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Locals Seek Inspection of Sri Mitra Enclave and TCS Campus Construction

Adibatla, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Allegations of unauthorized construction and possible violations of sanctioned building plans are drawing increasing attention in the Adibatla Circle. Local residents and activists are questioning whether town planning and municipal authorities are adequately monitoring construction activity and enforcing approved building permissions.

According to allegations raised by locals, some builders are obtaining permissions for limited construction, reportedly two floors, but subsequently putting up structures extending to four, five or even six floors. If established through official records and field inspections, such deviations could raise concerns relating to building safety, parking, traffic movement,



drainage, fire safety and compliance with municipal regulations.

Residents are demanding that authorities compare sanctioned building plans with the structures actually constructed on the ground. They have also sought details regarding permitted floor levels, sanc-

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Kishan Reddy Calls for Greater E-Waste Recycling

New Delhi, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said India's next major source of mineral wealth could lie not only beneath the ground but also within its cities. He highlighted the potential of e-waste, spent batteries and discarded solar panels as important sources of critical minerals and called for greater efforts to recover and reuse these valuable resources. He was speaking at a national conference on critical mineral recycling and the circular economy in India. Reddy urged industries, recycling companies and other stakeholders to expand their participation in the critical mineral recycling

Revanth Reddy Orders Speedy Completion of Warangal Super Speciality Hospital



CM Directs Round-the-Clock Work for Next 30 Days

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed dissatisfaction over the slow progress of construction works at the Warangal Super Speciality Hospital and directed officials to accelerate the project on a priority basis.

The Chief Minister reviewed the progress of the hospital at the MCR HRD Bodhi Pavilion in Hyderabad on Monday. During the high-level review, the Chief Minister questioned officials about the delay despite funds being sanctioned through the government's Green Channel. He directed authorities to ensure construction activities continue round the clock for the next 30 days and instructed them

APHMEL Records Record Profit, Emerges as National-Level Engineering Enterprise

Rs 23.33 Crore Profit in 2025-26, Rs 34.20 Crore in Three Years

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Andhra Pradesh Heavy Machinery and Engineering Limited (APHMEL), a subsidiary of The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), has registered a record net profit of Rs 23.33 crore in the 2025-26 financial year, mark-



ing the highest annual profit in the company's 50-year history. According to SCCL, APHMEL has earned ₹34.20 crore in net profits during the last three years, while its cumulative

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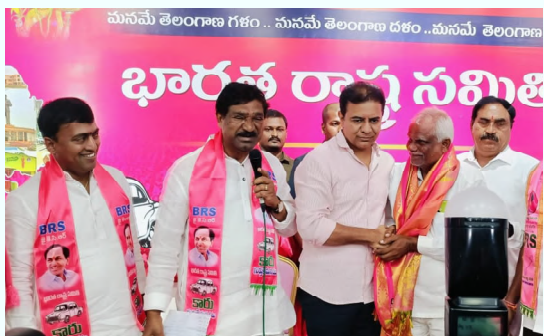


AUXILIARY POWER UNITS FOR T-72 AND T-90 TANKS

New Delhi, September 21 (The Journalist Post): The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth RS 586 crore for the procurement of Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) for T-72 and T-90 battle tanks of the Indian Army. The initiative is aimed at improving the performance, reliability and operational capabilities of the tanks while providing further momentum to indigenous defence manufacturing.

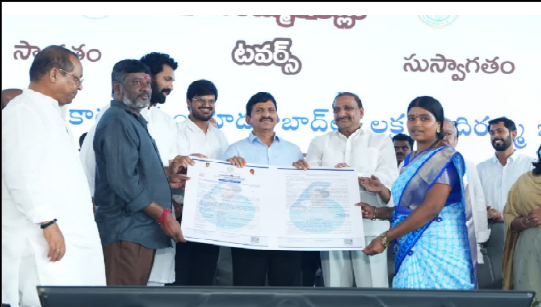
Auxiliary Power Units function as an alternative power source inside tanks, supplying electricity to critical systems

Congress, BJP Activists from Jaffar-Gadh Join BRS in Presence of KTR



Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Several activists associated with the Congress and BJP from Jaffar-Gadh mandal in the Station Ghanpur Assembly constituency joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) at a programme held at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday. BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao welcomed the new entrants into the party. The joining programme was reported on September 21, with subsequent reports putting

Indiramma Housing Towers to Provide Homes for Hyderabad's Urban Poor



PONGULETI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE AT RAIDURG

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Monday laid the foundation stone for the Indiramma Housing Towers near Malkam Cheruvu in Raidurg, Serilingampally constituency, as part of the government's initiative to provide housing for eligible poor families within Hyderabad. The Minister said the objective was to

Call for Stronger Tea Industry Development

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan Highlights Research, Quality and Productivity



Coonoor, September 21 (The Journalist Post): The centenary conference of the United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI) Tea Research Foundation was held in Coonoor in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district, with Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan attending as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the importance of strengthening the tea industry through research,

Rashmika Mandanna's Fierce Avatar as 'Maisa' Raises Expectations



Actress Steps Into a Powerful Tribal-Gond Character

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post Cinema Desk): The teaser of the upcoming pan-India action thriller 'Maisa', starring Rashmika Mandanna in the lead role, has been released, offering a glimpse of the actress in an intense and action-oriented character. Directed by Ravindra Pulle and

EDITORIAL

Protecting Elephants Means Protecting Our Forests

September 21 (The Journalist Post): Elephants are more than magnificent wildlife; they are vital to healthy forests and biodiversity. World Elephant Appreciation Day reminds us of the important ecological role these animals play and the growing threats they face. Shrinking forests caused by roads, development, agriculture and other human activities are reducing elephant habitats and access to food and water. As elephants move closer to human settlements, conflicts involving crops, property and human safety can increase. Illegal poaching and the ivory trade remain additional threats.

