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cial and extend to the entire system of granting approvals to private hospitals in the district. The ACB action and searches at the DMHO office have caused a stir in Health Department circles, with attention reportedly focused on hospital permission files, their movement, the role of officials and the possible involvement of intermediaries. The exact circumstances and responsibility of those involved, however, will become clear only after the investigation is completed. If the allegation of accepting a bribe is established through due process, the concerned person could face legal and depart-

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Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao criticised the ruling Congress and opposition BRS, alleging that people in the state are dissatisfied with the performance of both parties. Addressing a meeting of BJP state office-bearers in Hyderabad on Monday, Rao alleged that while public problems remained unresolved, political leaders and their fami-

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Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said the state government is accelerating key initiatives in the education sector with the objective of developing Telangana into a world-class educational hub. He reviewed the progress of Yuva India Comprehensive Schools and discussed plans for establishing international-standard universities in the Future City during a meeting with senior officials at the Telangana State Secretariat on Monday. During the review, the Chief Secretary examined the construction progress of Yuva India Comprehen-

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Warangal, The Journalist Post, October 5: An attempted suicide during the Praja Vani public grievance programme at the Warangal District Collectorate on Monday caused a brief commotion, after a man identified as Gatla Surrender allegedly poured petrol on himself in protest over a long-pending land dispute. Police, security person-

Harish Rao Raises Concern Over Rising Fine Rice Prices



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: Former Telangana Minister T. Harish Rao has expressed concern over the sharp increase in the prices of fine rice and other essential commodities in the state, alleging that the Congress government has failed to take

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Nirmal, The Journalist Post, October 5: State Minister for Revenue, Information and Housing Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and State Minister for Excise and Culture and District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao held an extensive review meeting at the Nirmal District Collectorate on Monday to assess the

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New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 5: The expansion of India's national highway network is increasingly being accompanied by measures aimed at environmental protection and sustainable

Indira Ekadashi Highlights Devotion, Ancestor Reverence and Righteous Living



The Journalist Post, October 5: Indira Ekadashi holds a special place in Hindu tradition and is observed with devotion as an occasion to seek the blessings and peace of ancestors, or Pitru Devatas. Falling during the Krishna Paksha of the

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lies had benefited during successive governments. His remarks were part of the BJP's political campaign to present the party as an alternative in Telangana. Rao alleged that the ten-year BRS government benefited a single family, while he claimed that another group was benefiting under the present Congress administration. He said the concerns of farmers, unemployed youth, women and other sections of society had not been adequately addressed. He further alleged that several electoral promises made by Congress remained unfulfilled and that development and welfare programmes had not met public expectations.

The BJP state chief also accused the Congress government of using Telangana's resources for its national political interests, alleging that the state had effectively been turned into an "ATM" for political activities outside Telangana. These are political allegations made by Rao



and were not independently established in the material available for this report. Rao called upon BJP workers to strengthen their engagement with the public by visiting villages and households, identifying local problems and working to bring those issues to the attention of the authorities. He said the party's organisational strength would depend on its ability to remain connected with people and take up issues affecting them. He said the BJP was preparing an action plan to expand its organisational activities in Telangana. According to Rao, the party would intensify programmes addressing public issues, organisational expansion and preparations for future elections. He urged party workers to work collectively to build public confidence in the BJP. Rao also highlighted the development and welfare programmes of the Union gov-



ernment under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and argued that Telangana would benefit from closer coordination between the Central and State governments. He advocated a “double-engine government” model, in which governments at both levels work in coordination to accelerate development.

The BJP state chief said his party would continue efforts to expand its presence across Telangana and work towards forming a BJP government in the state. He called on party cadres to reach out to people across villages and urban areas and seek their support. Rao's remarks come amid continued political competition between the Congress, BRS and BJP in Telangana, with all three parties seeking to establish their positions on governance, development and public welfare. The claims made by political leaders regarding the performance of governments and the implementation of schemes remain matters of political debate and should be assessed against official records and independently verifiable data.

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mental action. The incident has simultaneously raised a larger public-interest question: What is actually happening with hospital approval files, and who ensures that all prescribed regulations are genuinely followed? Hospital approvals are expected to be granted only after verification of several requirements, including necessary permissions and registrations, details of doctors and medical staff, infrastructure, fire-safety arrangements, biomedical-waste management, medical equipment and building-related clearances. While these requirements may be recorded in official files, the crucial issue is whether the same conditions exist on the ground and whether inspections are being conducted independently and effectively.

The reported ACB action has also raised questions about whether applicants can move hospital approval files through a transparent and clearly defined process without relying on middlemen or other intermediaries. If allegations of bribery are ultimately proved, it would be important not only to identify the individual responsible but also to determine whether weaknesses in the system created an opportunity for such conduct. Are responsibilities clearly assigned at every stage of scrutiny? Is there a transparent mechanism for tracking files? Can applicants know exactly which officer is responsible for a particular stage? These questions assume greater importance when the approval of a healthcare facility directly affects public safety.

Inspections Before Approval — But Where Is Post-Approval Monitoring?

Granting permission to a hospital cannot be treated as a routine administrative formality. Since hospitals provide services directly connected to people's lives, authorities have a responsibility to ensure compliance with prescribed standards before permission is granted. The building, emergency facilities, medical staff, equipment, fire safety, waste management arrangements and other mandatory requirements must be properly veri-

fied.

However, inspection before approval is only one part of the regulatory responsibility. Post-approval monitoring is equally important. A hospital's operations can change substantially after its initial approval. Bed capacity may increase, new floors may be added, additional medical services may be introduced, equipment may be changed and staff patterns may vary.



The question is whether such changes are reported to the department and whether hospitals obtain the necessary



permissions wherever required. Regular inspections are therefore essential to determine whether hospitals continue to meet the conditions under which they were approved. Without effective monitoring, there is a possibility that a facility could remain compliant on paper while its actual operations gradually differ from the information originally submitted to the authorities.

Do Hospital Records Match Ground Reality?

