

‘Vote Chori’ Fight a New Freedom Struggle,

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has launched a strong attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is being misused to delete eligible voters and benefit the BJP. Describing the fight against alleged vote theft as another freedom struggle, he called upon people across the country to unite under



Revanth Reddy Targets Modi, Shah and CEC

the leadership of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to protect democracy and the constitutional right to vote. Addressing Congress leaders at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi on

Monday as part of the ‘Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao’ campaign, Revanth Reddy said the movement drew inspiration from the historic ‘Simon Go Back’ slogan of India’s

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Police Have a Unique Opportunity to Wipe Away People’s Tears: DGP CV Anand



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand said police personnel have a unique opportunity to support people in distress, protect lives and help

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Congress Government for Drought in Telangana: Harish Rao

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: BRS MLA and former minister T. Harish Rao has blamed the Congress government for the drought-like conditions in Telangana, questioning why the state is facing water shortages while neighbouring Andhra Pradesh is not experiencing similar conditions, according to his remarks. He alleged that the government had failed to utilise available Krishna and Godavari river waters effectively and had not taken adequate advance measures to protect crops. Despite the availability of major river systems, farmers were struggling to secure sufficient irrigation water, he said, demanding an immediate review of water availability, reservoir levels and irrigation requirements across the state. Harish Rao also criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the handling of Telangana’s water interests, alleging that the government had



failed to respond adequately to Andhra Pradesh’s water utilisation plans. Referring to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu’s statements about transferring water to the Kuppam constituency and lifting 500 TMC of water through the Pattiseema project, he questioned why

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Election Commission of Bias in the Name of SIR

— DYCM Bhatti
Vikramarka



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has accused the Election Commission of alleged irregu-

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India–UK Explore Cooperation from Space Research to Nuclear Energy



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: India and the United Kingdom have

held bilateral discussions on expanding cooperation in science and technology, with a focus on space research, civil nuclear energy and emerging technologies. Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the discussions explored opportunities for both countries to strengthen their scientific partnerships and collaborate on areas with potential for innovation and economic growth. Small modular nuclear reactors and clean energy technologies featured prominently in the discussions. As countries seek reliable electricity supplies while reducing envi-

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Srisailam Dam Enters World Book of Records

Recognition Highlights Its Flood-Handling Capacity



MLA Buddha Rajasekhar Reddy Receives Certificate



Srisailam, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Srisailam Dam, a major project on the Krishna River serving the irrigation, drinking water and power generation needs of Telangana and Andhra

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Telangana–Japan Partnership to Expand Industrial Investment and Global Job Opportunities



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana is looking to strengthen its partnership with Japan’s

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2,200 Police Personnel to Secure India–West Indies T20 Match in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate has made extensive security arrangements for the fourth T20 International match between India and the

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Are Marks the Only Measure of Talent?

Education must recognise creativity and practical skills beyond examinations

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: Education is meant to develop knowledge, critical thinking, creativity and the ability to face life's challenges. However, the growing emphasis on examination marks



has increasingly overshadowed these broader objectives. Students who score high marks are often considered talented, while those with lower scores may be unfairly labelled as underachievers. In reality, examinations reflect only one aspect of a student's abilities. Children may excel in sports, music, art, technology, leadership, communication and problem-solving—skills that written tests cannot fully measure. Parental expectations, intense academic competition and pressure to secure admission to prestigious institutions often create stress among students. Constant comparisons and criticism can weaken their confidence and discourage them from pursuing their interests. Parents and teachers must recognise that a low score in one examination does not determine a child's future. Instead, students need encouragement, guidance and opportunities

to improve. Schools should promote practical learning through projects, experiments, discussions, teamwork and creative activities. Life skills such as critical thinking, emotional management, financial awareness and problem-solving deserve greater attention alongside textbook knowledge. Assessment methods should evaluate students' progress throughout the academic year without creating additional pressure.

Marks remain useful for measuring learning, but they should not become the sole measure of intelligence or potential. Education must prepare children for life, not merely examinations. Recognising individual strengths, encouraging curiosity and nurturing human values are essential to building a more inclusive and meaningful education system

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freedom struggle. He called for a nationwide campaign under the slogans ‘Gyanesh Go Back’ and ‘SIR Go Back’, asserting that the struggle was necessary to safeguard citizens' voting rights. The Chief Minister recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters, including Lala Lajpat Rai, Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. He said the Constitution drafted under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had empowered every citizen with the right to vote, making it essential to resist any attempt to weaken that fundamental right. Revanth Reddy argued that electoral roll revisions in earlier decades primarily focused on including eligible voters whose names were missing. He alleged that the current SIR exercise, in contrast, was being used to remove the names of people who already possessed voting rights. He accused the BJP-led Central Government of exploiting constitutional institutions for political advantage and questioned the independence of the Election Commission. The Chief Minister also criticised changes introduced by the Modi government in 2023 to the process of ap-

pointing election commissioners, arguing that the changes weakened safeguards for impartiality. He said public confidence in the Election Commission was essential to the credibility of India's democratic system. Revanth Reddy expressed concern that eco-



nomically disadvantaged sections, including Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, minorities, young people and the poor, could be disproportionately affected by voter deletions. He alleged that eligible voters were being targeted on political considerations and called for complete transparency in the electoral roll revision process. These allegations were presented by the Chief Minister as concerns requiring scrutiny and accountability. Questioning the silence of Modi and Amit

Shah over the opposition's demands, he asked why protests against the Election Commission were being met with heavy police deployment in Delhi. He also called for explanations from constitutional authorities and demanded effective safe-

guards to ensure that no eligible citizen was deprived of the right to vote. The Chief Minister cited changes in the country's electorate, stating that the number of registered voters had risen from approximately 81 crore in 2014 to 91 crore in 2019 and around 97 crore in 2024. He alleged that substantial voter deletions had occurred by 2026 and demanded a transparent account of changes to electoral rolls. The figures and allegations require verification through official Election Commission data. Revanth Reddy warned that attempts to divide citizens into those who enjoy voting rights and those who are denied them would undermine the principle of equality guaranteed by the Constitution. He maintained that every eligible citizen, irrespective of economic status, caste or community, must retain equal voting rights. Calling Rahul Gandhi the leading voice of the nationwide campaign against alleged vote theft, the Chief Minister appealed to citizens and democratic organisations to support the movement. He said the Congress and INDIA alliance would intensify their efforts to prevent the removal of eligible voters and restore public confidence in the electoral process. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, state ministers, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC observer Sachin Sawant, MPs, MLAs, MLCs and senior Congress leaders participated in the meeting. Revanth Reddy also instructed party representatives in Delhi to participate actively in the campaign.

