Workers Face Limited Impact, While New Applicants From India Could Face Higher Employer Costs

Washington, September 19, The Journalist Post: U.S. President Donald Trump has extended the \$100,000 payment requirement for certain new H-1B workers for another year, keeping the restriction in place until September 21, 2027. The policy applies primarily to H-1B workers who are outside the United States when covered petitions are filed and requires the prospective employer to make the payment before filing the petition. The development is particularly significant for Indian professionals because India has his-

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Telangana to Play Key Role in Achieving Viksit Bharat Goal: Bhatti Vikramarka

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, September 19: Telangana is ready to play a key role in achieving the Viksit Bharat-2047 goal, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister



Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said at a conference on "Mobilising Financial Resources for India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat" held in New Delhi under the leadership of Union

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BSF Reviews India-Bangladesh Border Security, Directs Faster Fencing Work



FOCUS ON BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE, SMUGGLING AND CROSS-BORDER CRIME

Kolkata, The Journalist Post, September 19: Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Parveen Kumar reviewed security and border-management arrangements along the India-Bangladesh border during a two-day meeting in Kolkata on September 17 and 18, according to the information provided. Senior officials from BSF frontiers deployed along the border participated in the review, which focused on strengthening security, completing pending infrastructure projects and addressing cross-border criminal activities.

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KTR Questions Government Over Farmers' Power Supply Protests

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: The issue of agricultural power supply has intensified the political debate in Telangana, with BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) questioning the government over protests by farmers demanding reliable electricity for irrigation. Reports indicate that farmers in several districts, including areas around Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's native village, have recently staged demonstrations over power disruptions and



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Danam Nagender Verdict Upholds Anti-Defection Law : Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said the Telangana High Court's disqualification of Danam Nagender as Khairatabad MLA represents a significant development in the enforcement of the constitutional anti-defection provisions. The High Court on September 18 set aside the Assembly Speaker's decision and disqualified Nagender with effect from April 23, 2024, after holding that he had contested the Secunderabad Lok Sabha election on a Congress ticket while remain-



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Petrol Pump Dealers Warn of UPI Restrictions Over New MDR



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, September 19: Petrol pump dealers have raised concerns over the revised Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) framework for UPI transactions, with dealer associations seeking a complete exemption for fuel payments. Under the new framework scheduled to take effect from October 15, 2026, UPI person-to-merchant transactions above Rs 2,000 in several cat-

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Gautam Gambhir Praises Nitish Kumar Reddy



New Delhi, September 19, The Journalist Post: Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir has praised fast-bowling all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy and backed the decision to give him greater opportunities in the ODI format ahead of the upcoming World Cup. Gambhir indicated that Nitish is likely to receive more opportunities during India's ODI series against the West Indies. The coach

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EDITORIAL

Will BRICS Decisions Reach the People?

The Journalist Post: International summits often generate ambitious declarations, but the real question for ordinary citizens is whether those decisions translate into meaningful changes in daily life. The recent BRICS summit in New Delhi discussed trade in local currencies, artificial intelligence, food and energy security, healthcare and the interests of developing nations. The New Delhi Declaration outlined several areas of cooperation, but implementation will determine their real value.

BRICS has an important role in the global economy and provides developing countries with a platform to strengthen cooperation and seek greater representation in international institutions. However, declarations alone cannot improve people's lives. Decisions must move from diplomatic discussions to practical policies. Greater trade in local currencies could potentially reduce dependence on the dollar and lower certain transaction and exchange-rate costs.

However, achieving this requires compatible banking and payment systems and greater trust among member countries. Similarly, cooperation in AI, digital infrastructure and healthcare could expand access to technology, research and training if effectively implemented. Food and agricultural cooperation is equally important. Joint work on climate-resilient farming, agricultural technology and sustainable practices could support farmers and contribute to food security and price stability. At the same time, geopolitical differences and varying economic interests among BRICS members can slow implementation. Therefore, governments need clear timelines, institutional mechanisms and transparent progress reports.

For the public, the measure of success is straightforward: more employment, better business opportunities, affordable technology, improved healthcare and tangible benefits for farmers, students and small businesses. BRICS summits should therefore be judged not merely by the scale of their declarations, but by the concrete results they eventually deliver.

Bhadrachalam Temple Development Works Accelerated

Bhadrachalam, September 19, The Journalist Post: District Collector Ankit, accompanied by Sub-Collector Mrunal Shresht, inspected the ongoing development and reconstruction works at the Sri Sita



Ramachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam and directed officials to accelerate the projects while maintaining high construction standards.

The Collector reviewed the progress of several works within and around the temple premises, including the Uttara Dwara Darshanam, Chitrakuta Mandapam, Goshala, Annadana Satram, Vista complex, routes leading to the Shiva and Rama temples, Mada streets and other surrounding areas. He obtained details from officials regarding the pace of construction, quality standards and facilities being developed for devotees. Ankit instructed contractors and officials to ensure that there were no de-

lays and that all works were completed within the stipulated deadlines. He stressed that construction quality should not be compromised and directed officials to strictly follow technical standards to ensure long-lasting structures without defects. In view of the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams, the Collector directed officials to complete the construction of ghats and other development works along the Godavari basin within the prescribed timeframe. He also emphasized advance planning and adequate arrangements to ensure the smooth movement and convenience of devotees during the event.

Temple Executive Officer Damodar Rao, Irrigation Department Assistant Engineers Raviteja and Ganesh, ITC representatives Chengal Rao and Durga Prasad, along with officials and staff from various departments, participated in the inspection. The Collector called for effective coordination among departments to ensure timely completion of the projects and improved facilities for devotees.

Telangana Government to Distribute School Uniforms in More Attractive Colours

cluding plates, glasses, bowls, spoons, cups, carpets, bedsheets and towels, for students in government hostels, residential schools, KGBVs and Model Schools.

Revanth Reddy instructed officials to prepare an action plan well in advance to ensure that uniforms and other essential supplies reach students on the first day of the next academic year. In view of the possibility of a 10 per cent increase in student enrolment, he directed officials to make arrangements for the additional requirement of uniforms and other materials. The Chief Minister noted that parents had expressed satisfaction with the quality of uniforms and other materials supplied to students this year. He emphasised the need for timely planning and effective distribution so that students receive all required supplies without delay when the new academic year begins.



ate Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy, MP Vem Narendar Reddy, CM's Principal Secretary Sridhar, CM's OSD Vemula Srinivasulu and senior officials from various departments, including

Sabyasachi Ghosh, Bala Mayadevi, Ahmed Nadeem, Divya Devarajan, Naveen Nicholas, Shruti Ojha, Saidulu, Santosh and Sita Lakshmi, attended the meeting.