Complaints relating to false, incomplete or misleading information in hospital approval applications require more than a file-based examination. Officials need to verify the actual situation at the hospital. Are the doctors listed in the records genuinely working at the facility? Is the equipment declared in the approval application actually available and functional? Are emergency facilities fully operational? Are the advertised medical services genuinely be-

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ing provided? Does the building continue to comply with the approved plan? Are biomedical-waste management arrangements being followed? These questions can be answered properly only through meaningful physical inspections. If inspections are limited to documentation, regulatory compliance could appear satisfactory on paper while patients encounter a different reality.

Can One ACB Trap Change the System?

An ACB trap can lead to legal action if corruption allegations are established through investigation and due process. But the larger question is whether action against one official is sufficient to address possible weaknesses in the hospital approval system. A more transparent system could include online tracking of hospital applications, clearly de-

financed responsibility for every stage of file processing, time-bound disposal of applications, digital inspection reports and systematic post-approval inspections. Such measures could reduce unnecessary discretion and make it easier to identify where a file is delayed and who is responsible for its movement.

When serious complaints are received against a hospital, an independent inspection under the supervision of higher authorities could also be considered instead of relying entirely on the same officials who handled the original approval. Such a mechanism could improve accountability and reduce doubts about the inspection process.

Should the Entire Approval System Be Reviewed?

Another major question is whether the government should limit its response to the present ACB case or examine the broader history of hospital approvals in the district. Past approval files, inspection re-

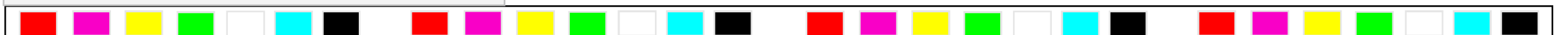
ports, renewals and complaints could be reviewed if the investigation produces evidence suggesting wider irregularities. Such a review would need to be conducted objectively and on the basis of evidence, without presuming wrongdoing by hospitals or officials merely because their records are examined. However, if the ACB investigation establishes that irregularities extend beyond an individual case, the government may need to take appropriate corrective, administrative and legal measures. A comprehensive review could also help determine whether hospitals that received approval several years ago have continued to meet the required standards.

Transparency Needed in a Sector Linked to Human Lives

The medical sector is fundamentally different from an ordinary administrative service because regulatory failures can directly affect patients. Greater transparency is therefore required not only during the approval process but throughout the operational life of a hospital. The Health Department needs clear answers to several questions: How were hospital inspections conducted in the past? How many hospitals were inspected after receiving approval? How many complaints were received? How many complaints resulted in inspections? In how many cases was action taken? How often are hospitals re-inspected? Do the documents submitted during approval continue to match ground realities?

The ACB must be allowed to complete its investigation into the alleged bribery case independently, and responsibility should be fixed only on the basis of evidence. At the same time, the Health Department has an opportunity to examine whether its internal procedures are sufficiently transparent and whether existing monitoring mechanisms are strong enough.

The ACB tightening its net around an alleged bribery case is only one development. The larger responsibility lies in identifying and correcting any weaknesses in the hospital approval system that could affect public health. The outcome of the investigation will determine responsibility in the present case, but the government must also consider whether a comprehensive review of hospital approvals, inspections, renewals and post-approval monitoring is necessary across the district. The public now wants to know not only who may be responsible for an alleged Rs 1 lakh bribe, but also whether the system itself has adequate safeguards to prevent such incidents.



Anganwadi Workers Felicitated at 'Angan Milan' Service Event

N. Ramchander Rao Hails Grassroots Workers' Contribution

Event Marks 25 Years of Narendra Modi's Public Service Journey

Mallapur, The Journalist Post, October 3: An ‘Angan Milan’ service event was organized in Mallapur as part of the ‘Seva Sankalp Abhiyan’, marking the completion of 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s public service journey. BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao participated in the programme and felicitated Anganwadi workers for their contribution to women and child welfare. Speaking at the event, N. Ramchander Rao said women have an important role in the development of a ‘Viksit Bharat’ under the leadership of Narendra



Modi. He said the Central Government has been giving priority to women's health, dignity, safety and empowerment through various welfare initiatives. Ramchander Rao

praised Anganwadi and ASHA workers for their services at the grassroots level, particularly in maternal and child health, nutrition programmes and implementation of government welfare schemes. He said these workers serve as an important link between government



programmes and communities by taking welfare services to households. He appreciated the efforts of Anganwadi workers in rural areas and said their dedicated work for women and children deserved greater recognition. He called upon society to acknowledge and honour those working at the grassroots for community welfare.

During the programme, Anganwadi workers were felicitated and their services were acknowledged. The leaders said the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' was aimed at identifying and encouraging individuals committed to public service and strengthening the spirit of service in society. MP Etela Rajender, BJP Mahila Morcha State President Dr. Shilpa Reddy, District President Girivardhan Reddy and other senior BJP leaders and activists participated in the event.

Fear of Law Must Be Instilled in Rape Offenders: Justice Pardiwala

Supreme Court Voices Concern Over Women's Safety

Police Urged to Strengthen Prevention and Vigilance



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 5: The Supreme Court has expressed serious concern over recent incidents of rape and sexual violence against women in Delhi and surrounding areas, emphasizing the urgent need for stronger preventive measures and effective law enforcement. The Court took suo motu cognizance of the incidents and stressed that ensuring the safety, dignity and freedom of women is a fundamental responsibility of the government and law enforcement agencies. During the proceedings, Justice J.B. Pardiwala observed that a strong fear of the law must be created among those who commit crimes against women. He emphasized the need to establish a firm belief among potential offenders that serious crimes will have serious legal consequences and that there will be no escape from the law.