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the Telangana government was not taking stronger steps to safeguard the state's share. Harish Rao further alleged that inadequate planning for irrigation projects and electricity supply had compounded farmers' difficulties. He said interruptions in power supply could affect irrigation pumping at a critical stage of crop growth, while the allocation of water to industries should not come at the expense of drink-

ing water and agricultural needs. He also cautioned against attributing the situation solely to weather conditions or the possible effects of El Niño, arguing that timely administrative measures were necessary to reduce agricultural losses. The former minister demanded that the government identify areas where crops were drying up, ensure timely irriga-

tion wherever water was available, maintain uninterrupted power supply and provide appropriate assistance to affected farmers. He also called for the publication of transparent, official data on Krishna and Godavari water al-



locations, reservoir storage and actual utilisation. The causes and extent of the drought-like conditions, however, require assessment of rainfall deficits, reservoir levels, irrigation releases and other relevant official data. Harish Rao's remarks reflect the BRS opposition's criticism of the state government's water and agricultural management.

Anganwadi Recruitment: Eligible and Ineligible Lists to Be Displayed

Ranga Reddy, The Journalist Post, October 12: The district administration has announced that lists of eligible and ineligible candidates applying for 125 Anganwadi Teacher posts will be displayed from October 13 to 15 as part of the recruitment process. District Welfare Officer G. Shanti Sri said the lists would be made available at the respective gram panchayat offices, wards, MPDO offices and Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) offices. According to the official announcement, the lists will be available from 11 am on Octo-

ber 13. Interviews for eligible candidates will be conducted shortly under the supervision of the District Collector. Candidates who have questions or objections regarding their eligibility status have been asked to contact the concerned CDPO office by 5 pm on October 15. Applicants are advised to verify their details and submit any objections within the stipulated deadline.

The recruitment notification covers 125 Anganwadi Teacher vacancies in the district. The publication of the lists is an important step in the selection process, allowing candidates to review their status before the next stage.



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Bandi Ramesh Reviews Gayatri Nagar Land Dispute

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: TPCC Vice-President and Kukatpally Congress in-charge Bandi Ramesh reviewed the land dispute involving Bhagy



Nagar Housing Society at Survey No. 1007 in Gayatri Nagar Division. He gathered details

from local leaders and discussed the issue's underlying causes, stressing the need for a careful examination to ensure justice for affected residents. Bandi Ramesh assured people that the Congress Party would make efforts to address their grievances. Local Congress leaders, including Mastan Reddy, Vemula Satyam and others, participated in the review.

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victims overcome difficult circumstances. Wearing the police uniform is a privilege, he said, urging officers to uphold its dignity through honesty, commitment and impartial service, irrespective of caste, religion or political affiliations. Addressing the passing-out parade of 112 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) at the Telangana Police Academy, Anand said only a small proportion of the state’s population gets the opportunity to wear the police uniform. He encouraged the new officers to recognise their responsibility towards society and use their authority in the public interest. He also congratulated the trainees for completing 44 weeks of institutional training covering law, investigation, physical fitness, sports and other professional subjects.

The DGP said the oath taken during the passing-out parade should guide officers throughout their 30 to 35 years of service. He stressed that their commitment to the Constitution, integrity and impartiality must remain unwavering. The officers will undergo another 46 weeks of field training, during which they must maintain discipline and dedication, he added. Anand also recalled lessons from his 35-year police career and emphasised the importance of effective leadership.

Leadership and Ethics at the Core

Anand urged the new DSPs to develop courage, vision, ethical values, impartiality, teamwork, communication skills, hard work, technological awareness, innovation and humility. He said officers must understand public grievances, take timely decisions and ensure that their authority is exercised responsibly. Highlighting the changing nature of crime, the DGP said policing had evolved from confronting challenges such as Naxalism to dealing with cybercrime, organised crime, financial fraud and road safety issues. He said the police department was undertaking organisational changes to respond to emerging challenges, including strengthening specialised units such as the Cyber Security Bureau and Eagle Force, alongside other initiatives. Field-level officers, he added, must continuously upgrade their skills to keep pace with new threats.

Fitness and Professionalism Essential

The DGP stressed that physical fitness, alertness and professional competence must remain priorities throughout an officer’s career. He encouraged the DSPs to preserve the enthusiasm and discipline they displayed on their

first day in uniform until retirement. Using a light-hearted reference to the belt worn during the parade, he urged them to maintain their fitness throughout their service and embrace modern technology to improve policing.

Academy Director Highlights Batch Composition

Telangana Police Academy Director Abhilash Bisht said the batch comprised 112 officers—74 men and 38 women. Of them, 51 belonged to Multi-Zone I and 61 to Multi-Zone II. The batch included 79 graduates, 31 post-graduates, one MBBS graduate and one BDS graduate. Among the trainees, 45 had previously worked in state government departments, 12 had served in the Central government and 55 were entering employment for the first time. Four had previously served as Sub-Inspectors. Bisht also noted that G. Srujana secured All India Rank 55 and D. Praveen Kumar secured Rank 795 in the 2026 UPSC examinations while undergoing training.

The trainees received six weeks of foundation training at the Dr MCR Human Resource Development Institute before their academy programme. They were also exposed to field duties during major events, including the Medaram Jathara and Ganesh Chaturthi, and received instruction on specialised policing units.