Elephants also help forests regenerate by dispersing seeds and creating pathways through dense vegetation. Their survival is therefore closely connected with the health of forest ecosystems. Conservation must focus on protecting habitats and migratory corridors, reducing human-elephant conflict, preventing poaching and involving local communities. Technology and scientific planning can further strengthen these efforts. Protecting elephants is ultimately about protecting forests, biodiversity and the natural heritage we leave for future generations. Their future depends on responsible coexistence between people and wildlife.



Rights and Responsibilities Must Go Hand in Hand: Telangana Governor

TRIBUTE PAID TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

Secunderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Governor Shiv

dination among research institutions, the armed forces and the defence industry to further strengthen the country's self-reliance in defence.

The Governor paid tribute to serving personnel, ex-servicemen and the fami-



Pratap Shukla called upon citizens, particularly the youth, to give equal importance to their rights and responsibilities while contributing to nation-building. He made the remarks while addressing the 19th National Conference of the Rashtriya Sainik Sanstha at the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME) in Secunderabad on Monday.

The Governor stressed the importance of patriotism, discipline and national consciousness among young people. He said the energy and capabilities of the youth should be directed towards constructive national development and encouraged citizens to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047. Shukla highlighted India's progress under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, particularly in indigenous defence technology and production. He called for greater coor-

lies of soldiers who lost their lives in the service of the nation. He said their sacrifices and contributions should be remembered and honoured by society. He also emphasized that retirement from the armed forces should not mean retirement from national service, noting that the discipline, leadership and experience of veterans could continue to contribute to nation-building. Referring to Swami Vivekananda's message, Shukla urged citizens and youth to pursue their goals with determination and dedication. The conference brought together representatives from different regions to discuss patriotism, national security, youth participation and the welfare of ex-servicemen. The Governor also presented Utkrishta Deshbhakti Medals to five distinguished members.

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tioned built-up areas, actual construction and the approved purpose of each property.

Questions Raised Over Sri Mitra Enclave

Particular questions have been raised over construction activity at Sri Mitra Enclave, near the Adibatla Police Station. Residents are seeking clarity on the permissions

Locals have additionally sought information concerning construction at the TCS campus in the Adibatla area. They are asking authorities to clarify the sanctioned construction area, approved plans, actual built-up area and whether the use of the premises corresponds with the permissions granted. These questions do not by themselves establish any violation. The facts can be determined only through examination of official permissions, approved plans, inspection reports and the structures existing at the site.

Where Are the Notices and Enforcement Actions?

Residents allege that visible enforcement action has been limited despite reports of construction exceeding approved limits. Under applicable municipal procedures, suspected violations can be examined through inspections, notices, stop-work directions and other action prescribed under the relevant regulations. The residents are therefore calling for systematic field inspections throughout the Adibatla Circle and publication of details regarding violations identified and action taken. They argue that regulations can be effective only when field-level monitoring accompanies the rules issued by the government.



granted for the buildings, approved plans, number of floors constructed, total built-up area and whether the present structures conform to the sanctioned plans. The proximity of the construction to the police station has also prompted questions from locals about whether the relevant authorities have conducted inspections. However, responsibility for building permissions and town planning enforcement primarily rests with the concerned municipal and planning authorities.

TCS Campus Construction Also Under Scrutiny

Rs 320 Crore Approved Under PM-SETU for Haryana ITIs

Kurukshetra ITI Cluster to Receive Major Modernisation Push

New Delhi, September 21 (The Journalist Post): The National Steering Committee of the

ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme. The initiative will support the transformation of seven government Industrial Training Institutes into modern, industry-responsive training centres.



Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has approved a ₹320 crore Strategic Investment Plan for the Kurukshetra ITI Cluster in Haryana under the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded

Jindal Naveen Avsar Limited will partner with the Haryana government as the Anchor Industry Partner for the cluster. The investment will focus on upgrading infrastructure

and training facilities, introducing industry-aligned courses and improving employment-oriented outcomes for trainees. The programme will also strengthen opportunities for practical training, apprenticeships, industry exposure and placement support.

The Kurukshetra ITI will function as the hub, while six other institutes will operate as spoke ITIs under the hub-and-spoke model. The participating institutes include government ITIs in Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Pehowa, Pabnawa and Ambala City, including women's ITIs. Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary said closer links between industry and ITIs would create stron-

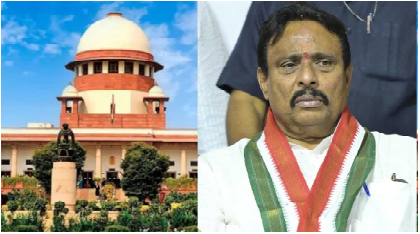
ger employment pathways for young people. He stressed the importance of making vocational training responsive to changing industry requirements and emerging technologies. With the latest approval, cumulative investment sanctioned under PM-SETU has reached Rs 2,491 crore across 10 ITI clusters. The scheme seeks to modernise government ITIs through upgraded infrastructure, modern laboratories, industry-linked curricula and stronger partnerships, with the broader objective of improving the relevance and quality of vocational training.



Supreme Court to Hear Danam Nagender’s Disqualification Plea

Nagender Seeks Relief Against Telangana High Court Order

New Delhi, September 21 (The Journalist Post): The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Wednesday, September 23, a petition filed by Danam Nagender challenging the Telangana High Court judgment that disqualified him as a member of the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The matter was mentioned before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant after Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Nagender, sought an urgent hearing. The Bench agreed to list the petition for Wednesday.