The Court stressed that merely responding to crimes after they occur is not sufficient. Preventive mechanisms must be strengthened to identify risks and deter offences before they take place. The Bench emphasized that gov-

ernment agencies have a responsibility to create an environment in which women can travel and move freely at all times without fear. The Supreme Court also called for greater police vigilance, particularly in areas with large numbers of people, including educational institutions, bus stations and railway stations. It highlighted the importance of surveillance, modern technology and response systems to prevent timely intervention when

The Court made it clear that there should be no negligence in matters concerning women's safety. Law enforcement agencies were urged to improve their effectiveness in controlling crime and to prioritize the protection of women in public spaces. The Bench further emphasized that safeguarding women's dignity, safety and freedom is an important responsibility of a democratic system. It called for coordinated efforts by governments and police authorities to strengthen deterrence, improve public security and promote respect for women. The Supreme Court's observations underscore the need for a comprehensive approach that combines effective policing, preventive measures, technology-driven surveillance and swift legal action to ensure that women can exercise their right to live and move freely without fear.

DGP C.V. Anand Inspects Gosha Mahal Police Stadium

of Police C.V. Anand on Monday inspected the Gosha Mahal Police Stadium in Hyderabad ahead of the Police Commemoration (Martyrs) Day observance scheduled for October 21. During his visit, the DGP reviewed preparations for the commemorative event and assessed ongoing infrastructure and construction works at the stadium complex.

The DGP inspected the proposed venue for the ceremony and discussed various logistical arrangements with senior police officials. He reviewed plans concerning the main stage, entry and exit points, vehicle parking, movement of dignitaries and the arrangements required for police personnel and visitors attending the programme. Mr. Anand directed officials to undertake meticulous planning to ensure the smooth movement of participants and dignitaries. He stressed the need for clearly designated access routes, adequate parking facilities and effective coordination among the departments and personnel involved in organising the event. He also instructed officials to make comprehensive arrangements keeping in view the expected gathering on Police Commemoration Day.

complex with capacity for 48 horses, dog kennels, a five-storeyed City Armed Reserve (CAR) building and facilities for sports, games and athletics. Expressing concern over delays in the ongoing works, Mr. Anand directed the officials and engineers concerned to accelerate construction and ensure that the projects are completed within the stipulated timelines. He called for closer monitoring of the works so that there would be no further delays or slippage in the schedules. The DGP expressed hope that the entire stadium complex, including the new infrastructure and facilities, would be fully equipped and operational by October 2027. He emphasised the importance of completing the projects efficiently so that police personnel could benefit from improved training, sports and operational facilities.

Tribute to Police Martyrs

Police Commemoration (Martyrs) Day is observed annually on October 21 to honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The day serves as an occasion to remember the courage and dedication of police officers and personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice while performing their responsibilities. The DGP's inspection was aimed at ensuring that the October 21 commemorative programme at Gosha Mahal Police Stadium is conducted with dignity, discipline and proper coordination. His review of the ongoing infrastructure projects also underlined the department's focus on developing modern facilities for police personnel.

DGP Reviews Ongoing Infrastructure Projects

During the inspection, the DGP also reviewed several construction and infrastructure projects being undertaken at the Gosha Mahal Police Stadium. These include a modern stable

Gold Worth Rs 1.20 Crore Seized at Shamshabad Airport

Shamshabad, The Journalist Post, Oc-
t 5: Officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized approximately 800 grams of gold, valued at around Cr 1.20 crore, from a passenger at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad on Monday. The seizure was made during intensified inspections based on prior information received by officials. The passenger, who had arrived in Hyderabad from Tiruchirappalli on an IndiGo flight, reportedly came under suspicion during checks. Officials detained him and conducted a detailed search, during which gold ornaments were allegedly found in his possession. Preliminary inquiries indicated that the passenger was a jeweler from Hyderabad. Officials also examined his luggage and other belongings as part of the investigation. Suspecting that the gold may have been brought into the country as part of a smuggling attempt, the authorities began examining its source and intended destination.



sequently handed over the passenger and the seized material to DRI officials for a detailed investigation. The agency is now examining the circumstances surrounding the seizure and is seeking to determine whether other individuals were involved.



The investigation is focusing on the origin of the gold, its intended recipient and the possibility of an organized smuggling network. Officials are also examining whether the passenger had previously been involved in similar activities. The seizure comes amid intensified monitoring of gold smuggling attempts through airports. Central enforcement agencies have been strengthening passenger screening and surveillance, using modern equipment and intelligence inputs to identify suspected smuggling activities. Officials said a case has been registered under the relevant laws and that further action will depend on the findings of the ongoing investigation. Additional details are expected to emerge as the inquiry progresses.

Congress Seeks SIT Probe Into Alleged Misuse of Form-7 Applications

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar has submitted a complaint to the Hyderabad Police Commissioner alleging a coordinated attempt to misuse pre-filled Form-7 applications to seek deletion of genuine voters from electoral rolls. According to the complaint, similar instances were reported in Musheerabad, Bahadurpura and Goshamahal constituencies. Congress alleged that applications were submitted against party leaders, Booth Level Agents and family members without their knowledge or consent. The party has sought an FIR and a Special Investigation Team

(SIT) to determine who prepared, printed and distributed the forms and how electoral information was obtained. The complaint also seeks investigation into allegations concerning the BJP Telangana State office and other political functionaries, with responsibility to be fixed only if established through evidence. A Goshamahal BLO reportedly refused to accept a bulk set of pre-filled Form-7 applications. Rajesh Kumar demanded preservation of original forms, forensic examination, CCTV and digital evidence collection, and investigation into any wider network. Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 provides punishment for knowingly false written declarations concerning electoral rolls.

Telangana Moves to Become a World-Class Educational Hub

sive Schools, improvement of educational standards and the provision of modern facilities for students. He directed officials to take necessary steps to ensure that students across the state have access to quality education. He emphasised that education should go beyond classroom learning, with equal importance given to personal-ity development, technical skills and preparing students for future opportunities. Sanjay Jaju also reviewed plans for establishing univer-



sities of international standards in the Future City. Officials were advised to prepare comprehensive strategies to attract leading global educational institutions to Telangana. The objective is to create high-quality educational opportunities within the state for students who currently travel abroad in pursuit of international education.