Bhadrachalam Temple Development Works Accelerated

Hanamkonda, September 15, The Journalist Post:

Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGNPDCL) has won two prestigious national awards for technological innovation and improved consumer services. The company received the South India PSU and Governance Excellence Award from Times Aspire and the Adapting AI in Energy Award from The Economic Times. The awards recognized TGNPDCL's use of AI-based feeder outage prediction, drone monitoring of power assets, real-time feeder monitoring, GIS



systems, substation analytics and a 24-hour AI-powered WhatsApp chatbot. CMD Karnati Varun Reddy congratulated officials, engineers and employees for the achievement.

He said the organization would further expand the use of modern technology to provide safe, reliable and uninterrupted power supply to consumers.

Telangana to Play Key Role in Achieving Viksit Bharat Goal: Bhatti Vikramarka

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The conference was attended by Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers from various states, senior officials and economic experts. Telangana was represented by Bhatti Vikramarka along with Finance and Planning Department Secretary Dr. Gaurav Uppal.

Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana viewed the national development targets as an immediate responsibility requiring concrete action. He stressed the need for the Centre and states to work together in the spirit of cooperative federalism and said development would require effective mobilisation of both public and private resources, strong institutions and coordinated policies.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana's GSDP reached Rs 17.82 lakh crore in 2025-26, recording 10.7 per cent growth at current prices, while real GSDP growth at constant prices was estimated at 8.5 per cent. Per capita income rose to Rs 4,18,931, compared with the national average of Rs 2,19,575. The services sector



recorded 13.5 per cent growth, while the secondary sector grew by 9.4 per cent, according to the figures presented by the state.

\$3 Trillion Economy Target

Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana's economy was estimated to reach \$1.21 trillion by 2047 at the current growth trajectory, but the state government had set a more ambitious target of \$3 trillion. He also outlined a goal of increasing Telangana's contribution to the national economy from around 5 per cent to 10 per cent. He said achieving this target would require a shift in infrastructure financing, with greater mobilisation of private investors, institutional funds and sovereign funds. Government resources, he said, would be strategically used to reduce investor risks, bridge viability gaps and support investor confidence. The state is also focusing on Public-Private Part-

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nous transfer orbit and subsequently underwent a series of orbit-raising manoeuvres. ISRO reported that the third and final orbit-raising manoeuvre was completed successfully on September 7, placing EOS-05 in an estimated orbit of 34,903 km by 35,884 km. The satellite was reported to be in normal health following the manoeuvre. ISRO's mission information states that the spacecraft is intended for Earth observation and is planned for the geosynchronous orbital slot at 85.5° East.

The geosynchronous placement gives EOS-05 a different observation capability from satellites operating in lower Earth orbits. Its orbital configuration is designed to provide persistent observation of broad areas, making the mission relevant to applications requiring repeated and continuous monitoring. The

satellite is also significant from a strategic-information perspective. Continuous observation can support the monitoring of developments across large geographic areas, including land and maritime regions. However, specific operational or defence applications and the satellite's detailed capabilities should be distinguished from broader assessments of its potential uses.

The EOS-05 mission forms part of India's expanding Earth-observation and space infrastructure. ISRO's official mission records list GSLV-F17/EOS-05 as successfully accomplished on September 4, 2026. The development also comes as India expands its space-based surveillance capabilities. The EOS-05 mission demonstrates the growing use of geosynchronous orbit for Earth-imaging applications and adds another layer to the country's satellite-based observation architecture.

nerships, green bonds and blended finance.

CURE-PURE-RARE Development Model

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana was pursuing a balanced development strategy through the CURE-PURE-RARE model. The CURE (Core Urban Region), centred around Greater Hyderabad, is being developed as a hub for high-end services, artificial intelligence, global capability centres, fintech, life sciences and knowledge-based industries.

The PURE (Peri-Urban Region) along major transportation corridors is planned as a hub for industrial and manufacturing activities, while RARE (Rural Agricultural and Resource Economy) focuses on strengthening rural economic activity through digital agriculture, food-processing clusters and cold-chain infrastructure.

Bharat Future City and Youth

Bhatti Vikramarka said Bharat Future City, spread across more than 30,000

acres, was being developed as a model for future cities, with plans for universities, research centres, clean technology parks and sustainable residential areas. He also identified the Regional Ring Road as an important infrastructure link connecting the CURE, PURE and RARE regions.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana's youth were a major strength and highlighted the Young India Skill University as an initiative aimed at bridging the gap between higher education and industry requirements. He said inclusive development remained a key objective, with emphasis on social security, healthcare, housing, women entrepreneurs and self-help groups. Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana's \$3 trillion economic target represented the state's contribution towards a prosperous and self-reliant Viksit Bharat by 2047. He stressed that coordination between Union and state financial systems, along with investment, sustainable financial resources and human capital development, would be important for achieving the national development objective.



Tragedy Strikes 18 Days After Marriage as B.Tech Student Dies

Young Woman Dies During Treatment After Fall From College Building

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, September 19,
The Journalist Post: A tragic incident involving a B.Tech student has shocked Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district after Pallavi, a third-year engineering student, died while undergoing treatment following a fall from the third floor of a college building.



Pallavi was studying at Kommuri Pratap Reddy Institute of Technology, which falls under the jurisdiction of Ghatkesar police. According to police and family members, she fell from the college building under circumstances that are now being investigated. Family members said Pallavi, daughter of Enugu Madhusudan Reddy of Katepalli village in Motakonduru mandal, married Srikanth Reddy, a constable attached to Chaitanyapuri Police Station, on August 30. The incident occurred just 18 days after the marriage.

Pallavi's family has alleged that she faced physical and mental harassment over demands for additional dowry following the marriage. They claimed that the alleged harassment caused her severe distress and that this was connected to the circumstances preceding the

incident. The allegations have not been independently established, and police are investigating the claims.

After sustaining serious injuries in the fall, Pallavi was initially taken to Neelima Hospital in Jeedimetla. She was later shifted to Sri Kara Hospital in Medipally for advanced treatment. Despite medical efforts, her condition reportedly deteriorated and she died while receiving treatment. Ghatkesar police registered a case based on a complaint filed by Pallavi's mother, Sandhya. Investigators are examining the circumstances surrounding the fall, the family's allegations and events following her marriage. Police are recording statements from family members and other persons connected with the case.

The incident has caused grief among Pallavi's relatives and residents of the locality. Her

family has sought a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death. Police officials said further details would be established after completion of the investigation. The allegations of dowry-related harassment remain subject to investigation, and the exact circumstances leading to the incident will be determined based on the evidence collected by authorities.

BJP Rejects Link With ‘Kalpita Nayakudu’ Book, Condemns Alleged Insults to Ambedkar

Vemula Ashok and Kanthi Kiran Demand Action Over Vikarabad Collectorate Incident

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: BJP State General Secretary Vemula Ashok and BJP SC Morcha State President Kanthi Kiran said the party has no connection with the book Kalpita Nayakudu authored by Hamara Prasad and strongly condemned what they described as derogatory ref-



ferences to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Addressing the media at the BJP state office, they said the party would not tolerate attempts to insult the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Vemula Ashok said Dr. Ambedkar was a national leader whose contribution extended beyond any particular community. He credited the Narendra Modi-led BJP government with according importance to Ambedkar's legacy and developing the five locations associated with his life and work, known as the Panch Tirths. Ashok alleged that opposition parties were attempting to politically link Hamara Prasad's writings with the BJP. He stated that Hamara Prasad was not a BJP worker and had no connection with the party. He also criticised the circulation of photographs showing Hamara Prasad with Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, saying that taking photographs with

political leaders did not establish party affiliation.