The Telangana High Court on September 18 set aside the decision of Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, who had rejected petitions seeking Nagender’s disqualification. The High Court held that Nagender incurred disqualification after contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Secunderabad as a Congress candidate while continuing as an MLA elected on a BRS ticket. The court declared his Assembly membership disqualified with effect from April 23, 2024, and held that the Khairatabad seat was vacant.

The disqualification petitions before the Speaker had been filed by BJP MLA Alleti Maheshwar Reddy and BRS MLA Padi

Kaushik Reddy. Their case involved the application of the anti-defection provisions under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. The High Court’s ruling followed its examination of the Speaker’s decision in the matter.

Nagender has now approached the Supreme Court through a Special Leave Petition. During Monday’s proceedings, his counsel sought urgent consideration, citing the possibility that the Election Commission could proceed with steps relating to the vacancy in the Khairatabad constituency. The Supreme Court has scheduled the matter for September 23. The High Court had earlier declined a request to keep its disqualification order in abeyance to allow Nagender to pursue an appeal. It directed that copies of the judg-

ment be communicated to the Assembly Secretary, the Speaker and the Election Commission. The BRS and BJP have also filed caveat petitions in the Supreme Court in connection with the matter.

Nagender was elected from Khairatabad in the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections on a BRS ticket and subsequently joined the Congress. He later contested the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Secunderabad as a Congress candidate. The Supreme Court hearing on September 23 will consider his challenge to the High Court order, with the legal status of the Khairatabad seat among the immediate issues surrounding the case.

Detailed Survey of Lands Near KCR Farmhouse in Erravalli

Notices Issued to Farmers as Ownership and Land Records Are Verified

Siddipet, September 21 (The Journalist Post): A detailed survey of lands in and around Erravalli village of Markook mandal in Siddipet district is continuing, with Revenue and Survey and Land Records officials examining Survey No. 325, which covers about 388 acres. The survey is being conducted in the vicinity of the farmhouse of former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), following directions for a comprehensive verification of land ownership, possession, boundaries and official records. The exercise covers areas adjoining Erravalli,

Shivaru Venkatapur and Varadarajapur villages. Officials began the farmer-wise survey on Monday after completing preliminary boundary identification using digital survey methods. According to reports, the entire Survey No. 325 area covers approximately 388 acres and 5 guntas, with 215 farmers identified as holding or cultivating land in the survey number. Officials are examining the nature and extent of government and assigned land, the present possession of the land and claims relating to private patta holdings.

The survey teams are also comparing present ground conditions with historical revenue records. Satellite and digital mapping technology is being used to identify boundaries, while officials are examining old maps, title-related documents and other land records. The objective is to establish the actual position of the land and reconcile historical records with current possession and usage. Revenue



authorities have issued notices to farmers associated with Survey No. 325 and are asking them to appear at their respective lands with Pattadar passbooks, registration documents and other supporting records. On Monday, officials surveyed land belonging to 80 farmers, while notices continued to be issued to other landholders. Reports said more than 100 farmers had already received notices, with further notices being served in phases. The survey has also brought renewed attention to boundary claims involving neighbouring villages. Some residents of Shivaru Venkatapur have reportedly claimed that a portion of the land included in Survey No. 325 falls within their village limits. They have sought verification of the boundaries using older revenue records. Officials are expected to examine such claims along with other documentary evidence before arriving at conclusions.

The land survey follows recent political and administrative discussions concerning land records in the area.

Telangana government representatives have said that if the survey establishes the presence of government land under unauthorized occupation, appropriate action would be taken in accordance with the law. However, the survey itself is still in progress, and the final status of individual parcels will depend on the verification of records, possession and boundaries.

Officials are expected to prepare a comprehensive report after completing the farmer-wise verification and record examination. The report will detail the extent and classification of the land, ownership and possession claims, boundary findings and any discrepancies identified during the exercise. The findings are expected to guide the government’s subsequent decisions concerning the lands in Survey No. 325.

SIT Identifies 105 Incidents in Ram Mandir Donation Case

the Ayodhya Ram Mandir has identified 105 incidents of suspected donation theft, according to details placed before the Supreme Court. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta presented the findings before the Bench during the hearing.

The SIT reportedly examined surveillance footage from the temple premises along with witness statements, donation records and bank deposit details as part of its investigation. The court was informed that although a system was in place for generating donation receipts through software and storing valuables in State Bank of India (SBI) vaults, investigators detected irregularities in the process. Eight accused persons have been arrested so far, according to the information presented to the court. Cases have been registered under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Prevention of Corruption Act, while the investigation into the alleged irregularities continues. Evidence col-



lected during the probe has also been placed before the court for consideration.

The Solicitor General told the Supreme Court that the investigation had reached its final stage and that the first charge sheet was expected to be filed by September 25. He also explained that the investigating agency needed to complete the legal process before the statutory 90-day period, calculated from the date of the first arrest, expired. Following the emergence of allegations concerning donation handling, changes have reportedly been made to the temple’s administrative arrangements, with a new executive structure introduced with the stated objective of improving transparency and oversight.

The petitioners sought access to a copy of the SIT report. However, the Supreme Court declined to make the report available at this stage, citing the need to avoid affecting the ongoing investigation and subsequent legal proceedings. Further developments are expected as the investigation reaches the charge-sheet stage.

Vamshichand Reddy Appears in Court Over Kalwakurthy Revenue Division Agitation

Kalwakurthy, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Congress Working Committee Special Invitee and national in-charge of the SSA Vamshichand Reddy appeared before the Kalwakurthy Junior Civil Judge Court on Monday in connection with a case linked to the 2016 agitation demanding Revenue Division status for Kalwakurthy.