Neha Agarwal Wins Top Honours

Neha Agarwal emerged as the outstanding trainee, receiving the Chief Minister’s Revolver for best all-round performance, along with three other awards: the Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Gold Medal, the Kona Ramachandra Reddy Memorial Gold Medal and the Home Minister’s Baton for excellence in indoor subjects. She also received a cash prize of Rs5,000 along with the Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Gold Medal. L. Srikanth won the DGP Trophy for outdoor subjects, while T. Jacob Abhishek received the award for excellence in firing. D. Chandana secured the NICFS medal in forensic science, and Chi. Adi Seshureddy received the NICFS medal in criminology. R. Sai Kiran Reddy won the Director’s Medal for excellence in investigation. The 44-week training programme covered criminal law, criminology, human rights, forensic science, investigation techniques, cybercrime, financial offences, internal security, crowd management, weapons handling, firing, fieldcraft, VIP security, disaster management, first aid, swimming, driving and firefighting. Senior police officers, retired personnel, academy staff, family members of the trainees and media representatives attended the passing-out parade.



Newlywed Woman Arrested Over Alleged Plot to Poison Husband

Jalgaon, The Journalist Post, October 12:

Police in Maharashtra have arrested a newlywed woman accused of allegedly attempting to poison her husband and three other members of his family just two days after their wedding. The incident reportedly took place on October 9 in Velhane village of Parola taluka in Jalgaon district. The woman, identified as Suman Subhash Sahni, originally from Jharkhand, married the man on October 7. According to the complaint, she allegedly mixed rat poison into food served to her husband and three other family members, leaving all four ill

shortly after eating.



woman had accompanied her and alleged that cash and jewellery were missing from the house. The

The affected family members were rushed to a hospital, where they received medical treatment. The incident raised suspicions within the family after Suman allegedly left the house around the time the four people fell ill. Family members also claimed that another

family subsequently approached the police, who registered a case and launched an investigation. Police reportedly traced Suman and the other woman to an area near Nimgul village in Dhule district and took both into custody. The second woman was identified as Aarti Suryaksh, also reportedly from Jharkhand. Investigators are examining the circumstances surrounding the alleged poisoning, the movements of the two women and the events leading up to the incident.

Another aspect under investigation is the reported payment of Rs2.5 lakh by the groom’s family in connection with the marriage. The purpose of the payment, the possible involvement of inter-

mediaries and the circumstances in which the marriage was arranged remain unclear. Police are expected to examine these details along with statements from family members, medical reports and other evidence. The case has raised serious questions about the circumstances surrounding the marriage and the alleged poisoning attempt. However, the allegations against the arrested women have yet to be established through the investigation and legal proceedings. Police are continuing their inquiry to determine the motive, establish the sequence of events and verify the claims made by the complainant’s family.

Hanuman Nagar Residents Felicitate Former Corporator Kallem Navajeevan Reddy

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12:

Residents of Hanuman Nagar Colony in Hayathnagar Division felicitated former local corporator Kallem Navajeevan Reddy during his visit to the colony on Tuesday, following a request from residents. They honoured him with a shawl in recognition of his efforts towards local development and his accessibility to residents over the past five years. During the interaction, colony residents raised concerns over pending development works, including the construction of cement concrete (CC) roads and improvements to the local park. They requested Navajeevan Reddy to take the initiative to expedite the works and help improve



civic amenities in the area. Responding positively to their requests, Navajeevan Reddy said that serving the public and addressing people’s grievances remained his priority, irrespective of whether he held an official position. He assured residents that he would continue to work for the development of Hayathnagar Division and extend support towards resolving the colony’s pending issues.

The programme was attended by BJP division president Gangani Srinivas, colony president Vittal, secretary Venkatesham, vice-president Bhashani and other residents. The residents appreciated Navajeevan Reddy’s engagement with the community and expressed hope that the pending road and park development works would be taken up at the earliest.

Rs 20 Lakh Bribe: Tahsildar, Mandal Surveyor Caught by ACB

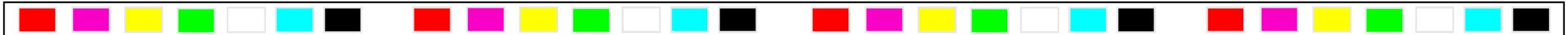
Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12:

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has reportedly caught Abdullapurmet Tahsildar Sudarshan Reddy and Mandal Surveyor Srinivasulu in an alleged Rs20 lakh bribery case linked to the issuance of a joint inspection survey report for an HMDA layout on the outskirts of Hyderabad. According to preliminary reports, the officials allegedly demanded Rs30 lakh to issue the report, with the amount subsequently negotiated down to Rs20 lakh. Following a complaint regarding the alleged demand, ACB officials reportedly kept watch on the transaction and intervened when the money was being handed over. The Mandal Surveyor, Srinivasulu, was allegedly caught while accepting Rs20 lakh from the complainant on the instructions of Tahsildar Sudarshan Reddy. The ACB is reportedly investigating the Tahsildar’s alleged



involvement and the circumstances surrounding the transaction.

The case has once again brought attention to concerns over alleged corruption in government offices, particularly in matters involving land surveys, layout approvals and revenue administration. Such procedures are expected to be carried out transparently and in accordance with established rules. Allegations of bribes being demanded for official reports raise questions about accountability and the delivery of public services. Further details regarding the ACB’s official statement, the cash seized, the sections under which the case has been registered and the subsequent legal proceedings are awaited. The investigation is expected to establish the facts and determine the roles of the officials concerned. The allegations remain subject to investigation and legal proceedings.



India, UN Discuss Strengthening Peacekeeping Operations

Nicosia, The Journalist Post, October 12: India and the United Nations discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in international peacekeeping operations during a meeting between Defence



Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and R. Khassim Diagne, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus and head of the UN Peacekeeping Force.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on ongoing UN peacekeeping missions and India's contribution to international efforts to maintain peace and security. Discussions focused on the importance of coordination among countries and strengthening the capabilities of personnel deployed in peacekeeping operations.