BJP SC Morcha State President Kanthi Kiran said the party strongly opposed the contents of the book, which he alleged were disrespectful to Dr. Ambedkar. He accused political opponents of using old photographs and social media posts to create a misleading impression about the BJP's relationship with the author. He said the party would consider legal action against individuals responsible for insulting Ambedkar. The BJP leaders also raised concerns over an incident at the Vikarabad Collectorate. Vemula Ashok alleged that BJP Doctors' Cell State Convener Dr. Rajasekhara Reddy and party activist Praveen Reddy were alleg-

edly treated improperly when they went to submit a representation concerning problems with air-conditioning and cooling facilities at the Vikarabad Government Hospital blood bank. According to Ashok, Praveen Reddy sustained a hand injury during the incident and cases were subsequently registered against the BJP representatives.

The BJP leaders demanded an apology from Collector Deepak Tiwari and the concerned officials and sought withdrawal of the cases. They warned that the party would launch a large-scale protest if their demands were not addressed. Former MLA Kondeti Sridhar, State Media Panelist Raju Mudiraj, Medical Cell Convener Dr. Rajashekhar Reddy, Medical Cell Co-conveners Dr. Rashmika and Dr. Ramakrishna, Endowments Cell Joint Convener Pradeep Reddy and others attended the media conference.

Police Manpower Restructuring Brings Back 376 Personnel, Saves Rs 90 Crore

Telangana Police Department has resulted in 376 personnel being brought back into the available police manpower after being deployed

Fit Cop' Programme Across Telangana



with various retired employees. The exercise has also made available 20 bullet-proof vehicles, seven Fortuners, 18 Innova Crystas and 58 other four-wheelers, Director General of Police C.V. Anand said at a staff officers' meeting held at the DGP office.

The restructuring exercise has also resulted in the withdrawal of 60 per cent additional payments to 573 personnel of the Greyhounds and OCTOPUS wings, leading to estimated savings of Rs 28.16 crore. Other similar measures have contributed to overall estimated savings of around Rs 90 crore for the government. Restructuring of units such as the Greyhounds and SIB has also made personnel available for deployment in other departments according to operational requirements. Anand reviewed the manpower restructuring exercise, shortage of Home Guards, the recruitment process, the election of a new association of IPS officers, CURE-area community connect programmes and several other administrative, budget and welfare issues during the meeting.

nutrition and dietary habits. Personnel with health concerns will be identified at an early stage and provided appropriate medical support. Anand recalled that the initiative had been successfully implemented during his tenure as Hyderabad Police Commissioner. He said a healthy police force would be better equipped to discharge its duties effectively.

Review of IG and DIG-Level Posts

The DGP said there are 48 posts at the IG and above levels across the State, of which 24 are currently available. There are also 11 DIG-level posts, with another 10 likely to be added in the future. Anand stressed the need for an early decision on the promotion of officers belonging to the 1992, 1995 and 1996 batches to the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police. He said steps would be taken to expedite the matter at the appropriate level.

Week-Long Programmes to Honour Police Martyrs Ahead of Police Commemoration Day on October 21, Anand suggested organising a week-long series of programmes to honour the sacrifices of police martyrs. Blood donation camps and open houses will be organised along with awareness programmes on cybercrime, drug abuse, child safety and other issues. The initiatives are intended to enhance public awareness and strengthen engagement between the Police Department and the community.

Southern Regional DGPs' Conference

The DGP directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for the Southern Regional DGPs' Conference, which Telangana Police will host in October. Cybercrime, drug trafficking, Left-wing extremism, organised crime, coastal security and emerging crime trends are expected to be among the key issues discussed at the conference.

Free Health Camp Held in Hayathnagar

LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy Attends as Chief Guest

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy attended a free health camp



organised at Swami Shankar Function Hall in Hayathnagar as the chief guest on the occasion of the birthday of Hayathnagar Division BRS Party President Chennagoni Sridhar Goud. The health camp was organised as part

of the birthday celebrations, providing local residents with access to medical consultations and health-related services. Party leaders and activists participated in the programme and interacted with those attending the camp. Several former corporators, division presidents, senior BRS leaders, party activists, women and other supporters were present at the event. The organisers said the programme was aimed at promoting health awareness and providing medical assistance to people in the local community.

The participation of MLA Sudheer Reddy and other party leaders added significance to the event, with local BRS representatives highlighting the importance of community-oriented programmes and public welfare activities. The programme concluded with party leaders, activists and participants extending birthday greetings to Chennagoni Sridhar Goud and appreciating the organisation of the health camp.

H-1B Fee Extension Brings Mixed Impact for Indian Professionals

torically accounted for more than 70% of H-1B beneficiaries entering the United States.

The H-1B programme is widely used by technology companies and other employers to recruit highly skilled foreign workers in specialised occupations. For Indians already working in the United States on H-1B visas, the extension does not generally create a new \$100,000 payment requirement merely because they continue their existing employment or renew their status. Foreign graduates who are already in the United States can also be less directly affected by the restriction when moving into H-1B employment, depending on

their circumstances. The greater impact could fall on Indian professionals who are outside the United States and receive new H-1B petitions covered by the proclamation. In such cases, employers may have to make the \$100,000 payment, substantially increasing the cost of recruiting workers from overseas. The proclamation also provides limited exceptions when the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security determines that hiring particular workers is in the national interest.

The extension does not amount to a blanket ban on Indian workers. Qualified Indian professionals can still be hired under the H-1B programme, but employers re-

cruiting from outside the United States may have to account for the additional payment and other requirements. The higher cost could influence companies' decisions about overseas recruitment, hiring locations and the use of international technology talent.

The Trump administration says the measure is intended to address what it describes as abuse of the H-1B system, including the use of lower-paid foreign labour and practices that it says can disadvantage American workers. The White House has also directed federal agencies to increase scrutiny of H-1B applications, including consideration of recent or planned layoffs involving similarly situated U.S. workers. At the same time, technology companies and other businesses have argued that the H-1B

programme is important for accessing specialised talent and addressing skills shortages. The policy has also faced legal challenges. Reuters reported that a federal judge previously blocked implementation of the \$100,000 fee, while an appeals court is reviewing the dispute.

For Indian students and professionals planning U.S. careers, the distinction between being already inside the United States and seeking initial H-1B entry from India is therefore important. Existing workers generally face less direct impact from the extended payment requirement, while new overseas applicants may encounter higher employer costs and greater uncertainty. The extension is scheduled to remain in force for one year, but its final scope could change depending on ongoing litigation and subsequent administrative or judicial decisions.