The case relates to an indefinite hunger strike undertaken by Vamshichand Reddy in 2016 over the demand. According to the account of the agitation, police took him into custody on the fourth day of the protest, following which a case was registered. The legal proceedings are continuing. Party leaders and activists were present at the court premises during his appearance. Speaking after the proceedings, Vamshichand Reddy recalled the circumstances surrounding the agitation and the participation of people from

Kalwakurthy and surrounding areas. He said the movement reflected a long-standing demand for administrative services to be brought closer to residents. He also recalled the participation of youth, farmers and other sections

of society in the campaign and described the formation of the revenue division as the result of collective efforts.

Vamshichand Reddy said he remained committed to raising public issues and highlighted the need for continued attention to infrastructure, employment opportunities and welfare in the region. He said democratic movements provide a platform for people to place their concerns before authorities. The court appearance marked another stage in the legal proceedings connected with the 2016 protest. Vamshichand Reddy said he would continue to raise issues concerning Kalwakurthy and work with people on development-related matters.

Telangana Chief Secretary Orders Crackdown on Illegal Sand Transport

Sanjay Jaju Reviews Mines and Geology Department

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju conducted a high-level review of the Mines and Geology Department at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat on Monday, following directions from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The meeting covered departmental functioning, revenue generation, staff vacancies, promotions and measures to curb illegal mining and sand transportation. Jaju directed officials to take strict action against illegal sand transportation, unauthorized mining and the movement of minerals in violation of regulations. Officials were asked to identify areas vulnerable to illegal activities and conduct regular inspections, including surprise raids with vigilance teams. He also directed authorities to respond promptly to complaints and initiate legal action against violators.

The Chief Secretary stressed the need to

improve revenue collection through effective utilization of mineral resources while strengthening monitoring mechanisms. The department was asked to use technology to improve transparency, accountability and early detection of violations. The Telangana Department of Mines and Geology is responsible for regulating mineral extraction, transportation and related activities, as well as curbing unauthorized mining and transportation.

The review also covered vacant posts and employee promotions. Jaju instructed officials to expedite recruitment and promotion processes in accordance with rules and ensure that staff shortages do not affect departmental functioning. Mines Secretary Raghunandan Rao, Director General of Vigilance and Enforcement D.S. Chauhan, Director of Mines Anudeep and other senior officials participated in the meeting. The review emphasized coordinated action, stronger surveillance and efficient administration to protect mineral resources and government revenue.



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to prepare and strictly follow a detailed work schedule. Revanth Reddy ordered the constitution of a coordination committee involving officials from the departments concerned and directed that special officers be assigned specific responsibilities. He also instructed officials from the Chief Minister's Office to regularly inspect the site and review progress. The Warangal District Collector was asked to personally monitor the construction works every day.

The Chief Minister also emphasised coordination among all departments involved in the project. He directed the Medical and Health Department to take

steps to start outpatient services at the hospital at the earliest, following the operational model of the Dr MCR Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) at Sanathnagar, which was inaugurated in August.

MP Vem Narender Reddy, senior CMO and government officials, Warangal Collector Satya Sharada Devi and Hanamkonda Collector Chahat Bajpai attended the review. The meeting also examined landscaping plans for the hospital and staff quarters at Sanathnagar TIMS. The government has previously stated that the Warangal facility is among major healthcare projects being taken up in Telangana.

Telangana Animal Welfare Board Reviews Public Safety and Stray Dog Management

FOCUS ON ABC RULES, DOG-BITE PREVENTION AND ANIMAL WELFARE

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): The first meeting of the Second Telangana State Animal Welfare Board was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat on Monday under the chairmanship of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari. The meeting reviewed measures related to public safety, stray-dog management and animal welfare in the con-

cue, emergency treatment and shelter management. Discussions covered protection of institutional premises, strengthening ABC facilities, management of high-risk dogs, shelters and public-response mechanisms. Telangana's Animal Husbandry Department lists the ABC Rules, 2023 among the applicable animal-welfare rules and acts.

The Minister reiterated the government's stated commitment to preventing



text of Supreme Court directions.

Minister Srihari emphasised that child safety, human safety, road safety and public health should remain priorities while ensuring that animals are treated lawfully and humanely. He called for coordinated efforts involving the Animal Husbandry, Municipal Administration, Panchayat Raj, Health, Education and Police departments, along with local bodies and recognised animal welfare organisations.

The Board reviewed implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, along with measures to strengthen veterinary services, animal res-

dog-bite incidents, protecting vulnerable citizens and implementing animal-welfare measures with compassion and accountability. The meeting also comes amid continuing national-level directions and advisories concerning implementation of the ABC Rules and stray-dog management.

Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, Secretary Dr. K. Ilambarthi, Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. B. Gopi, PVNTVU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Gnanaprakash, Panchayat Raj Commissioner Divya Devarajan, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Kshitija, municipal commissioners and other senior officials attended the meeting.

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such as fire-control equipment, firing-control instruments and gun-stabilization systems. By enabling these systems to operate without depending entirely on the tank's main engine, APUs can support more efficient operation and help maintain essential capabilities during different operational conditions.

According to the Ministry of Defence, the induction of indigenously developed APUs will strengthen the operational capabilities of the Army's mechanized forces. The systems are expected to provide a continuous power supply for essential equipment and support the effective functioning of tanks in diverse conditions, including combat situations. The contract is also part of the government's continuing efforts to promote self-reliance in defence production. Greater use of domestically developed equipment is intended to encourage modern and reduce dependence on imported critical systems.

The T-72 and T-90 tanks remain important combat platforms in the Indian Army, with ongoing efforts focused on their modernization and capability enhancement. The integration of advanced technologies is expected to support their operational effectiveness and contribute to overall military readiness.