The Chief Secretary said Telangana has the potential to develop into a knowledge-based economy by giving greater priority to research and innovation. He stressed the need for stronger coordination between industries, educational institutions and research centres to create international-level opportunities for students and young professionals. He also called for skill-devel-

opment programmes aligned with emerging technologies and future employment requirements. The government is focusing on creating an education ecosystem that connects academic learning, research, industry requirements and employment opportunities.

According to the Chief Secretary, strengthening these areas will help equip the state's youth with the knowledge and skills required to compete at national and international lev-

els. He said the government's broader objective is to provide world-class education, research facilities and employment opportunities to the youth of Telangana. Education-sector reforms, he added, are aimed at placing the state on the international education map and supporting comprehensive development through knowledge and skills. Senior officials from the Education Department, Higher Education Department and Infrastructure Department participated in the review meeting. They briefed the Chief Secretary on the progress of construction of Yuva India Comprehensive Schools, education-related plans for the Future City and the initiatives being undertaken for establishing international universities.

Complaint Over Obscene Social Media Posts Targeting Telangana CM and Actress

TPCC Social Media Wing Leader Approaches Cyber Crime Police

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: A complaint has been lodged with the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police over an alleged social media post targeting Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and film actress Surekha Vani with morphed images and obscene remarks. Kailash Sajjan, a lawyer and State Secretary of the TPCC Social Media Wing, approached the police seeking strict action against those responsible. According to the complaint, an account operating on X, formerly known as Twitter, under the name “DigTV Telugu (DigTV Parody)” allegedly published morphed images of the Chief



Minister and Surekha Vani along with objectionable comments. The complainant alleged that the post was intended to damage the reputation of the individuals and create misconceptions among the public. The complaint also raised concerns over the alleged targeting of a woman through objectionable content, stating that such posts could undermine her dignity and reputation. Kailash Sajjan urged the Cyber Crime Police to identify the persons operating the account and take action under the applicable laws. The complainant further alleged that the misuse of social media to circulate manipulated images, personal abuse and misleading content

Attempted Suicide at Warangal Collectorate During Praja Vani Sparks Commotion

nel and officials immediately intervened and prevented the situation from escalating. According to Surrender, the dis-



pute concerning his family's land has continued for nearly two decades. He alleged that the property was illegally occupied in 2003 through the alleged forgery of signatures belonging to his brother, Gatla Raju, and another individual, Dagala Komuraiah. Surrender claimed that he had repeatedly approached revenue officials, the district administration and other government offices seeking resolution, but alleged that his representations had not resulted in a settlement of

the issue.

Surrender reportedly expressed frustration over having made repeated representations for several years without receiving what he considered a satisfactory resolution. He said his concern was related to protecting his family's land rights and alleged that official inaction had prolonged the dispute. These allegations, however, remain subject to verification by the concerned authorities.

The incident occurred while the Praja Vani programme was underway. Officials and staff were alerted when Surrender allegedly attempted to pour petrol over himself. Security personnel and police responded immediately, intervened and moved him to a safe location, prevent-

ing a potentially serious incident. Medical personnel were also alerted to assess his condition.

Following the incident, district officials and Revenue Department personnel spoke with Surrender and collected details regarding his allegations. Officials reportedly assured him that the documents and records connected with the land dispute would be examined and that the matter would be investigated according to the applicable procedures. Authorities indicated that further action would be taken after verification of the relevant land records and other documents. The exact facts concerning the alleged land occupation, signature forgery and ownership dispute will have to be established through the official inquiry.

The incident has once

again highlighted concerns surrounding the timely resolution of land-related grievances. Land disputes often involve revenue records, ownership claims and competing



documents, making proper examination of records essential before any conclusion is reached. Officials are reportedly preparing a detailed report on the allegations raised by Surrender, while police are also examining the circumstances surrounding the incident. District authorities have

Launch of 'Abhaya – My Taxi Safe' App

Warangal, The Journalist Post, October 5: The Warangal Police Commissionerate has launched the “Abhaya – My Taxi Safe” app as a technology-driven initiative aimed at strengthening passenger safety, particularly for women, students and daily commuters travelling by autos and taxis. Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha unveiled the application and made it available to the public. Commissioner N. Swetha said public safety remains a primary responsibility of the police and that technology is being increasingly used to strengthen security systems. She stated that the new application would provide an additional layer of protection for women, students, employees and other passengers who regularly depend on autos and

cabs. “As part of the initiative, auto and taxi drivers have been advised to register their vehicles through the app and obtain the designated “Abhaya – My Taxi Safe” safety sticker. Drivers have been directed to approach their nearest traffic police station to complete the registration process. Police officials explained that registration of vehicle and driver details would help the police maintain relevant information and facilitate quicker assistance during emergencies. Special provisions have also been planned to enable passengers, particularly women, to contact police promptly if they encounter suspicious or unsafe situations.

The Commissioner advised drivers to treat passengers courte-

ously and maintain respectful behaviour towards women. She stressed that passenger safety should not be compromised and



said drivers who follow prescribed safety standards would be eligible for the special recognition associated with the initiative. Officials also conducted an awareness session for taxi drivers on operating the application, passenger protection, traffic regulations and emergency-response procedures. Women and students were encouraged to

make use of the safety facility while travelling in registered autos and taxis. As part of the public-awareness campaign, safety stickers are being displayed prominently on participating vehicles to help passengers identify vehicles registered under the initiative. Police officials said the campaign is intended to promote safer and more accountable public transport services. Central Zone DCP Dhara Kavitha, Additional DCP Rayala Prabhakar Rao, Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, Traffic Inspectors Sujatha and Venkanna, other police officials, taxi drivers, women and students attended the launch programme. The police cultural troupe also presented a drama highlighting traffic safety, passenger protection and women's safety.