Singh outlined India's support for training and capacity-building initiatives for UN peacekeeping forces. The discussions highlighted the need to equip peacekeepers with essential professional skills, a clear understanding of their responsibilities and the ability to respond effectively to complex and challenging situations. Sharing India's experience and expertise with

other countries was also discussed as a way to support international peacekeeping efforts.

India's training and capacity-building programmes through the United Nations Peacekeeping Centre also fea-

tured in the discussions. The centre plays a role in preparing personnel for peacekeeping duties, improving operational effectiveness and familiarising them with international standards. Training personnel from different countries can help strengthen cooperation and coordination during multinational missions. As part of his visit, Singh also visited the Indian memorial at the Commonwealth War Graves site in Nicosia and paid tribute to Indian soldiers who lost their lives during the Second World War. He laid a wreath in remembrance of their service and sacrifice. The memorial stands as a reminder of the contributions made by Indian soldiers during the war. The visit highlighted India's engagement with the United Nations on peacekeeping training, capacity-building and international cooperation, while also honouring the memory of Indian personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Second World War.

Supreme Court Clarifies It Never Ruled on Revised Form 6



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Supreme Court has clarified that it never delivered a ruling approving the revised Form 6 used in voter registration, stating that the issue was not before it during earlier proceedings concerning Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi expressed dissatisfaction with the Election Commission's statement suggesting that the court had

approved changes to the form. Justice Bagchi clarified that the revised version had not been considered during the earlier hearing.

The bench said it would examine relevant records to determine who made the changes and on what basis. The clarification highlights the distinction between referring to Form 6 in an earlier judgment and specifically approving a revised version. The matter remains significant for transparency and compliance with voter registration rules.

India-UK Explore Cooperation from Space Research to Nuclear Energy

environmental impacts, cooperation in nuclear technology, research and development could open new avenues for collaboration. The two sides explored possibilities for sharing technological expertise and advancing work in these areas, including the potential role of smaller nuclear reactors in future energy systems.

The discussions also covered artificial intelligence, quantum technology and cyber-physical systems. These emerging fields are increasingly important to industrial development, information systems, healthcare and scientific research. Greater collabora-

tion between researchers, scientific institutions and technology experts in India and the UK could encourage innova-



tion and support the practical application of new technologies.

Medical research was another area identified for potential cooperation. Joint research and technological develop-

ment could contribute to improvements in disease detection, healthcare services and treatment methods. The discussions also examined ways to support start-ups, particularly early-stage companies working on technology and innovation. Partner-

ships between research institutions and businesses could help translate scientific discoveries into useful products and services. Jitendra Singh said India's expanding science and technology capabilities offered opportunities to deepen its partnership with the UK. Cooperation

across space research, civil nuclear energy, clean energy, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and medical research could provide mutual benefits and strengthen scientific links between the two countries.

The discussions indicate a broad interest in expanding India-UK scientific engagement. However, the extent to which the proposals will move forward will depend on subsequent decisions, formal agreements and implementation plans.

India's Pulse Revolution: Aiming for Self-Sufficiency by 2030-31

Rs11,440-Crore Mission Targets 350 Lakh Tonnes of Production



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: India is stepping up its efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses through the Centre's 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses', a six-year initiative designed to boost domestic production, reduce dependence on imports and improve farmers' incomes. Launched on October 11, 2025, the mission has completed its first year, with an outlay of Rs11,440 crore and a target of raising annual pulse production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31. The programme focuses particularly on tur (pigeon pea), urad (black gram) and masoor (lentils), combining improved seeds, scientific farming, assured procurement and better post-harvest infrastructure.

Pulses: The Foundation of Nutrition Security

Pulses occupy a vital place in the Indian diet because of their protein content and nutritional value. India is among the world's leading pulse producers and consumers, making domestic production crucial for food security and price stability. Pulses also help improve soil fertility

through their nitrogen-fixing properties, making them important for sustainable agriculture. Strengthening domestic supplies could reduce exposure to international price fluctuations and help conserve foreign exchange spent on imports.

Ambitious Targets for Production and Productivity

Under the mission, the government aims to increase pulse production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31 and raise average productivity to 1,130 kilograms per hectare. The total cultivation area is expected to expand by 35 lakh hectares, reaching 310 lakh hectares. Over six years, the programme plans to distribute 87.5 lakh free seed kits and 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds to farmers. The emphasis on improved varieties and quality planting material is intended to help farmers increase yields and reduce production risks.

Cluster-Based Farming and Modern Infrastructure

A cluster-based approach will be implemented across 489 districts to encourage farmers to adopt improved cultivation practices and cli-

mate-resilient seed varieties. The mission also seeks to reduce post-harvest losses and strengthen local processing capacity. The government has planned 1,000 pulse-processing units nationwide, with 528 units allocated to states and Union Territories in the first phase. Better processing, storage and market access could help farmers retain more value from their produce while strengthening rural employment opportunities.

Assured Procurement to Support Farmers

Price assurance is another major component of the programme. The Centre has authorised the procurement of tur, urad and masoor through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) during 2025-26 to 2028-29, subject to the applicable scheme provisions and procurement requirements. For 2026-27, the stated minimum support prices are Rs8,450 per quintal for tur, Rs8,200 for urad and Rs7,000 for masoor. According to the figures provided for the mission, the NCCF procured 10.55 lakh tonnes of pulses across nine states and directly paid Rs7,047 crore to farmers. Effective implementation of procurement arrangements will be essential to ensure that farmers benefit from the announced support.