BSF Reviews India-Bangladesh Border Security, Directs Faster Fencing Work

The meeting examined issues including pending land acquisition, construction of border fencing and challenges related to smuggling and illegal cross-border movement. Officials briefed the Director General on operational difficulties in different sectors, following which directions were issued to accelerate ongoing infrastructure and security-related work. The government has previously stated that land acquisition, difficult terrain, marshy areas and other factors have affected the completion of feasible fencing stretches along the India-Bangladesh border.

Kumar directed officials to expedite fencing in stretches where construction remains pending, with

priority given to security-sensitive areas. He also stressed coordinated action involving the BSF, state police, district administrations and other agencies to tackle smuggling and cross-border crime through information sharing, joint operations and continuous surveillance.

Drug trafficking was also highlighted as a significant security concern. The BSF has been involved in efforts against narcotics and other forms of cross-border smuggling, while government agencies have also strengthened inter-agency measures to detect and disrupt trafficking networks. The review emphasized the need for sustained coordination between security forces and civil administration to strengthen border management and prevent criminal activities along the international boundary.

GO 118 Housing Plot Regularization Certificates Distributed

MINISTERS AND LB NAGAR MLA ATTEND CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Ponnampaluri Prabhakar and Azharuddin, along with LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, participated as chief guests at a certificate distribution programme held at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium in the LB Nagar constituency. The programme was organised for the distribution of regularization certificates for housing plots under GO 118. The initiative is aimed at providing eligible beneficiaries with official documentation for their housing plots. MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy said the distribution of regularization certificates would provide greater clarity and security to eligible plot holders. He said the government should continue taking steps to address the concerns of residents who have been waiting for regularization and proper documentation of their housing plots.

efits of the government's decision in a transparent manner.

The ministers and MLA interacted with beneficiaries and reviewed the arrangements made for the certificate distribution programme. Several public representatives, government officials, local leaders and members of the public participated in the event. Officials coordinated the ar-



rangements and facilitated the distribution of certificates to eligible beneficiaries. The programme also provided beneficiaries with information regarding the regularization process and related documentation.

The public representatives highlighted the importance of regularizing eligible housing plots and providing beneficiaries with secure documentation. They said such measures can help residents obtain greater clarity regarding their properties and facilitate access to civic and housing-related services.

The programme concluded with the distribution of regularization certificates to beneficiaries under the applicable provisions of GO 118.

Sudheer Reddy said the regularization process would help eligible beneficiaries resolve documentation-related issues and obtain access to civic and other services associated with their properties. He also stressed the importance of ensuring that eligible residents receive the ben-

‘Right to Question Is Crucial in a Democracy,’ Gandhi

Gandhi criticised what he described as the prevailing education system and alleged that students face pressure when they raise questions or concerns. He said the ability to question is an important part of a democracy and stressed that students and young people have an important role in shaping the country's future.

Gandhi also raised concerns about vacancies in teaching positions, the closure of schools and shortcomings in educational infrastructure. He



urged young people to speak about issues affecting education, including teacher shortages and facilities.

The ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ campaign has focused on concerns such as alleged exami-

nation irregularities, question-paper leaks, rising education costs, delays in recruitment and unemployment. Congress had earlier announced the programme as a nationwide campaign focused on education-system issues, and its Working Committee later discussed plans to extend the initiative to hundreds of cities.

During his Indore address, Gandhi also made political allegations concerning individuals whom he said in-

fluence the prevailing system, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and industrialists Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani. These were statements made by Gandhi at the political event and represent his assessment of the issues. The Indore programme follows earlier ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ events, including programmes in Prayagraj and Pune, where Gandhi interacted with students on education and youth-related concerns.

India Sends Ninth IAF Relief Flight to Flood-Hit Nepal

INDIA CONTINUES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING DEVASTATING AUGUST FLOODS

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, September 19: India has stepped up its humanitarian assistance to flood-hit Nepal, with the ninth Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft carrying relief material arriving in Kathmandu on Saturday. The C-130 transport aircraft delivered another 11 tonnes of essential supplies as Nepal continues recovery efforts following the devastating flash floods of August 26.

The latest consignment includes medicines, forensic supplies, tents, hygiene kits, sleeping bags and other essen-

tial materials. Indian officials said the supplies were handed over to the Government of



Nepal in Kathmandu as part of India's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts. India's Ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava, confirmed the arrival and handover of the

ninth relief flight. According to the Ministry of External Af-

fairs, India has so far sent more than 130 tonnes of relief material and deployed 54 specialised personnel to assist Nepal with rescue, relief and

forensic operations. Previous flights have carried specialised equipment, including tunnel-rescue and forensic supplies.

The latest airlift comes as Nepal continues to deal with the impact of the August 26 flash floods, which caused widespread destruction and significant loss of life. India has continued sending relief supplies and technical assistance as part of its support for Nepal's recovery. The sustained airlift highlights the role of coordinated humanitarian and disaster-response operations in providing essential assistance during a major natural disaster.

Withdrawal of Southwest Monsoon Begins

New Delhi, September 19, The Journalist Post: The Southwest monsoon has entered its withdrawal phase, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) announcing the beginning of retreat from parts of western Rajasthan on September 19. The withdrawal is two days later than the normal date of September 17. The monsoon is expected to retreat from more parts of Rajasthan, Punjab, Kutch and Saurashtra

over the next three to four days as weather conditions become favourable.

The monsoon entered Kerala on June 4 and covered the entire country by July 9. However, rainfall remained below normal in several regions. The country recorded a 15% rainfall deficit between June 4 and September 19, while the southern peninsula recorded a larger 29% deficit. June recorded a 35% rainfall deficit, followed by

slightly above-normal rainfall in July. August rainfall was also below expectations and was the seventh-lowest August total recorded since 2001, according to the assessment cited by officials.

Meteorologists have linked the rainfall pattern partly to El Niño-related changes in Pacific Ocean tem-



peratures and their influence on global weather systems. Several areas also experienced unseasonal rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning and hailstorms.

The rainfall shortage could affect agriculture and water availability in some regions. The IMD has cautioned that isolated areas may continue to receive heavy rainfall until the monsoon withdrawal process advances further.

KTR Questions Government Over Farmers' Power Supply Protests

low voltage. KTR criticized the government's explanation that El Niño-related weather conditions were contributing to the pressure on the electricity system. He argued that farmers should not be made to bear the consequences of power-management difficulties and called for immediate steps to address disruptions affecting agricultural operations.

Farmers in several areas have reported frequent fluctuations and interruptions, saying the problems are affecting borewell pumps and the supply of water to their crops. In Yellampet, for example, farmers protested at a power substation earlier this month, seeking uninterrupted and quality electricity. Officials said three-phase agricultural supply was being provided for 12 hours continuously in the mandal, while the farmers demanded longer supply. Similar protests have been reported in other districts. Farmers in Khammam district complained that they were receiving less than seven hours of uninterrupted supply, while protests over power cuts and low voltage were also reported in Nagarkurnool and Siddipet.