Water Board Speeds Up Krishna Phase-2 Works, Targets Early Completion

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) officials have accelerated repair and maintenance works under the second phase of the Krishna



drinking water supply project, aiming to complete the ongoing works ahead of schedule. Repairs on the main pipeline between Nasarlapally and Godakondla have entered the final stage, with technical teams closely monitoring the progress. As part of the works, air control valves are being replaced at 45 locations along the 2,375-mm-diameter main pipeline. Officials said the replacement of aging

components with new equipment is intended to improve the reliability of the pipeline and reduce the possibility of future interruptions to the city's drinking water supply. A separate leakage problem identified near Kurmed village is also being addressed. Repair teams are working on a leak detected at a water release valve in the area. Officials said rectifying the leakage would help improve the operational stability and capacity of the main pipeline.

The Water Board stated that the remaining works were being carried out on a priority basis. Officials planned to complete the major repair activities by 9 p.m. on Monday and begin phased pipeline charging from 10 p.m. Following the charging process, the system would undergo testing before water distribution is progressively restored. Officials said water supply to affected areas would be resumed in stages, with teams monitor-

ing pressure levels and pipeline capacity during the process. The phased restoration is intended to ensure a stable supply while avoiding further disruptions to the distribution network. According to the Water Board, full restoration of drinking water supply in the



affected areas is expected by 10 a.m. on Tuesday. The Board thanked residents for their cooperation during the temporary interruption and expressed regret for the inconvenience caused. Officials said efforts would continue to strengthen the city's drinking water infrastructure and minimize the possibility of future supply disruptions while improving the reliability and quality of water services.



Harish Rao Raises Concern Over Rising Fine Rice Prices

effective measures to control the rising burden on ordinary households. He demanded an immediate review of the price situation and urged the authorities to take strict action against black marketing, illegal hoarding and the creation of artificial shortages.

Harish Rao claimed that the price of fine rice has increased by as much as 25 per cent in the past four months. He questioned why rice prices are rising despite claims of record agricultural production in the state. According to him, an increase in production should ordinarily help moderate market prices, and the continuing rise requires the government to examine the reasons behind the escalation. He also alleged that farmers are not receiving the Minimum Support Price (MSP) properly while consumers are being forced to purchase rice at significantly higher prices. Harish Rao claimed that intermediaries are benefiting from the price difference while both farmers and consumers are facing the impact. He questioned why the government machinery had not taken stronger steps to address the situation.

The former Minister said the price rise was not limited to fine rice. He pointed to increases in the prices of onions, garlic, groundnut oil, moong dal and toor dal, stating that the rising cost of essential commodities is placing considerable pressure on household budgets. He expressed concern that ordinary families are facing increasing financial difficulties as expenditure on basic food items continues

to rise. Harish Rao criticised the Civil Supplies Department for allegedly failing to adequately monitor market prices and take timely corrective measures. He said the department and other concerned authorities should continuously monitor the prices of essential commodities and intervene whenever abnormal price increases or market manipulation are detected. He demanded that the government convene an immediate review meeting to assess the reasons behind the price rise and identify measures to provide relief to consumers. He also called for special inspections of markets, warehouses and trading establishments to identify possible black marketing, illegal hoarding, artificial shortages and excessive profiteering.

Harish Rao urged both the Central and Telangana governments to coordinate their efforts to control the prices of essential commodities, particularly fine rice and other food items that directly affect household expenditure. He said effective monitoring, action against illegal practices and timely intervention in the market were necessary to reduce the financial burden on the common people. The allegations and demands raised by Harish Rao come amid concerns over the affordability of essential food items. The government and concerned departments will need to examine market conditions, supply levels, procurement practices and pricing mechanisms to determine the factors contributing to the reported increase and take appropriate measures where necessary.

Collector Directs Swift Resolution of Prajavani Grievances in Narayanpet

Narayanpet, The Journalist Post, October 5: District Collector Priyanka has directed officials to accord the highest priority to grievances received through the Prajavani programme and ensure their speedy resolution. The Collector personally heard petitions from residents of various parts of the district during the programme held at the Prajavani meeting hall at the District Collectorate on Monday. A total of 19 grievances were received during the programme. The petitions covered a range of issues, including land disputes, implementation of welfare schemes, revenue matters and basic infrastructure. The Collector instructed officials to examine each representation carefully and forward the petitions to the concerned departments for necessary action.

Collector Priyanka stressed that public grievances must be resolved within a stipulated timeframe and should not be allowed to remain pending unnecessarily. She noted that delays in addressing public complaints can cause considerable hardship to citizens and directed officials to act with responsibility and sensitivity. She further instructed departmental officials to periodically review petitions received through Prajavani and monitor the progress of each case until its resolution. Officials were told to maintain proper coordination between departments and ensure that complainants receive appropriate

responses regarding the action taken on their representations.

The Collector said resolving public issues is one of the government's primary objectives and emphasized that there should



be no negligence in delivering services to citizens. She directed officials to treat every petition submitted through the public grievance programme seriously and take prompt steps based on the nature of each complaint. Prajavani, she observed, provides citizens with a common platform to present their concerns directly to the administration and reduces the need for people to repeatedly visit different government offices. She instructed officials to respond positively to genuine public requests and work towards providing timely relief.

Additional Collector Srinu and district-level officials from various departments participated in the programme. The Collector directed all departments to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and assured that appropriate measures would be taken to address the grievances of citizens who approached the administration through Prajavani.

HMDA Plots to Be Allotted to Land-Pooling Farmers by November-End

TPCC OBC DEPARTMENT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON OCTOBER 4

Sangareddy, The Journalist Post, October 5: Sangareddy District Collector Prateek Jain held a review meeting with HMDA and Revenue officials on land-pooling layouts developed during the previous government's tenure in the Sangareddy constituency. TPCC Working President Jaggareddy and Nirmala Jaggareddy participated in the meeting and reviewed the status of layouts at Arutla, Indrakaran, Fasalwadi and Kandi.