Production Rises, Imports Under Pressure

India's pulse production reportedly increased from 256.83 lakh tonnes in 2024-25 to 274.09 lakh tonnes in 2025-26. The cultivated area expanded from 277.20 lakh

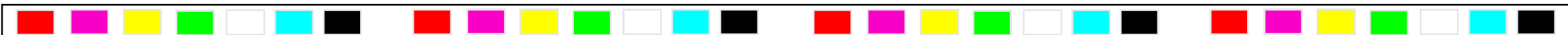
hectares to 286.46 lakh hectares, while average productivity rose from 926 kg to 957 kg per hectare. The reported figures also indicate a 31.52 per cent decline in imports and a 13.40 per cent rise in exports. These trends point towards improving domestic capacity, although sustaining the gains will depend on weather conditions, seed availability, market prices and effective procurement.

Digital Technology to Strengthen the Supply Chain

Digital platforms, including Krishi Mapper, SATHI, AgriStack, e-Samridhi and VISTAAR, are being used or promoted to support different aspects of agricultural planning, seed production, certification, sales, crop monitoring and farmer payments. Integrating these systems with field-level extension services and transparent procurement mechanisms could improve traceability and help farmers access timely information.

The Road Ahead: From Production Growth to Lasting Self-Reliance

The success of the mission will ultimately depend on whether higher production translates into stable farm incomes, affordable pulses for consumers and lower import dependence. Timely access to quality seeds, reliable irrigation, climate-resilient farming, transparent procurement and efficient storage will be critical. If these measures deliver the intended results, the initiative could strengthen India's nutritional security, improve agricultural resilience and move the country closer to long-term self-sufficiency in pulses.



Srisaïlam Dam Enters World Book of Records



Pradesh, has reportedly earned a place in the World Book of Records. According to the information available, it has been recognised as the first project of its kind in India to achieve this distinction. The dam's engineering features and ability to withstand heavy floods are cited as key factors behind the recognition. Its large gates, reportedly measuring around 60 feet wide and 55 feet high each, play an important

role in regulating water discharge and managing flood flows. The project faced a major test during the 2009 Krishna River floods, when it reportedly handled a flow of approximately 25.4 lakh cusecs. The episode highlighted the importance of engineering systems, coordinated operations and effective flood management. Representatives of the organisation reportedly handed over the recognition certificate to Srisailem MLA Buddha Rajasekhara Reddy. He appreciated the contribution of engineers and technical experts involved in the dam's construction. Srisailem remains a crucial water and power resource for both Telugu states. However, the precise record details and flood-flow figures require confirmation through official documentation.

Women Guards Play Key Role in Protecting Singareni Assets

Yellandu, The Journalist Post, October 12: Women employees are playing an increasingly important role in safeguarding the assets of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), demonstrating their capabilities in a field traditionally dominated by men. Female guards working in the company's security department in the Illandu area are carrying out their responsibilities with discipline, alertness and dedication, contributing to the protection of company property and facilities.

The women guards are making effective use of the employment opportunities provided to them and performing the security duties entrusted to them. Their responsibilities include remaining vigilant while protecting company assets, offices and other important locations. Timeliness, continuous monitoring and a strong sense of responsibility are essential in security operations, and the women employees are striving to meet these requirements through their professional conduct. Their participation in the security department highlights the importance of providing women with opportunities across different occupational fields. By taking up security duties and facing workplace challenges with confidence, these employees are demonstrating that women can contribute effectively to sectors that have traditionally seen greater male participation.

The employment opportunities have also helped women move towards financial independence and sup-



port their families. Working in the security sector provides them with valuable professional experience, strengthens their confidence and enables them to develop their skills. The women guards are continuing their duties with commitment while contributing to the organisation's security arrangements.

Providing equal employment opportunities, appropriate training, necessary safety facilities and continued encouragement can further strengthen women's participation in such roles. Recognising their abilities and offering opportunities for professional growth can benefit both employees and the organisation. The services of women guards in the Iilandu area stand as an example of women's empowerment at the workplace. Their dedication and discipline underline the importance of creating an inclusive work environment in which women can demonstrate their skills and take on greater responsibilities. Greater participation by women in security operations can support both organisational needs and the broader goal of gender equality.

Malkajgiri Civic Body Receives 29 Petitions at Prajavani

Malkajgiri, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation received 29 petitions during its Prajavani public grievance programme on Monday, with residents submitting complaints and requests related to various civic issues. Officials also forwarded the petitions to the concerned departments for examination and necessary action.

The Town Planning Department received the highest number of petitions at 22, followed by the Engineering Department with four. The Sanitation Department, Urban Community Development Department and Veterinary Department received one petition each, taking the total to 29. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Jayesh



Ranjan directed officials to examine every petition carefully and take appropriate steps based on the nature of the complaint, according to the civic body. He stressed coordination among departments to prevent delays in delivering civic services.

Prajavani provides residents with an opportunity to bring issues concerning urban planning, building regulations, roads, sanitation and other public services directly to officials. The effective implementation of the programme depends on timely responses, transparent decisions and regular monitoring of pending grievances. Residents have called for particular attention to the 22 petitions submitted to the Town Planning Department, while ensuring that complaints received by other departments are also addressed. Officials are expected to review the applications and take action in accordance with applicable rules.

Ameenpur to Get Development Works Worth Rs4.95 Crore

Ameenpur, The Journalist Post, October 12: Development works worth Rs4.95 crore are underway across the Ameenpur Circle limits, with the Municipal Corporation Commissioner inspecting seven projects and directing officials to complete them ahead of sched-



ule. The inspection covered infrastructure projects aimed at improving civic amenities and addressing residents' needs. The Commissioner reviewed the construction of a women's building at Kakatiya Nagar and stormwater drains near the BHEL Metro area and along the stretch from Narendra Colony to Durga Province. He stressed the importance of proper drainage systems to prevent waterlogging during the



rainy season and instructed officials to maintain construction quality. He also inspected cement concrete road works in Beeramguda and Sri Vani Nagar, along with footpath and road-divider works from Sunway Opus towards the Chetan Anand Badminton Academy road. Officials were asked to ensure pedestrian safety and coordinate road construction with drainage requirements. During the visit, the Commissioner interacted with local residents and representatives of residential welfare associations to understand their concerns and suggestions. He directed officials to monitor progress regularly, address delays promptly and maintain quality standards at every stage. The zonal commissioner and Ameenpur Deputy Commissioner accompanied him during the inspection. The projects are expected to improve road connectivity, drainage and other civic facilities in the area once completed.