The state government, meanwhile, has linked the pressure on the power sector to deficient rainfall, increased dependence on groundwater pumping and higher electricity

demand. Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana recorded an all-time high power demand of 19,543 MW on September 9. He attributed the unusual demand during the monsoon to weather conditions and increased use of borewells and lift-irrigation systems.

Bhatti has also said the state is taking measures to manage the increased demand and prepare for the continuing effects of El Niño. The Telangana Assembly recently passed a resolution addressing the reported effects of El Niño on agriculture, water availability and the wider economy. The issue has also drawn concern from legislators across political lines, with members raising complaints about outages, low generation and non-functioning agricultural pumps. With farmers seeking dependable electricity during critical crop stages, the government faces continued demands for reliable supply and greater clarity on the causes of disruptions. The debate over power management, rainfall conditions and agricultural requirements is expected to remain an important issue in Telangana.



TASK and Dell Technologies Join Hands to Train 5,500 Telangana Youth

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: The Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) and Dell Technologies have signed an MoU to implement the uDaan program across Telangana, aiming to

awareness and employability, with efforts to extend access to students from rural areas.

The initiative aims to create a pathway from education and skill development to employment, apprenticeships and entrepreneur-



equip young people with industry-relevant technical skills and improve employment opportunities.

The agreement was finalized during a review meeting led by State IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu. Under the initiative, around 5,500 students will receive three months of hands-on training through 25 dedicated training centres across the state. The program will cover areas including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, electronics manufacturing, emerging technologies and digital skills. It will also focus on industry

ship. Students will receive industry-oriented training while pursuing their studies, helping them prepare for opportunities before completing their degrees. The curriculum has been designed by IIT Delhi, with technical support from Dell Technologies. At the national level, Dell Technologies, FITT-IIT Delhi, Learning Links Foundation and Generation India Foundation are collaborating on the uDaan initiative. The TASK-Dell partnership is intended to strengthen Telangana's skilling ecosystem by connecting technical education with evolving industry requirements and creating opportunities for employment and self-employment.

agriculture and other requirements.

Harish Rao further raised concerns over the functioning of irrigation infrastructure. He



called for available pumps at Kalwakurthy, Palamuru, Nettampadu, Bhima and Koilsagar to be operated effectively so that water can reach standing crops. He said maintenance and repairs of irrigation systems should receive

immediate attention, particularly during periods of water stress. The former minister also urged the government to safeguard Telangana's interests in the management and allocation of Krishna River waters. He referred to water utilization by projects in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and called for greater vigilance and appropriate action wherever Telangana's interests are involved.

The issue comes amid concerns over water availability and agricultural conditions in parts of Telangana. Recent reports have also highlighted rainfall shortages affecting crop prospects in several parts of India, adding pressure to water and irrigation management.

Harish Rao demanded greater transparency over the allocation and utilization of Krishna waters and urged the government to publish clear details on reservoir levels, project operations and water usage. He said effective water management and timely operation of irrigation infrastructure were essential for protecting farmers and reducing the impact of water shortages.

Harish Rao Questions Congress Government Over Krishna Water Utilisation

BRS Leader Disputes Srisailem Water Figures and Seeks Action to Protect Crops

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Former minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao has criticized the Congress government over the reported shortage of irrigation water and power in Telangana, alleging that available water resources are not being fully utilized. His remarks came during a press conference in Hyderabad on Saturday, where he questioned the government's handling of Krishna River water and irrigation projects.

Harish Rao disputed the government's

reported claim that Telangana had utilized 84 TMC of water from the Srisailem reservoir this year. He questioned where the water had been used and which reservoirs and agricultural areas had benefited. He pointed to the Kalwakurthy and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects, alleging that the latter's pumps had remained idle and that only about 8 TMC had been lifted through Kalwakurthy. These figures were presented by Harish Rao and remain part of the political dispute over water utilisation. The BRS leader also cited figures that he said showed declining utilization of Telangana's Krishna water share. According to his claims, Telangana's utilization was around 28.4% in 2024-25 and fell to about 25% in 2025-26, while Andhra Pradesh's utilization was higher. He argued that the state should make fuller use of its available allocation for

public representatives, senior officials, local leaders and representatives of various government departments. The officials explained the welfare and development programmes being implemented in the constituency and highlighted the importance of providing legal security to residents.

The ministers said the implementation of GO 118 is aimed at resolving long-standing land-related issues faced by eligible families. They emphasized that legal recognition of house sites is particularly important for poor and middle-class households, for whom secure property rights can provide greater stability and confidence. They said the government's objective is to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of regularization through a transparent and systematic pro-



GO 118 Brings Legal Recognition to Regularized House Sites

cess. The ministers also stressed the need to protect the property interests of families who have been waiting for a solution to their house-site issues for several years. Officials explained that regularization and issuance of certificates would help beneficiaries deal with future property-related requirements with greater legal clarity. Proper documentation can also provide families with a stronger basis for managing their properties and addressing official requirements connected with land ownership and house sites.

Beneficiaries who received the certificates expressed happiness over the development. Many said the resolution of the long-pending issue had brought relief and increased confidence about the future of their proper-

ties. They said the legal documents would provide greater security for their families and help avoid uncertainty over their house sites.

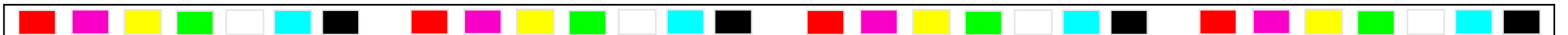
Officials reiterated that the regularization process would be carried out according to the applicable rules and procedures. They said steps would be taken to identify and cover all eligible beneficiaries while maintaining transparency throughout the process. The programme was presented as an important step toward providing legal security to eligible residents of LB Nagar. Government representatives stated that protecting land rights and ensuring proper documentation remain important components of the administration's welfare-oriented approach.

The distribution of certificates under GO 118 is expected to provide beneficiaries with greater certainty over their house sites and address several difficulties associated with unresolved regularization issues. Officials said the government would continue efforts to ensure that eligible families receive the intended benefits under the scheme.

Land Rights Certificates Distributed to LB Nagar Residents

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: A grand programme for the distribution of certificates regularizing house sites under GO 118 was held at Saroornagar Stadium, bringing relief to residents of the LB Nagar constituency who had been waiting for legal recognition of their properties. The certificates were distributed to eligible beneficiaries as part of the government's efforts to address long-pending issues concerning house-site regularization and land rights.

Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Ponnampallabharathi and Azharuddin participated in the programme and personally handed over certificates to beneficiaries. Officials said the documents provide legal recognition to eligible house sites and are expected to help families obtain greater clarity and security regarding their property rights. The event was attended by MLAs Malreddy Ranga Reddy and Sudheer Reddy, MLCs,



Danam Nagender Verdict Upholds Anti-Defection Law : Kishan Reddy

ing a BRS MLA. Addressing the media, Kishan Reddy accused both the Congress and BRS of encouraging political defections and alleged that successive governments had failed to respect the mandate of voters. He recalled instances of defections during the Congress and BRS regimes and alleged that political leaders who won elections on one party's ticket were subsequently inducted into another party without first resigning from their elected positions.



Kishan Reddy said the BJP had approached the Telangana High Court after the Speaker rejected the disqualification petition against Nagender. He welcomed the court's intervention and said the verdict reinforced the importance of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution and the rule of law. The High Court's order declared the Khairatabad Assembly seat vacant. The Union Minister also questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's public campaign on constitutional issues and sought an explanation over Nagender being given a Congress ticket for the Lok Sabha election while he

remained an MLA elected on a BRS ticket. Kishan Reddy argued that the development should prompt political parties to reconsider their approach to defections. He further criticised the Congress and BRS over governance, corruption allegations, land policies, liquor policy, borrowing and unfulfilled election promises. He referred to earlier BRS promises concerning Dalit welfare, employment, land distribution and Hyderabad's development, while alleging that the Congress government had continued several practices it had previously criticised.

Kishan Reddy also questioned the government's handling of allegations surrounding the Kaleshwaram project and other issues, asking why investigations and action had not followed some of the allegations made by ruling-party leaders. Meanwhile, the legal proceedings are continuing. Nagender approached the Supreme Court on September 19 challenging the High Court's disqualification order and seeking relief, while BJP and BRS leaders have filed caveat petitions in the matter.

RTC Union Recognition Elections After a Decade on October 9

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Says Polls Will Restore Workers' Democratic Rights

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Telangana Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar announced that recognition elections for trade unions in the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) will be held on October 9, nearly a decade after the previous elections. He urged RTC employees to participate voluntarily and democratically in the process. The Minister recalled that the last recognition union elections were conducted on July 19, 2016. Since then, elections had not been held, affecting the formal recognition and activities of trade unions within the corporation. He said restoring the election process would strengthen workers' participation and provide them with an opportunity to choose their representatives.



Ponnam emphasized the role of trade unions in protecting workers' interests and noted their contribution to the movement for the formation of Telangana. He said the government considers restoring democratic rights within the RTC an important step toward strengthening communication between employees and the administration. The Minister said the government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is taking measures to address issues concerning the RTC, including worker welfare and the corporation's financial position. He stated that the representatives of unions emerging from the October 9 elections would be included in discussions concerning the proposed merger of the RTC with the government.

According to the Minister, further steps on the merger process would be initiated after the recognition elections. He

said the government would study the experiences of other states and take precautions to protect the interests of RTC employees while moving forward with a comprehensive approach. Ponnam also listed several worker-welfare measures undertaken by the government, including payment of Dearness Allowance (DA), implementation of fitment, release of Provident Fund and CCS arrears, compassionate appointments and reinstatement of dismissed employees. He said permissions had been

given to fill thousands of vacancies to reduce the workload on existing employees. The recruitment process for driver and shramik posts has also been completed, according to the Minister.

The government has additionally taken steps to strengthen RTC operations through the purchase of new buses, ownership opportunities for women and implementation of the Mahalakshmi scheme. These measures, he said, are intended to improve public transport services while supporting the corporation and its workforce.

Describing RTC employees as the backbone of Telangana's public transport system, Ponnam said protecting their rights and welfare is a responsibility of the government. He called on workers to participate actively in the recognition elections and said their involvement would be important in strengthening the RTC in the coming years.

Warangal Airport Dream Takes Flight as Mamnoon Project Advances

Land Acquisition Completed as Construction Preparations Gain Momentum

Warangal, September 19, The Journalist Post: The long-awaited Mamnoon Airport project in Warangal has reached a crucial stage, with major preliminary processes including approvals, land acquisition and technical assessments completed. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned the construction work in three packages, with the tender process for two packages already completed.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed satisfaction over the progress and said the proposed airport would mark an important milestone in the development of Warangal and the wider North Telangana region. He also invited suggestions from the public for a suitable name for the new airport, saying it would represent a new identity for a rapidly developing Telangana. The Telangana government has allocated Rs 295 crore for the project and completed the required land acquisition before handing over the land to the Airports Authority of India. Officials said the completion of this important stage has created the conditions for the project to move forward toward construction.

The proposed airport is expected to play a role beyond passenger transportation. According to the government, improved air connectivity could support industrial development, tourism, education, employment and in-

vestment opportunities in Warangal and surrounding districts. The airport is also being viewed as an important infrastructure project for strengthening economic activity across North Telangana. Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy recently met Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu in Delhi and requested that the remaining procedures related to the airport be expedited. Following the meeting, officials of the Airports Authority of India reviewed the project and its implementation process.

Environmental clearance procedures are currently underway. Officials said the required documents have already been submitted and that further

progress could accelerate once the necessary clearances are received.

With land acquisition completed, tenders for two construction packages concluded and the remaining procedures progressing, expectations are growing among residents and businesses in the region regarding the project's next phase. The government said the Mamnoon Airport could improve connectivity and create new opportunities for industries, investors, students, tourists and job seekers. The project is therefore being viewed as a significant infrastructure initiative with potential implications for the long-term economic development of Warangal and North Telangana.



21,000 Double-Bedroom Houses Completed in CUAR Area

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: The Telangana government has accelerated the process of completing and handing over double-bedroom houses in the Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration (CUAR) area, with 21,000 housing units now completed across 26 locations. Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the houses without unnecessary delay. The Minister reviewed the housing programme at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat through a video conference with District Collectors and officials from Ranga Reddy, Sangareddy, Medchal and Hyderabad districts. Officials from the Housing, Water Supply and Electricity departments also participated in the review.



Ponguleti said meeting the housing needs of poor families remains a major priority of the government. He directed officials to focus on completing projects that were initiated earlier but remained unfinished, stating that the works should be taken forward in the public interest without political considerations. The Minister instructed officials to complete the beneficiary selection process for the completed houses by September 30. He directed that allotments be made through a draw-of-lots system and that all beneficiary details be uploaded on the online portal to maintain transparency. Officials were also instructed to give priority to eligible families residing within

a five-to-seven-kilometre radius of the housing colonies. Ponguleti stressed that the selection process should be transparent and properly documented to prevent disputes or allegations of irregularities. The Minister further directed officials to ensure that basic infrastructure is available before beneficiaries occupy the houses. Drinking water, electricity, sanitation and internal roads were identified as key requirements. He instructed the concerned departments to coordinate closely and complete the necessary amenities by the end of October.