The agreement is expected to provide a further boost to the domestic production of critical defence equipment and may also contribute to reducing maintenance requirements and costs. The procurement represents another step in the government's broader Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at strengthening indigenous defence capabilities.



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sector. He said India's rapid technological development has resulted in a steady increase in electronic waste, creating both an environmental challenge and an economic opportunity. According to him, efficient recycling and recovery systems can convert discarded products into valuable secondary resources and contribute to the country's long-term economic growth.

The Minister pointed out that electronic waste, used batteries and discarded solar panels contain important minerals, including lithium, cobalt, nickel and copper. These materials are increasingly important for modern industries and technologies. Recovering them from waste streams could help reduce dependence on imported raw materials and strengthen domestic supply chains. He emphasized that the growing volume of e-waste should not be viewed solely as a problem. Instead, India could develop advanced technologies and efficient systems to recover valuable materials from discarded electronic and industrial products. Such efforts, he said, could create new economic opportunities while supporting responsible resource management.

Reddy also highlighted the importance of a circular economy, in which materials are recovered, reused and recycled rather than discarded after a single cycle of use. He said such an approach could simultaneously support efficient resource utilization, environmental protection and industrial development.

The Minister called for greater investment in technology, research and innovation to improve mineral recovery and recycling processes. Developing advanced recycling technologies would be important for recovering critical minerals efficiently and economically from complex waste streams. He said the Central Government was taking several measures to strengthen India's capabilities in the critical minerals sector and advance the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Greater domestic recovery of critical minerals could contribute to more resilient supply chains and reduce vulnerabilities arising from dependence on external sources.

Reddy stressed that cooperation among government agencies, industries, recycling organizations and research institutions would be essential for developing a strong mineral recycling ecosystem. Such collaboration could encourage technological innovation, attract investment and generate employment opportunities.

The Minister's remarks underscored the growing importance of urban mining, where discarded electronic products, batteries and other materials are treated as potential sources of valuable minerals. With appropriate technology, investment and policy support, India's cities could become an important component of the country's future critical mineral supply strategy while advancing environmental sustainability and the circular economy.



India-France Strategic Partnership Discussed at UN Meetings

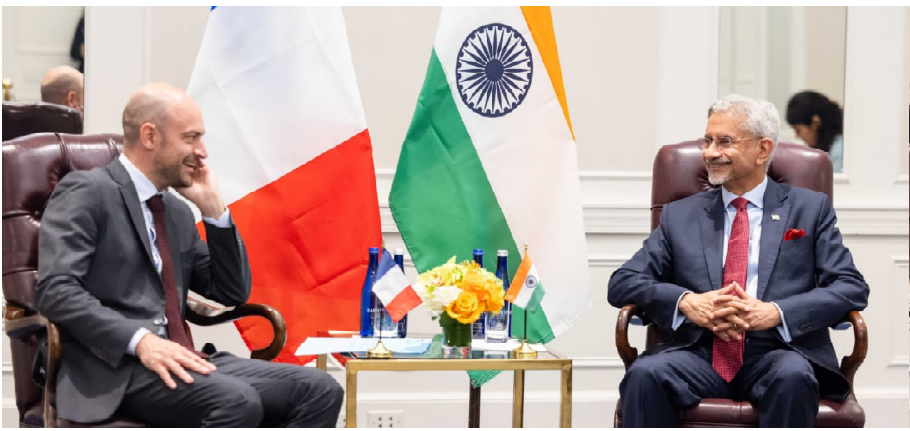
Talks Cover Ukraine, Gulf Security and UN Security Council Reform

New York, September 21 (The Journalist Post): External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot on September 21 on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The discussions focused on the progress of the India-France Special Global Strategic Partnership and major regional and international developments. France's Foreign Ministry confirmed the meeting and said both sides reviewed cooperation in several important areas.

The two ministers welcomed progress in bilateral co-

operation, particularly in defence, new technologies and higher education. Their discussions reflected the broader expansion of India-France strategic engagement and regular high-level consultations between the two countries.

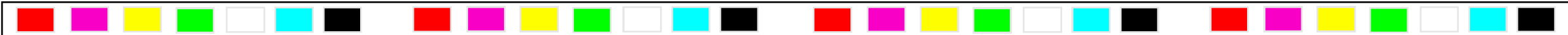
ments in Ukraine and reaffirmed support for a ceasefire and a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in accordance with international law. They also discussed security and freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, both important

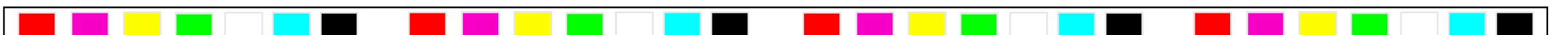


maritime routes linking Europe, Asia and global trade.

Multilateral cooperation was another major subject. India and France reiterated their commitment to strengthening international institutions and pursuing reform of the United Nations Security Council. Both countries have advocated a more effective and representative multilateral system that reflects contemporary global realities.