Collector Ankit Directs Swift Resolution of Prajavani Petitions

Kothagudem / Dammapeta, The Journal-ist Post, October 12: Bhadradri Kothagudem District Collector Ankit directed officials to resolve public grievances received through the Prajavani programme promptly and in accordance with established rules. He conducted a surprise inspection of the programme at the Dammapeta Mandal Parishad office on Monday and instructed departments to examine every petition and take timely action. He stressed that people should not have to make repeated visits to government offices for issues that could be resolved at the mandal level.

The Collector also reviewed water availability amid concerns over possible El Niño-related conditions. He sought details from Irrigation Department officials about water storage in 230 tanks across the mandal and noted that water levels were reportedly lower than last year. He instructed officials to monitor storage levels continuously and



use available water efficiently. Mission Bhagiratha officials were directed to take advance measures to prevent disruptions in drinking water supply. The Collector emphasised regular monitoring of water availability and ensuring adequate supplies to all areas. He also reviewed farmers' participation in

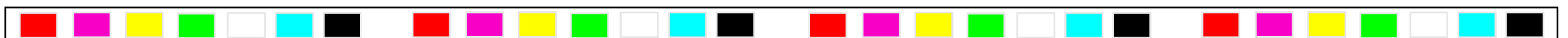
The Collector further called for wider publicity for Prajavani through village announcements and social media to ensure more residents could access the grievance redressal programme. Dammapeta Tahsildar Murali, MPDO Ravinder Reddy and officials from various departments attended the inspection.

Ranga Reddy District Receives 102 Prajavani Complaints

Ranga Reddy, The Journalist Post, October 12: A total of 102 complaints were received during the Prajavani public grievance programme held on Monday at the meeting hall of the Integrated District Offices Complex in Ranga Reddy district. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Kiranmavi and Additional Collector Chandra



Reddy jointly received petitions from complainants who arrived from various parts of the district. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Collector Kiranmayi directed district-level officers of the concerned departments to take immediate steps to resolve public grievances. She instructed officials not to keep applications pending and to review each petition regularly to ensure timely dis-



Srinivas Goud Urges Maharashtra to Adopt Telangana-Style Welfare Schemes

Nagpur, The Journalist Post, October 12: Former Telangana minister V. Srinivas Goud has urged the Maharashtra government to introduce welfare schemes similar to those implemented in Telangana to support families



dependent on traditional occupations. He made the request during a meeting with Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule in Nagpur, the state's second capital. Maharashtra Goud Association president Narayana Goud and other community representatives participated in the meeting. Srinivas Goud highlighted the need for financial assistance and livelihood support for toddy tappers, fishermen, sheep rearers, handloom workers, washermen and other traditional occupational groups, stating that government support could help preserve traditional livelihoods and strengthen the rural economy.

Srinivas Goud specifically requested Maharashtra to introduce a Neera policy similar to the one implemented in Telangana, enabling toddy-tapping families to generate additional income from palm and date palm trees. He urged the government to facilitate access to Neera, reduce the financial burden on workers and provide support for cultivation, infrastructure and marketing. He also stressed the need to create better market opportunities for

products associated with traditional occupations and provide livelihood security to dependent families.

The former minister also sought the allocation of land for installing a statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud, a historical figure regarded as a symbol of pride by the Goud community. He requested land for constructing a dedicated Goud community building to organise meetings, social programmes and awareness activities for young people. He said such facilities would help preserve the community's history, cultural heritage and traditions for future generations. Among

other demands, Srinivas Goud urged the Maharashtra government to distribute fish fingerlings free of cost to fishermen from the Mudiraj community and introduce a sheep distribution scheme for Yadava families. He also requested financial assistance, equipment, raw materials and marketing facilities for handloom workers, washermen and other traditional occupational groups. According to him, targeted welfare measures could improve livelihoods, generate rural employment and enable families to continue their traditional professions.

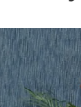
Representatives said Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule responded positively to the proposals and assured them that the requests submitted by the Goud Association would be discussed at a Maharashtra Cabinet meeting. The meeting was attended by Narayana Goud, association vice-president Krishna Goud Nemliver, youth wing president Madhu Goud, Vanga Lakshman Goud and other representatives. The implementation of the proposed measures will depend on the Maharashtra government's subsequent decisions.

Telangana Districts Win National Recognition Under Dhhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana's Nagarkurnool and Narayanpet districts have received national-level awards for their efforts in agricultural development and farmer services under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana. The awards were presented at a national-level programme organised at the NASC Complex in New Delhi by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, marking one year since the launch of the scheme. Nagarkurnool Collector Hemant Keshav Patil and Narayanpet Collector Chekkaa Priyanka received the awards on behalf of their respective districts.



expenses, including the purchase of seeds, fertilisers, equipment and other agricultural inputs. The award acknowledged the district's efforts to improve access to credit facilities and support farming activities. District Collector Chekkaa Priyanka accepted the award on behalf of Narayanpet.



The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana was launched on October 11, 2025, to address agricultural challenges in 100 districts across the country. The initiative focuses on districts facing issues such as low agricultural productivity, lower cropping intensity and limited agricultural credit availability. It seeks to improve agricultural outcomes by coordinating 36 schemes across 11 Central government departments, alongside state government programmes and private-sector participation.

In Telangana, the scheme is being implemented in Nagarkurnool, Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal and Jangaon districts. Its key objectives include increasing agricultural productivity, improving access to government services for farmers and expanding the availability of agricultural credit. The recognition of Nagarkurnool and Narayanpet in separate categories marks a significant milestone for Telangana's district administrations. Sustained implementation of agricultural development initiatives, improved access to institutional credit and effective delivery of farmer-oriented services will be important to ensure that the scheme delivers lasting benefits to farming communities.