Jaggareddy and Nirmala pointed out that several farmers who had surrendered their lands under the land-pooling process and received certificates were still waiting for allotment of plots. Jaggareddy sought details from HMDA officials on the progress of the layouts, reasons for delays and the extent of works completed. Officials informed the meeting that the layout process covering 14 plots across 106 acres in the Arutla area



had been completed, but the beneficiary list was yet to be received. In Fasalwadi, around 60 per cent of the land acquisition process had been completed, while objections from some farmers were still pending. Regarding Kandi, HMDA had proposed a 50-acre layout, but only 46 acres were currently available.

Officials said steps were being taken to complete the Kandi layout by October 10, while works at Kandi and Fasalwadi would also be expedited. HMDA officials indicated that plots in the Kandi, Fasalwadi and Arutla layouts would be allotted by the end of November. Jaggareddy urged officials to resolve pending issues and ensure early allotment to farmers who had lost their lands. Collector Prateek Jain directed HMDA and Revenue officials to coordinate closely and complete the process by November-end.

Professionals Must Become Partners in Nation-Building: Madhu Yaskhi Goud

FOCUS ON POLICY-MAKING, MIDDLE-CLASS ISSUES AND PROFESSIONAL DIALOGUE

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 5: Newly appointed All India Professionals Congress (AIPC) Chairperson and former MP Madhu Yaskhi Goud met Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi on Monday to discuss the organization's future plans, nationwide expansion and greater participation of professionals in policy-making and public affairs. The Congress officially recorded the meeting on October 5.

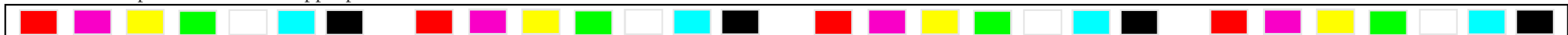
Yaskhi Goud said the AIPC's objective is to build a bridge between professionals, politics, policy-making and nation-building. He said an action plan is being prepared to involve experts from different sectors in addressing public issues and developing policy proposals. He announced plans to strengthen the AIPC in every state over the next six months and establish committees at district, constituency, city and local levels. A mechanism would also be developed to connect professionals from different regions with the organization and bring their suggestions and expert opinions into policy discussions. According to Yaskhi Goud, the initiative will seek participation from doctors, engineers, lawyers, architects, teachers, professors, scientists, IT professionals, artists, sportspersons, journalists, entrepreneurs, skilled workers and gig workers. He emphasized that the objective is not merely to encourage professionals to enter politics, but also to utilize their expertise and experience in developing public policies.

The AIPC will give special attention to issues affecting middle-class and upper-middle-class families, he said. Areas proposed for study

include education, healthcare, employment, housing, cost of living, taxation, job security and the future of children. The organization also plans to engage with youth, graduates, job seekers and young professionals, including those working in startups.

Yaskhi Goud announced that "Professionals Dialogue" programmes would be conducted across states to seek expert views on education, healthcare, employment, skill development, startups, technology, taxation and social security for gig workers. Sector-specific expert committees, policy research groups and advisory panels are also proposed. He recalled the contribution of professionals and intellectuals to India's public life and national movement, and stressed the importance of professionals in strengthening democratic and constitutional values. He said contemporary professionals should contribute their knowledge and experience to public policy and social development.

The AIPC chairperson also announced the expansion of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellows programme, with a second batch of 100 professionals. He said the fellowship would help connect professionals with politics, policy-making and nation-building. Yaskhi Goud further outlined plans for a year-long programme involving state tours, local committee formation, professional gatherings and policy dialogues. These activities are expected to culminate in a nationwide AIPC National Professionals Convention and the preparation of a "Professionals Policy Agenda" containing proposals on key public issues. Our goal is to establish the AIPC as a bridge connecting professionals, politics, policy and nation-building," Yaskhi Goud said, adding that the organization would seek to channel the expertise of professionals toward democracy, constitutional values, public welfare and nation-building.



Ministers Review Development Works in Erstwhile Adilabad Districts

progress of revenue and housing programmes and development works across the erstwhile Adilabad districts. The Ministers held detailed discussions with Collectors, senior officials and public representatives on the implementation of government programmes and measures required to resolve public grievances. The meeting focused on land administration,



resolution of pending revenue issues, maintenance of land records, functioning of the Registration and Stamps Department and the quality of services being provided to the public. The Ministers directed officials to expedite pending matters and ensure that people do not face unnecessary difficulties while accessing government services. They instructed officials to discharge their responsibilities diligently and ensure effective implementation of welfare schemes without negligence. “Housing programmes were also reviewed in detail, with particular attention given to measures aimed at providing houses to eligible poor families.

The Ministers reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring housing facilities for every eligible family. Officials were directed to maintain quality standards in construction and complete housing projects within the prescribed timelines. The Ministers stressed the importance of coordination between different departments in implementing development programmes. Officials were instructed to identify issues in-

volving the Forest, Revenue and Housing departments and prepare specific action plans for resolving them. They also directed authorities to accelerate proposals related to district development and ensure timely implementation. The review meeting also emphasised the need to improve infrastructure and development activities in both rural and urban areas. The

Ministers called for faster execution of development works while keeping public needs at the centre of administration. Officials were advised to make government services more transparent, accessible and efficient and to respond promptly to public grievances. The Ministers further stressed that government welfare schemes would achieve their

intended objectives only when officials ensured effective implementation at the ground level. They called for continuous monitoring of development programmes and closer coordination among departments to overcome administrative and implementation-related hurdles.

The meeting was attended by Chief Commissioner of Land Administration Lokesh Kumar, Special Secretary (Revenue) Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanthu, Special Secretary (Housing) V.P. Gautham, Adilabad District Collector Rajarshi Shah, Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District Collector Haritha, MLC Dande Vithal, MLAs from various constituencies, ITDA officials, Additional Collectors, Sub-Collectors, officials from various departments and public representatives. The Ministers directed the officials to follow up on the decisions taken during the review and ensure that pending issues are addressed within the stipulated time. They emphasised that efficient administration, timely implementation of development programmes and better public services should remain the government's priority.