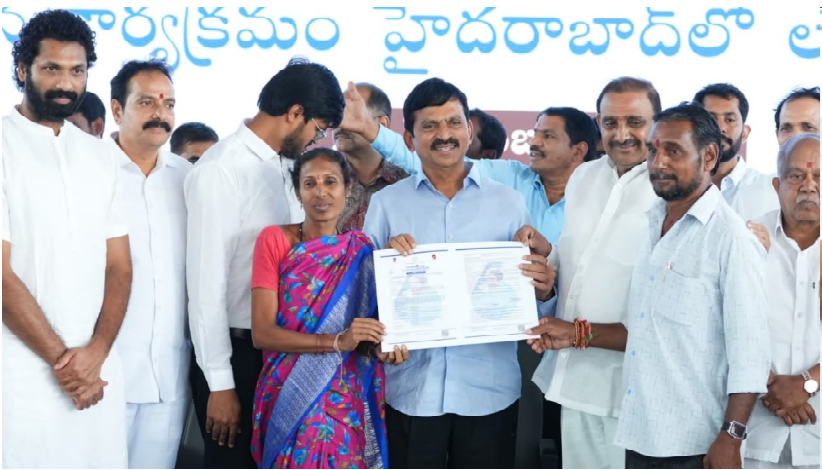
The meeting took place during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly, providing an opportunity for the two foreign ministers to coordinate positions on international peace, security and global governance. The talks also underlined the continuing importance of the India-France partnership in addressing shared strategic and international concerns.





Indiramma Housing Towers to Provide Homes for Hyderabad’s Urban Poor

enable the urban poor to own homes in city locations instead of being shifted to distant outskirts. He said the government plans to



construct one lakh Indiramma houses within Hyderabad city limits. The first phase includes 480 flats in the Raidurg project, with the Housing Board developing the tower on about 2.85 acres of land.

Ponguleti said beneficiaries would receive ownership rights over their apartments

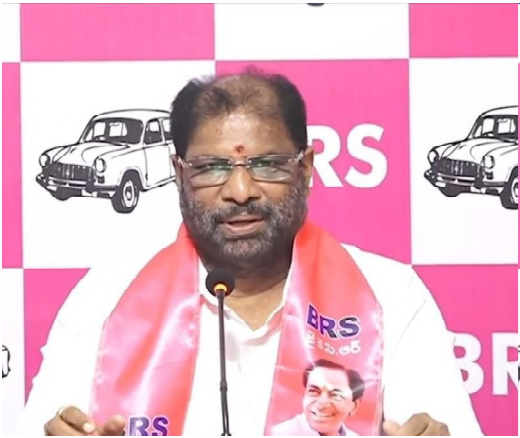
along with an undivided share of land. He also said registration charges would not be collected for issuing ownership documents. The selection process, according to the Minister, is based on eligibility and a lottery system, with provisions for raising objections. The Housing Board has stated that the Raidurg flats will have a built-up area of 528 square feet. Under the reported financing arrangement, beneficiaries contribute Rs 6 lakh, while the government provides a Rs 5 lakh subsidy and bears the land cost.

Ponguleti directed officials to maintain construction quality and expedite the works. He said eligible applicants who were not selected in the initial phase would be considered in subsequent phases as the housing programme expands.

BRS Demands Release of Jurala Water for Irrigation

Vaddiraju Ravichandra Questions Detention of Party Leaders

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): BRS Parliamentary Party leader and Rajya Sabha member Vaddiraju Ravichandra has demanded the release of irrigation water from the Jurala Project, alleging that farmers in the ayacut are facing difficulties in protecting their standing crops. He also questioned the detention of BRS leaders and farmers who sought the release of water. Addressing a media conference at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Ravichandra questioned the government's decision to retain water for drinking requirements while farmers were seeking irrigation supplies. He alleged that around nine TMC of water was available at Jurala and questioned why it could not be released for agricultural purposes. These figures and claims were part of the BRS



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leadership's statements and have not been independently established in the reports cited. The issue has led to protests in the Jurala project area. Farmers and BRS leaders were stopped by police while attempting to reach the project, and some protesters were detained. Reports said farmers had been demanding irrigation water to protect standing crops.

Ravichandra said action against those raising farmers' concerns was inappropriate and urged the government to clarify its position on the allocation of Jurala water between drinking and irrigation needs. He called for measures that would address farmers' concerns while also meeting drinking-water requirements. The BRS leader also alleged that the government was reluctant to release irrigation water because a good harvest would increase procurement responsibilities. He urged authorities to respond to the concerns of farmers and provide clarity on the water-release plan. The controversy has become part of a wider political debate over irrigation management and water availability in Telangana.

Civic Facelift Planned for Kukatpally to Ease Traffic and Clear Nalas

Kukatpally, September 21 (The Journalist Post): Civic authorities have launched a targeted infrastructure improvement programme in Kukatpally in coordination with GHMC, HYDRAA and Cyberabad Traffic Police to ease traffic congestion and improve public safety.

The initiative focuses on busy stretches including the JNTU-KPHB corridor and Y-Junction. Proposed measures include junction redesigns and streamlining of service lanes to improve traffic movement. Officials are also expediting desilting works in major stormwater drains and around water bodies, including IDL Cheruvu, to improve rainwater flow and reduce seasonal flooding. Civic teams have be-

gun clearing encroachments affecting footpaths and developing improved pedestrian pathways in busy commercial areas. Phase-I works are currently underway. Authorities are coordinating traffic, drainage and pedestrian improvement measures with the objective of creating safer and more efficient public infrastructure in Kukatpally.



High-Level Review of Land Acquisition for Irrigation Projects

Ponnam Prabhakar and Uttam Kumar Reddy Review Progress

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): A high-level review meeting was held through video conference from the Telangana State Secretariat on Monday to assess land acquisition, compensation and rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) activities linked to irrigation projects across the state. Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and N. Uttam Kumar Reddy participated in the meeting



along with District Collectors and senior officials.

The meeting reviewed district-wise progress in land acquisition, pending compensation payments and issues affecting project implementation. Officials discussed obstacles at the field level, including legal matters, land-related disputes and delays in completing acquisition procedures. Directions were issued to resolve pending issues and accelerate the

process while following applicable rules and protecting the interests of affected families.