Ponguleti also directed District Collectors to identify individuals who are ineligible or have failed to occupy allotted double-bedroom houses. Final notices should be issued to such beneficiaries, and allotments may be cancelled if there is no response. Cancelled houses are to be reallocated to other eligible families, officials were told. In another important decision, the Minister announced the sanction of Indiramma Houses for around 9,000 eligible people who already possess house sites. He instructed officials to coordinate with in-charge ministers and local public representatives to complete beneficiary selection and distribute sanction letters promptly. Officials were also directed to take steps to ensure construction begins without delay after sanctions are issued. The Minister said the government's broader objective is to provide secure housing to every eligible poor family in Telangana. He emphasized that transparent beneficiary selection, proper infrastructure and timely implementation are essential to ensure that housing schemes deliver their intended benefits.



Petrol Pump Dealers Warn of UPI Restrictions Over New MDR

egories will attract MDR, while fuel transactions above Rs 2,000 are reported to carry a flat Rs 5 MDR, rather than the general 0.4% rate.

Petroleum dealers have argued that additional transaction costs could put pressure on their already limited operating margins. Associations have urged the Centre and the

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to exempt petrol pumps from MDR, describing fuel as an essential commodity and pointing to the substantial use of digital payments at fuel outlets.

The issue has already led to a concrete decision in Madhya Pradesh. The state's

petrol pump association, rep-



resenting about 4,700 dealers, has decided to stop accepting UPI payments above Rs 2,000 from October 15, according to reports. Dealers have said they would instead

require cash for such payments, while lower-value UPI transactions would continue.

Dealer groups in other regions, including Mumbai, have also sought exemption and warned that they could restrict high-value UPI payments if the charges remain applicable.

The developments could affect customers who regularly use UPI for larger fuel purchases. Dealers are now seeking clarity from the government and NPCI before the revised framework takes effect.

India Calls for Balanced Approach to Development and Environmental Protection

New Delhi, September 19, The Journalist Post: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an international conference on the future of the environment and climate dynamics, bringing together scientists, researchers, policymakers and environmental experts to discuss growing environmental challenges and possible solutions. Addressing the conference, Modi said development and environmental protection should not be treated as conflicting objectives. He said India is demonstrating that economic progress can be achieved while conserving natural resources. He pointed to the country's expansion of renewable energy as an example of efforts to combine develop-

ment with environmental sustainability.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the issue of historical responsibility for carbon emissions. He said developing

and environmental degradation. He emphasized the importance of technology sharing, financial assistance and scientific research, particularly to help developing countries pursue sustainable growth without compromising their



countries have often faced criticism over emissions, while historical data presents a more complex picture of global responsibility. He noted that India's per-capita carbon emissions remain below half of the global average. Modi called for greater international cooperation to address climate change

development priorities.

Experts participating in the conference discussed the growing effects of climate change on agriculture, water resources, biodiversity and public health. They stressed that scientific research, modern technology and sustainable practices would be essential

for strengthening climate resilience and protecting vulnerable communities. The discussions also focused on the importance of collective global action to achieve environmental goals and Sustainable Development Goals. Participants emphasized that climate challenges cross national boundaries and therefore require coordinated efforts among governments, scientific institutions and international organizations.

Organizers said the conference is expected to generate recommendations on environmental conservation, climate-change mitigation and sustainable development. The meeting is also intended to provide a platform for sharing innovative ideas and developing practical approaches to safeguard the environment for future generations.

51,000

Appointment Letters Distributed at Rozgar Mela

New Delhi, September 19, The Journalist Post: Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed appointment letters to more than 51,000 newly recruited youths at the 20th Rozgar Mela organized by the Central Government. Selected candidates from various Central Government departments and organizations across the country participated in the programme.

The Rozgar Mela initiative aims to accelerate recruitment and expand employment opportunities for young people seeking government jobs. Speaking on the occasion, Modi said the talent, skills

and innovation of Indian

youth are gaining increasing recognition globally. He highlighted the contributions of young Indians in science, technology, research, entrepreneurship and business.

The Prime Minister said Free Trade Agreements are creating additional opportunities by opening new markets and encouraging international business partnerships. According to him, expanding trade connections can create new avenues for entrepreneurs while generating employment and career opportunities for young people. Modi also highlighted India's startup ecosystem, stating that the country has emerged as the world's

third-largest startup ecosystem. He said startup activity is no longer restricted to major metropolitan cities and is increasingly spreading to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Nearly half of recognized startups are now reportedly located outside the largest urban centres, reflecting wider participation in entrepreneurship.

The Prime Minister further emphasized the role of digital infrastructure, skill development, innovation and government support in improving employment prospects. Various programmes are being implemented to strengthen the skills and employability of young people and en-

courage them to pursue entrepreneurship and innovation.

Officials said the induction of thousands of young recruits into government service through the Rozgar Mela would add momentum to public administration and national development. They also emphasized that effectively utilizing the capabilities of India's youth will remain important for advancing the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat. The programme highlighted employment, skill development and innovation as key areas expected to shape opportunities for India's young population in the coming years.



Itchy Eyes: Neglect Can Lead to Complications

ALLERGIES AND POLLUTION ARE COMMON CAUSES, WHILE RUBBING CAN WORSEN IRRITATION

Desk, September 19, The Journalist Post: Itchy eyes are a common problem, but persistent or severe symptoms should not be ignored, ophthalmologists warn. Allergies, air pollution, dust and smoke are among the common causes, particularly in urban areas. Exposure to pollen, dust particles,



pet dander and certain chemicals can trigger itching, redness and irritation, while seasonal changes may worsen symptoms in some people. Prolonged use of mobile phones, computers and televisions can also contribute to dry eyes, causing itching, burning and eye fatigue. With increasing screen time, such complaints are being reported across different age groups.

Doctors advise people to avoid rubbing their eyes, as repeated rubbing can increase irritation and potentially introduce germs, raising the risk of infection. Maintaining good eye hygiene, drinking adequate water, wearing protective eyewear in dusty environments and taking regular breaks from digital screens can help reduce discomfort. Adequate sleep is also important for maintaining eye health. However, itching accompanied by severe redness, pain, discharge or blurred vision requires medical attention. Experts recommend consulting an ophthalmologist promptly in such cases rather than relying on self-treatment. Identifying the underlying cause and taking timely precautions can help protect eye health and prevent complications.

Chicken Skin: A Health Debate Beyond Tast

Desk, September 19, The Journalist Post: Chicken is a popular source of protein, but whether to eat the skin remains a common health and nutrition debate. While chicken skin adds flavor and helps retain moisture during cooking, it contains considerably more fat and calories than the meat itself. Nutrition experts note that some of the fat in chicken skin is unsaturated, but the overall calorie content can still be significant. People trying to manage their weight, those with high cholesterol or certain heart-related concerns, and individuals following specific dietary plans may benefit from limiting their intake.

For most healthy people, however, eating chicken skin



occasionally and in moderate quantities is not necessarily harmful. The cooking method is an important factor. Home-cooked chicken prepared with limited oil can be different nutritionally from deep-fried chicken, where the skin can absorb additional oil and substantially increase calorie intake. Grilled, baked or roasted chicken prepared with controlled amounts of oil can be a more balanced option. In contrast, frequent consumption of fried chicken containing high amounts of oil, salt and other ingredients may contribute to excessive calorie and fat intake.