Former Telangana Foods Chairman Alleges Attempt to Encroach on MB Church Lands

Rs 300-Crore, 57-Acre Property Dispute Raises Concern

Jadcherla, The Journalist Post, October 5: Telangana Foods chairman Mede Rajiv Sagar has alleged an attempt to encroach upon 57 acres of MB Church land at Gauraram village in Jadcherla mandal, with the property estimated by him to be worth around ₹300 crore. He was speaking at a meeting organised by the MB Church and Jadcherla Lands Protection Committee.



verification of title deeds, land records and related documents. He also questioned the alleged role of police personnel in the dispute and called for the matter to be examined through the appropriate legal and ad-

ministrative process.

Rajiv Sagar claimed that the church, along with a hospital and medical college, had been established on the land with official approvals and had served the local community, including Dalit Christians, for several decades. He alleged that private individuals had entered the property and demolished existing structures without producing documents establishing ownership. He said the church's name was reflected in government land records and urged the Revenue, Registration and other departments to conduct a comprehensive

Rajiv Sagar further alleged that substantial bank loans had earlier been obtained for the medical project and demanded an inquiry into the loan sanctions, land records and utilisation of funds. He said the government should hear all stakeholders and ensure that the rights of the church and Dalit Christian community were protected. He also demanded an inquiry into the alleged demolition of a residence associated with Dr. Anuradha. Rajiv Sagar said the movement would continue until the land dispute was resolved through due process.

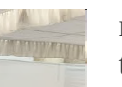
Telangana Congress Seva Dal Holds Satyagraha, Demands CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation

Middela Jitender Accuses ECI of Undermining Voter Rights

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Seva Dal organised a one-day peaceful Satyagraha at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad,



risked losing their names from electoral rolls. He accused the BJP-led Central government of attempting to influence an institution that is constitutionally autonomous. The Election Commission, meanwhile, maintains that elec-



demanding the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Seva Dal state president Middela Jitender led the protest. Addressing the gathering, Jitender alleged that the Election Commission was acting unilaterally during the SIR process and that eligible voters

across Telangana under the direction of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud. Recent reports indicate that Congress has announced further state-wide programmes over concerns surrounding the SIR exercise. State executive members, district and constituency presidents, mandal-level leaders and Seva Dal activists participated in the Satyagraha.

BRSV Demands Revocation of Nova Medical College Recognition

Demands Probe Into 250 MBBS Seats and Officials' Role

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 5: BRSV State President Gellu Srinivas Yadav has demanded the immediate revocation of Nova Medical College's recognition, alleging serious deficiencies in infrastructure, faculty and clinical training facilities and questioning how the institution was permitted to admit 250 MBBS students. Yadav raised the allegations while visiting the college along with student leaders and media representatives to question the management. Police reportedly intervened and detained him before shifting him to Abdullapurmet Police Station.

Yadav alleged that the medical college does not have several facilities required under National Medical Commission (NMC) regulations. He claimed that although 21 departments were shown on paper, adequate teaching staff were not available. According to him, the institution lacked sufficient qualified professors, readers and tutors to provide proper academic and practical training to students. He also questioned whether the college has adequate classrooms to accommodate 250 MBBS students. Yadav said the large student intake required corresponding infrastructure, teaching personnel, laboratories and clinical facilities and alleged that these requirements were not adequately met.

A major issue raised by the BRSV leader was the allocation of 250 undergraduate MBBS seats. He questioned how Nova Medical College, which he said was established in 2024, received permission for 250 seats when several established private medical colleges and government institutions had not received a similar allocation. He sought details of the inspection and approval process that resulted in the sanction. Yadav further alleged that officials associated with Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences, the State Health Department and medical regulatory authorities had colluded with the college management. He demanded an inquiry into whether inspection reports accurately reflected the facilities available at the institution. He also called for disciplinary and criminal action against any officials found to have submitted false or misleading reports.

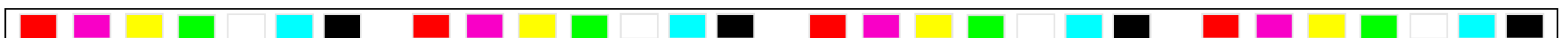
The BRSV State President raised concerns over practical training as well. He questioned how

medical students could acquire adequate clinical knowledge if laboratory facilities and other essential resources were insufficient. He specifically referred to requirements concerning cadaver availability for anatomy training and questioned whether the institution had adequate cadavers for its student strength. Yadav also alleged deficiencies in hostel accommodation. He referred to NMC re-



quirements concerning student accommodation and questioned whether adequate hostel facilities were available on the college campus. He claimed that incorrect information regarding infrastructure may have been included in inspection reports submitted before the allocation of seats. Another concern raised was the availability of hospital and outpatient facilities for clinical training.

Yadav alleged that the institution did not meet the required standards and questioned how permission could have been granted without adequate patient-care facilities. He also raised concerns over high-tension power cables allegedly running between the medical college and hospital buildings, claiming that they could pose a safety risk to students and staff. Yadav alleged that the increase in private medical seats, while government medical colleges were not receiving comparable expansion, warranted scrutiny. He called for the State government and NMC to examine the entire approval and inspection process, including the infrastructure, faculty strength, hospital facilities, hostel arrangements and seat allocation. The BRSV leader demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation into the allegations and said responsibility should be fixed on any officials or management representatives found to have violated applicable regulations. He reiterated the demand that Nova Medical College's recognition be revoked if regulatory violations are established through the inquiry.



National Highways Move Towards Greener and Sustainable Infrastructure

infrastructure development. Alongside road construction, authorities are focusing on increasing greenery, conserving biodiversity and promoting the use of recycled and environmentally friendly materials.