Special attention was given to rehabilitation and resettlement of families displaced by irrigation projects. Discussions covered compensation, rehabilitation facilities and basic infrastructure. The Telangana Irrigation Department states that its land acquisition and R&R machinery works with District Collectors and project authorities to implement rehabilitation packages for affected families. According to reports from the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to ensure that ₹813 crore already released for land acquisition and R&R reaches affected farmers without delay.

Officials were also asked to act fairly and humanely towards people surrendering their land for projects. Senior officials, including Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Manik Raj, Land Acquisition and R&R Commissioner Shivakumar Naidu and irrigation officials, participated in the review. The meeting emphasized coordination among departments and continuous monitoring to facilitate timely completion of acquisition, rehabilitation and irrigation works.

MLA Sudheer Reddy Assures New Borewell for Basti Dawakhana

MLA PROMISES STEPS TO IMPROVE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Hyderabad, September 21 (The Journalist Post): A water shortage at the Basti Dawakhana in Kameshwara Rao Colony under Lingooguda Division has drawn the attention of LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy. The borewell serving the neighbourhood clinic has reportedly remained dry for the past six months, creating difficulties for patients and medical staff. Clinic staff brought the issue to the MLA's notice and explained that the facility receives patients regularly for medical services. Sudheer Reddy said adequate basic infrastructure is essential at public healthcare centres and assured the staff that steps would be taken to address the water shortage.

The MLA said he would discuss the matter with the concerned officials and take measures to arrange a new borewell at the clinic. He stated that ensuring essential infrastructure at Basti Dawakhana would help



medical staff provide services more effectively to residents. The issue comes amid broader attention to infrastructure and staffing requirements at Hyderabad's Basti Dawakhana. Recent reports have also highlighted vacancies among medical and support staff across the network of urban community health centres. "Sudheer Reddy said he would extend his cooperation for resolving infrastructure-related requirements at the facility and improving the conditions necessary for providing healthcare services to the local community.

BRS Lingooguda Division president Varaprasad Reddy, along with party leaders Tilak Rao, Jagannadh Reddy, Gangaputra Bhaskar and Sridhar, and hospital staff members Prashanthi and Saritha, were among those present. The MLA's assurance is expected to provide a possible solution to the immediate water shortage at the clinic, subject to the necessary administrative action by the concerned authorities.

Food Safety Raids Hit Kukatpally Eateries and Hostels

Kukatpally, September 21 (The Journalist Post): State Food Safety Task Force teams conducted surprise inspections at hotels, bakeries and paying guest (PG) hostels across Kukatpally, as part of efforts to check food hygiene and compliance with safety regulations. During the inspections, officials reportedly seized stale meat, reused cooking oil and unlabelled food ingredients from several establishments. Inspectors also identified sanitation deficiencies, inadequate pest-control measures and other hygiene-related violations.



Officials reportedly found that some establishments had failed to prominently display mandatory FSSAI registration details. Show-cause notices were issued to establishments found violating food-safety and hygiene requirements. Authorities warned that continued non-compliance could lead to strict action, including cancellation of trade licences, in accordance with applicable regulations. Officials said inspections would continue to monitor food businesses and ensure that establishments maintain proper hygiene, safe food-handling practices and required registrations.

Call for Stronger Tea Industry Development :Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan

technological advancement, improved quality and higher productivity. Radhakrishnan commended UPASI for its century-long contribution to the development of the tea sector and said the industry would need to adapt to changing global conditions and future consumer requirements. He stressed the importance of strengthening tea research and encouraged the adoption of modern technologies and sci-

entific methods to improve yields and develop new approaches that could benefit both tea growers and the wider industry.

The Vice President also called for the modernization of tea factories through advanced machinery and technology. He said improvements in production processes, quality standards and workforce skills could enhance the competi-

tiveness of Indian tea in international markets. He also emphasized the need for sustainable practices across the sector to ensure long-term growth. Highlighting the importance of establishing a distinct global identity for Indian tea, Radhakrishnan called for stronger branding and promotional strategies aimed at international consumers. He said quality, reliability and the unique characteristics of Indian tea should be effectively showcased to strengthen its position in global markets and expand exports. He urged UPASI to carry its cen-

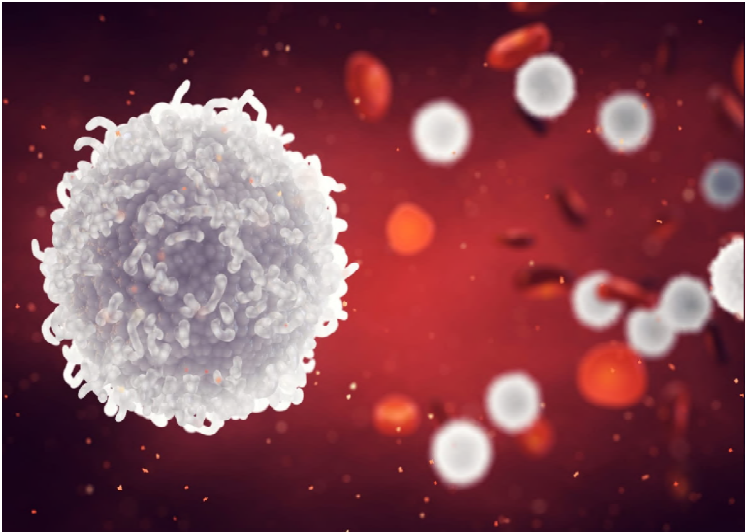
tury-old legacy forward while embracing modern ideas and setting new goals. He emphasized greater coordination among tea growers, industry representatives and research institutions, saying collective efforts would be essential to improve productivity, create employment opportunities and strengthen the sector.

The conference underscored the need to combine UPASI's long-standing experience with innovation, research and sustainable development to create new opportunities for Indian tea in the international market.