Removing the skin completely reduces the fat content and may be preferable for people aiming to lose weight or following lower-fat diets. Ultimately, nutritionists emphasize that portion size, frequency, cooking method and an individual's overall diet matter more than treating chicken skin as universally healthy or unhealthy.



Gautam Gambhir Praises Nitish Kumar Reddy

highlighted the youngster's recent performances, particularly his three-wicket hauls in each of the final two matches of India's T20 series against Afghanistan.

According to Gambhir, greater exposure in the ODI format will help Nitish develop his skills and establish himself as an important all-round option for India. The team management is also assessing different combinations as it prepares for the next World Cup cycle.

Gambhir also provided an update on



Hardik Pandya, who is recovering from an injury. He said Hardik needs to regain full match fitness and will have an opportunity to demonstrate his readiness during the India A series in Puducherry. India are also considering a combination featuring both Nitish Kumar Reddy and Hardik Pandya in the playing XI. Gambhir indicated that the possibility would depend on pitch conditions and Hardik reaching a stage where he is able to bowl his full quota of 10 overs.

The combination could provide India with additional balance in both batting and bowling, while giving the team more options in the middle order and with the ball.

19 Years Since Yuvraj Singh's Six-Sixes Onslaught

Durban, September 19, The Journalist Post: Nineteen years ago, Indian all-rounder Yuvraj Singh produced one of the



most memorable displays of power-hitting in international cricket, smashing six sixes in a single over against England during the 2007 T20 World Cup in Durban, South Africa. The extraordinary moment came during a Super 8 match when India were building a strong total. A verbal exchange between Yuvraj and England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff added intensity to the contest. Yuvraj then turned his aggression into an unforgettable batting per-

formance against Stuart Broad.

Broad bowled the 19th over, and Yuvraj hit all six deliveries for six, sending the ball to different parts of the ground. The explosive sequence also helped him reach his half-century in just 12 balls, setting a record for the fastest fifty in men's T20 internationals at the time. Yuvraj finished with 58 runs from only 16 deliveries, including three fours and seven sixes, as India posted a formidable 218-run total. India eventually won the match by 18 runs.

The six-sixes achievement established Yuvraj as the first batter to hit six sixes in an over in a T20 international. The performance remains a landmark moment in the evolution of T20 cricket and continues to be remembered by fans around the world. Yuvraj's fearless approach and extraordinary hitting have also influenced a new generation of Indian power-hitters, including players such as Abhishek Sharma and Vaibhav Suryavanshi.

Jaiswal Should Be Given More Opportunities in ODIs: Irfan Pathan

New Delhi, September 19, The Journalist Post: Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has called for greater opportunities for young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal in the upcoming ODI series against the West Indies, beginning September 27.

Pathan said giving Jaiswal more match time would be important for his development and preparation for the 2027 ODI World Cup. Jaiswal is currently regarded as a backup or third opening option in India's ODI setup, behind captain Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma. Pathan stressed that the team management should use the remaining matches before the World Cup to assess and prepare its backup options. The young opener has already scored two centuries in just six ODIs, according to the information cited in the discussion. India are scheduled to play



11 more ODIs before the 2027 World Cup, providing opportunities to test different combinations and strengthen the squad's bench strength.

Pathan also pointed to the scheduling overlap between the Asian Games and the West Indies series as an opportunity for emerging players to showcase their abilities. He specifically mentioned Nitish Kumar Reddy, Aquib Nabi, Naman Dhir and Dhruv Jurel as players who could benefit from increased exposure. With the World Cup approaching, Pathan's comments underline the importance of giving promising players sufficient international experience while India continues to assess its ODI options.

Tamannaah's Interesting Comments on Sidharth

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, who has established herself across South Indian and Hindi cinema over nearly two decades, recently praised her co-star Sidharth Malhotra at the trailer launch of The Van. Directed by Deepak Kumar Mishra, the film features Tamannaah in a pivotal role alongside Sidharth. Speaking at the event,

Tamannaah described Sidharth as exceptionally handsome. She said that despite working with several leading actors during her career, she had never come across an actor as handsome as Sidharth. Her remark that he personifies the word "handsome" became one of the highlights of the event. The trailer indicates an interesting on-screen pairing between Tamannaah and Sidharth. A special song from the film has been shot against the backdrop of Chhath Puja, an important festival associated with Bihar's cul-

tural traditions. While discussing the song, Tamannaah became emotional as she recalled her connection with the festival. Born and raised in Mumbai, she said she had often seen thousands of women performing Chhath Puja at Juhu Beach. However, she said shooting the film helped her understand the traditions and devotion associated with the festival more deeply.

Tamannaah was particularly struck by the strict rituals followed by devotees, including fasting without water for nearly 36 hours. She also highlighted the unique tradition of offering prayers to both the setting and rising sun. Recalling the filming experience, Tamannaah said she felt a special, almost spiritual energy while performing the song, describing the experience as deeply moving and memorable.



'Gondhal' Enters Oscar Race; Disappointment for 'Dhurandhar'

MIYAPUR POLICE QUESTION TV DANCE SHOW WINNER OVER WOMAN'S COMPLAINT

Mumbai, September 19, The Journalist Post: Marathi film Gondhal, written and directed by Santosh Davakhar, has been selected as India's official entry for the 99th

was among the prominent films in contention. FFI jury member Vivek Vaswani said the film received four votes from the 14-member panel. He said the jury considered various factors, including the extent to which a film reflected Indian culture and ethos. These were the jury's stated reasons for its decision.

Gondhal is set against the backdrop of Maharashtra's traditional Gondhal ritual, a folk performance involving music, dance and mythology. The film features Kishor Kadam, Ishita Deshmukh, Yogesh Sohoni and others, with music composed by Ilayaraja. The film had earlier received recognition at the 56th International Film Festival of India in Goa, where Davakhar won the Silver Peacock for Best Director. The selection committee said Gondhal stood out for its cultural setting, filmmaking, music, performances and human themes. The film now moves into the Academy's international feature-film selection process. The 99th Academy Awards are scheduled to be held on March 14, 2027.



Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film category. The Film Federation of India (FFI) jury selected the film from 33 submissions representing several Indian languages. The selection has drawn attention because Dhurandhar, starring Ranveer Singh,

A Gaddar Song in 'The Paradise'?

GADDAR SONG SPARKS BUZZ AMONG NANI FANS

Hyderabad, September 19, The Journalist Post: Speculation is growing that Nani's upcoming film The Paradise, directed by Srikanth Odela and featuring music by Anirudh Ravichander, may include Gaddar's iconic Telangana move-



ment song "Podustunna Poddumida Nadustunna Kalama." Fans believe its inclusion could create a powerful mass moment. However, the film team has not officially confirmed the song's inclusion, and clarity is awaited.