Under the Green Highways initiative, large-scale plantation drives are being carried out along national highways. According to the information provided, more than 36.1 million saplings have been planted over the past five years along a national highway network extending beyond 132,000 kilometres. The plantations are intended to help reduce air pollution, prevent soil erosion and support ecological balance. Technology is also being used to monitor the condition and growth of roadside vegetation. Satellite imagery

and drone-based surveillance are being utilised for regular assessment, while a Green In-

Authorities are also exploring alternative materials for road construction. Ex-

ventional materials. In addition, industrial waste, ash and construction debris are being reused in selected highway projects to reduce the consumption of natural resources and improve resource efficiency.

The green highway approach also includes developing corridors with plants that support honeybees and other pollinators. Such measures are aimed at strengthening biodiversity alongside transportation infrastructure. The initiatives reflect a broader effort to integrate environmental considerations into highway development, with national highways being planned not only as transport corridors but also as greener and more sustainable infrastructure assets.



dex is being developed in collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to scientifically evaluate greenery along highways.

perimental use of bio-bitumen produced from agricultural residues such as paddy straw is being undertaken, potentially providing a way to utilise crop waste while reducing dependence on con-

MP Vaddiraju Urges Graduates to Register as Voters Ahead of MLC Polls

Khammam, The Journalist Post, October 5: BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra has urged graduates to register as voters ahead of the proposed March 2027 election to the Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduates' Constituency of the Telangana Legislative Council. He made the appeal at an awareness meeting held on Monday at the camp of- fice of former Palair MLA Kandala Upender Reddy in Khammam. MLC Tata Madhusudan, former MLA Kandala Upender Reddy, BRS leader Bellam Venu and others participated in the programme. The meet- ing focused on educating eligible graduates about the voter-registration process and encouraging them to exercise their franchise.

dents, unemployed youth, teachers, employees and other eligible graduates and assist them with voter registration. He said in- creasing awareness among graduates was es- sential to ensure that eli-



gible voters were able to participate in the electoral process. The BRS leader said graduates who wish to register should com- plete the required Form-18 application as prescribed for electoral registration in a graduates' constituency. He also stated that gradu- ates who had participated in earlier Graduates' MLC elections should register again, and stressed that the registration process must be completed by Novem- ber 6. Ravichandra further appealed to eligible gradu- ates not only to secure reg- istration but also to partici- pate actively on polling day and exercise their right to vote. He called for a coordinated outreach programme covering graduates across the con- stituency.

Ravichandra al- leged that the Congress government headed by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had failed to ful- fil several promises made to the people. He criticised the government's perfor- mance and claimed that Congress leaders had made extensive prom- ises before the elections primarily to secure votes but had subsequently failed to honour them. Turning to the forthcom- ing Graduates' MLC election, Ravichandra called upon party lead- ers and workers to reach out personally to stu-

The meeting was at- tended by several people from Kusumanchi, Tirumalayapalem and Khammam Rural mandals. BRS leaders said aware- ness campaigns would continue to encourage eli- gible graduates to com- plete the registration pro- cess within the stipulated period.

No Threat to Ramappa Temple: Singareni

Venkatapur Project Decision Only After Scientific Study
Management Reaffirms Commitment to Heritage Preservation

sued on Monday, the man- agement urged the public not to believe rumors or misinformation regarding the proposed mining activi- ties in the region. Singareni stated that it is committed to protecting the Ramappa Temple and other historical and cultural heritage assets. Regarding the proposed open-cast mining project in the Venkatapur area of Mulugu district, the management said no final decision would be taken until com- prehensive scientific stud- ies are completed.

According to Singareni, the stud- ies will assess the project's potential impact on the envi- ronment, archaeo- logical heritage and local condi- tions. The company said the assessments would be un- dertaken in consultation with the Archaeological Sur- vey of India (ASI) and other reputed institutions. The fu- ture course of action, it said, would depend on the sci- entific reports and technical opinions submitted by the

concerned experts. The management emphasized that the safety of heritage structures would receive the highest priority. It noted that the Ramappa Temple, which has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heri- tage List, is a source of pride for Telangana and asserted that Singareni would not un- dertake any ac- tivity that could damage the historical monument. Singareni also said environ- mental protection remains a key priority in its mining operations. It stated that projects are undertaken only after complying with statutory clearances, envi- ronmental regulations and

scientific protocols, while considering the interests of nature, local communities and the surrounding envi- ronment.

The management de- scribed the campaign al- leging an immediate threat to Ramappa Temple as an at- tempt to create confusion among the public. It said decisions concerning the Venkatapur project would be taken only after a thor- ough examination of sci- entific and technical findings.

Singareni reiterated that its objective is to main- tain a balance between de- velopment, environmental protection and preservation of Telangana's heritage. It said the organization would continue to follow respon- sible policies while safe- guarding the confidence of the people and protecting historically significant as- sets.



Cracked Heels? Dry Skin May Be the Main Culprit

The Journalist Post, October 5: Cracked heels are a common foot prob- lem that can affect people of all ages. Health experts say dry skin is one of the main causes, while pro- longed standing, inad- equate foot care and exposure to dry or cold weather can further con- tribute to the condition. When the skin loses moisture and becomes

less flexible, cracks may develop around the edges of the heels. Experts recom- mend maintain- ing a regular foot-care routine to prevent the problem from becoming worse. Feet should be washed properly every day and dried

thoroughly, particularly between the toes. Apply-

ing a suitable moisturising cream or lotion after washing can help retain moisture and keep the skin soft. Regular care is prefer- able to ignor- ing early signs of dryness or cracking. Footwear



also plays an important role in protecting the heels. Health experts advise wearing comfort- able and appropriate footwear outdoors and avoiding prolonged bare- foot walking on rough or uneven surfaces, which can aggravate existing cracks. People with diabetes should pay particular attention to foot health

because even minor foot problems may require careful monitoring. Deep cracks, persistent pain, swelling, bleeding or signs of infection should not be ignored, and medical advice should be sought promptly. Although cracked heels are generally manageable, prevention through good hygiene, adequate moisturisation and appropriate footwear can reduce the likelihood of painful or severe cracks.