What Causes a Drop in White Blood Cell Count?

Viral Infections and Nutritional Deficiencies Can Lower WBC Levels

Desk, September 21 (The Journalist Post Health Desk): White blood cells (WBCs) play an important role in the body's immune system by helping fight infections and other diseases. A lower-than-normal white blood cell count is known as leukopenia. Depending on the underlying cause and severity, a low count may increase susceptibility to infections. Viral infections are among the possible causes of temporarily reduced white blood cell counts. Conditions such as dengue and other viral illnesses can affect blood-cell levels during the course of an infection. In many cases, counts may improve as the person recovers, although medical evaluation is important when abnormalities persist. Nutritional deficiencies can also



contribute to low WBC levels. Inadequate amounts of nutrients such as vitamin B12, folate and copper may interfere with normal blood-cell production. Maintaining a balanced diet can help support overall blood health.

Certain medicines, including some cancer treatments, immunosuppressive medicines and other drugs, can also lower white blood cell counts. Medicines should therefore be taken under appropriate medical supervision. Less common causes include disorders affecting the bone marrow, autoimmune conditions and some chronic illnesses. Identifying the cause may require additional blood tests or other medical investigations. Some people with low WBC counts may have no noticeable symptoms. Others may experience recurrent infections, fever, mouth sores or fatigue. A low count discovered through a blood test should not be ignored, particularly if it is persistent or accompanied by symptoms.

Doctors advise people with an unusually low white blood cell count to seek medical evaluation rather than self-medicate. Treatment depends on the underlying cause, so identifying the reason for the decrease is an important part of managing the condition.

Papaya Seeds Small in Size, Rich in Nutrients

Desk, September 21 (The Journalist Post Health Desk): Papaya seeds are often discarded, but they contain

or foods. However, experts caution against treating papaya seeds as a medicine or miracle cure, as research on their health benefits remains limited. Excessive consumption may cause stomach discomfort or digestive problems. Pregnant women, people with health conditions and those taking medicines should consult a doctor before consuming them regularly. Experts emphasize that papaya seeds should be included only in moderation as part of a balanced diet.



fiber, healthy fats, minerals and antioxidant compounds. Their strong, peppery taste makes them suitable for adding in small quantities to smoothies

APHMEL Records Record Profit, Emerges as National-Level Engineering Enterprise

profits since coming under Singareni's management have reached ₹60.85 crore.

APHMEL, which was once facing accumulated losses of around ₹21 crore and the prospect of closure, has recorded profits for three consecutive years. It earned Rs 1.05 crore in 2023-24, Rs 9.87 crore in 2024-25 and Rs 23.33 crore in 2025-26. The company attributed the improvement to better management practices, cost control, productivity enhancement, diversification of its product portfolio and the securing of new orders.



Established in 1976 at Kondapalli near Vijayawada, APHMEL was set up to manufacture machinery, components and equipment for industries while providing employment opportunities. However, the company encountered financial difficulties due to inadequate orders and operational challenges. It was referred to the Board

for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in 1992 and subsequently faced closure proceedings after its financial position deteriorated. Singareni began supporting APHMEL by placing orders for machinery and spare parts and later increased its involvement through investment and management participation. According to SCCL, Singareni invested Rs 14.08 crore and became the principal stakeholder with an 81.54 per cent shareholding. The company subsequently strengthened its operational systems and placed Singareni officials in key management positions.

In recent years, APHMEL has expanded beyond its traditional customer base. The company is now supplying machinery and components to major public-sector organisations, including BHEL, GENCO, NMDC and RINL. Officials said new orders, product di-

versification and efforts to control expenditure have

about Rs 1.24 crore and is expected to recover its cost



contributed to the improvement in financial performance.

Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has also reviewed APHMEL's operations and development plans. During his visit to the Kondapalli plant, he encouraged the company to look beyond the Telugu states, diversify its products and pursue business opportunities across the country. The stated objective is to develop APHMEL into a nationally competitive heavy engineering enterprise. As part of its cost-reduction measures, APHMEL has installed a 300-kW solar power plant at its premises. The facility is expected to generate around 1,200 units of electricity a day and save approximately Rs 2 lakh per month in power expenditure. The project involves an investment of

through electricity savings in around five years.

The company is also focusing on expanding its customer base, developing new-generation machinery and entering additional industrial markets. Management and employees have expressed confidence that continued support from Singareni and the state government, together with improved operational efficiency, can help APHMEL expand its presence in the national heavy engineering sector. The latest financial performance marks a significant change from APHMEL's earlier financial difficulties. With three consecutive years of profits, expanding customers and measures aimed at reducing operating costs, the company is now seeking to build on the turnaround and strengthen its position in the engineering industry.

Going to Bed Without Dinner: What Impact Does It Have?

Desk, September 21 (The Journalist Post Health Desk): Some people regularly go to bed without dinner because they want to lose weight or have limited time. While occasionally skipping a meal may not cause problems for everyone, frequently going to sleep hungry can affect energy levels and overall well-being.

Not eating dinner may leave some people feeling tired, weak or lethargic the following morning, particularly those involved in strenuous physical activity. Hunger may also make it difficult for some people to fall asleep or may cause them to wake during the night, affecting sleep quality. People with diabetes or other



health conditions should be particularly careful about regularly skipping meals, as changes in eating patterns can affect blood sugar levels. Experts advise that avoiding heavy meals at night does not necessarily mean avoiding dinner altogether.

A light, nutritious meal containing vegetables, lentils, fruit or other healthy foods can provide essential nutrients without causing excessive fullness. Experts emphasize that balanced nutrition, adequate sleep and a disciplined lifestyle are important for maintaining overall health.