Election Commission of Bias in the Name of SIR: DYCM Bhatti Vikramarka

larities in the name of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, claiming that the process could create conditions favouring the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He asserted that the Congress party was fighting to protect the voting rights of every citizen and uphold democratic values across the country.

Addressing the media in Delhi on Monday, following his participation in a satyagraha organised at the call of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) against alleged vote theft, Bhatti Vikramarka said the right to vote was the strongest foundation of Indian democracy. He stressed that every citizen must have the freedom to elect a government of their choice without interference.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had been consistently raising concerns over alleged electoral irregularities and voters' rights. Under the leadership of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, the party was intensifying its nationwide campaign against what it described as vote theft. Bhatti Vikramarka clarified that the movement was not intended merely to protect the electoral

interests of the Congress party or its leaders, but to safeguard the voting rights of all citizens. He urged democratic-minded people to join the campaign. He said the Congress had previously approached the President of India and other constitutional institutions to highlight concerns regarding electoral processes.



The peaceful satyagraha in Delhi, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's principles, was another effort to draw attention to the alleged irregularities and seek protection for voters' rights.

A large contingent of Congress leaders from

Telangana participated in the protest under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud. The delegation included state ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, senior party leaders and representatives of the Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, NSUI, Seva Dal and other affiliated organisations. Bhatti Vikramarka called upon people across the country to unite in defence of democracy and ensure that every eligible citizen's right to vote was protected.

KCR'S FATE AWAITS MODI, WARNS MINISTER PONGULETI

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has criticised the BJP-led Central government over restrictions on protests at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is following the path adopted by former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

In a statement issued on Monday, Ponguleti said the Constitution guarantees citizens and political parties the right to express dissent. Protests, demonstrations and public agitations are essential democratic methods through which people

bringing their grievances to the attention of governments, he said. Recalling the role of Dharna Chowk at Indira Park in Hyderabad, the minister said it had served as an important platform for people and political parties in undivided



Andhra Pradesh to raise public issues. He alleged that the KCR government, after coming to power



in 2014, removed the protest venue, restricting opportunities for people to express their grievances.

Ponguleti claimed that the BRS government subsequently faced the people's verdict in elections because of its approach towards public protests.

KCR's Path, Modi's Approach'

Drawing a parallel between Telangana and the national capital, the minister alleged that the Modi government was imposing restrictions on protest venues such as Jantar Mantar, which has historically been used by citizens and

political parties to raise public concerns. While KCR removed Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad, the minister said, the Modi government was restricting protests in Delhi. He argued that preventing opposition parties from raising issues and limiting platforms for public demonstrations were contrary to democratic principles.

Ponguleti warned that governments attempting to silence public voices would eventually face the consequences through the people's mandate. Referring to the political outcome faced by KCR, he said Modi could encounter a similar situation in the future if restrictions on dissent continued. The minister reiterated that governments must listen to public grievances and respect the right to peaceful protest, asserting that the people's verdict would ultimately determine the political fate of those who sought to suppress dissent.



Telangana–Japan Partnership to Expand Industrial Investment and Global Job Opportunities

Hiroshima Prefecture to accelerate industrial development, attract investments and create international employment opportunities for local youth, Minister Vivek Venkataswamy said. He held a meeting with a delegation from the Hiroshima Prefectural Government at the Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad, where discussions focused on industrial investments, technology exchange, skill development and employment opportunities for Telangana youth in Japan.

The minister said the state government was working towards its ambitious goal of transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy. As part of this vision, the government is focusing on providing skill training to 45 lakh people, equipping them with the tech-

nical knowledge and professional capabilities required by modern industries and international labour markets. He emphasised that educational qualifications alone may not be sufficient to se-

improve their employment prospects. He noted that Japanese industries place considerable importance on discipline, punctuality, precision and quality, and said young people aspiring to work



ecure employment, making industry-oriented training and practical experience equally important. Venkataswamy said special attention was being given to preparing Telangana youth for jobs in Japan. Training in the Japanese language and familiarisation with the country's workplace culture would help candidates adapt to professional environments and

there should understand these expectations alongside acquiring the necessary technical skills.

The meeting also explored opportunities to connect Japanese industrial expertise and technological capabilities with Telangana's investment potential. The minister observed that stronger cooperation between Telangana and Hiroshima could

open avenues for new industrial projects, technology transfer and advanced skill-development programmes. He stressed that coordination among government departments, training institutions and industries would be essential to align training programmes with actual workforce requirements.

The minister said the government's priority was to provide Telangana youth with access to global employment opportunities while ensuring that industrial investments generated benefits for local communities. He expressed hope that closer engagement with Hiroshima would strengthen cooperation in industrial management, technology and workforce training. However, details regarding the implementation of the proposed initiatives, the selection of trainees and specific job opportunities in Japan are yet to be officially announced.

Bathukamma Celebrations Bring Festive Grandeur to Telangana Assembly

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Telangana Assembly premises witnessed vibrant Bathukamma celebrations on Monday evening, with colourful floral arrangements, traditional songs and enthusi-

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar said Bathukamma was not merely a festival but a symbol of the self-respect of Telangana women and the state's tradition of worshipping nature. He emphasised



astic participation by women employees and legislative staff. Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy and Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash attended the programme and joined women in playing Bathukamma, reflecting the cultural significance of the festival.

The Assembly complex was transformed into a festive setting as beautifully arranged Bathukammas made with seasonal flowers were placed at the centre of the gathering. Flowers such as marigolds, chrysanthemums, gunugu and tangedu were used to create the traditional floral stacks, adding colour to the celebrations. Women employees and staff members gathered around the Bathukammas, moving in circles, clapping their hands and singing traditional songs, including "Bathukamma Bathukamma Uyyalo". The celebrations highlighted the deep-rooted connection between Bathukamma, nature and Telangana's cultural identity. The participation of senior legislative leaders and employees added significance to the event, which brought together people from different sections of the Assembly establishment.

the importance of recognising the festival's cultural value and preserving its traditions for future generations.

Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy praised Telangana's rich cultural heritage and traditions. He noted that the state's distinctive customs reflected its cultural pride and could serve as an inspiration to people beyond Telangana.

The event also highlighted the role of traditional festivals in strengthening community bonds and passing cultural values from one generation to the next. Bathukamma celebrations provide women an opportunity to come together through floral arrangements, folk songs and collective participation, while reaffirming their connection with the region's traditions. Legislative Council Secretary Dr Narasimha Charyulu, Assembly Secretary R. Tirupathi, senior officials of the Assembly and Legislative Council, women employees and other staff members participated in the programme in large numbers. The celebrations concluded as a colourful expression of Telangana's cultural identity, devotion to nature and collective festive spirit. The gathering at the Assembly premises reflected the importance of keeping traditional festivals alive in public and institutional spaces.

SARAS MELA DRAWS CROWDS ON DAY SIX, WITNESSES STRONG SALES

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: The Saras Mela being organised at the HMDA Grounds beside IMAX in Hyderabad witnessed a vibrant response on its sixth day, with visitors showing keen interest in products made by women's self-help groups from Telangana and other states. Foreign visitors and prominent personalities toured the exhibition, while MLC Vanidevi also visited several stalls and examined the products on display.

group from Manipur emerged as a major attraction. The stall's organiser said products



worth approximately Rs1 lakh were sold in a single day. The sales highlighted the market potential of traditional bamboo crafts made by rural women when they receive access to wider consumer markets.

Custard apples also drew considerable attention following the opening of a stall operated by Narayanpet

produce and value-added products while creating additional marketing opportunities

lished by SERP and the Telangana Open School Society focused on encouraging women who had discontinued their education to resume their studies. Through the "Amma Ku Aksharamala" initiative, women are being registered and informed about opportunities to continue their education.

SERP staff are assisting stall organisers and visitors, promoting women's products and helping create a supportive environment for sales. The sixth day's response once again highlighted the Saras Mela's role in connecting rural women entrepreneurs with urban markets, expanding business opportunities and encouraging women to participate in marketing and enterprise management.

for farmers.

The Indira Mahila Shakti saree, representing Telangana's handloom and textile traditions, was another highlight. A specially designed saree was displayed under the aegis of the Telangana State Cooperative (TGSCO), drawing interest from visitors and highlighting women's economic empowerment and traditional textile craftsmanship. A special stall jointly estab-



MLC Vani Devi visits Saras Mela; she toured the stalls.



From traditional Kashmiri carpets to Kerala spices, handicrafts, household items, handloom textiles and food products, a wide range of goods attracted buyers.

A bamboo products stall set up by a women's

Farmer Producer Company Limited. The fruits were offered at Rs100 per kilogram, attracting buyers in large numbers. Custard apple pulp was also available at Rs75 for 250 grams. The initiative provided consumers with access to fresh

Karate Essential for Women's Self-Defence: Master Burani Srikanth

Dubbak, The Journalist Post, October 12: Karate training is essential for women and girls to protect themselves and develop self-confidence, said Burani Srikanth, founder of Yuva Sports Karate Academy Telangana and a karate mas-

ter. He explained that karate is not just a martial art but also helps improve physical fitness, discipline, concentration and confidence.

Belt grading examinations organised by Yuva Sports Karate Academy Telangana were conducted at Siddhartha Concept School in Dubbak on Monday. Srikanth supervised

the examinations, in which around 50 students from Dubbak and Siddipet participated and demonstrated their skills. After the examinations, belts and certificates were presented to students who performed well in their respective categories. Vishrudh excelled in the purple belt category.

Rishi Akhil and T. Sathvik performed well in the blue belt category, while Krish and P. Sathvik excelled in green belt. Shilpitha and Rishitha demonstrated their skills in orange

belt, while Bhavishya and Nakshana Hanish performed well in yellow belt. Speaking



on the occasion,

Srikanth said early karate training helps children develop discipline, concentration, punctuality and physical fitness. He urged parents to encourage their children to par-

ticipate in sports and self-defence training. He particularly stressed that women and girls should learn self-defence techniques to improve their confidence and ability to respond to challenging situations.

Organisers said the belt grading examinations motivated students and increased their interest in karate. The programme highlighted the importance of martial arts in promoting fitness, discipline and personal safety.



2,200 Police Personnel to Secure India–West Indies T20 Match in Hyderabad

West Indies, scheduled to be held at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Uppal on October 14, 2026. With the match set to begin at 7 p.m., approximately 2,200 police personnel will be deployed to maintain law and order, regulate traffic and ensure the safety of players, spectators and staff.

Authorities have planned a comprehensive security system to prevent untoward incidents and ensure the smooth conduct of the match. Continuous surveillance will be carried out through 408 CCTV cameras installed at the stadium, while drones will also be used to monitor security conditions. Personnel from law and order, traffic police, SHE Teams, bomb detection squads and special operational units will be deployed as part of the security arrangements. Security teams will monitor activity inside and outside the stadium and conduct checks in sensitive areas. Coordination among the various police units will be maintained to respond to potential security concerns and manage the large crowds expected to attend the match. Special



cial traffic management measures have also been planned to minimise congestion around Uppal stadium. Police will regulate vehicle movement in surrounding areas and oversee traffic flow near designated parking locations. Spectators travelling to the venue have been advised to follow traffic police instructions and cooperate with personnel deployed on duty.

The Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate has placed particular emphasis on the safety of women, children and all other spectators. SHE Teams and other specialised units will form part of the security arrangements to help address safety concerns. Officials have urged cricket fans to remain alert, follow police guidelines and cooperate with security personnel throughout the event. The police said all concerned departments would work in coordination to ensure that the international cricket match takes place in a safe and orderly environment. Public cooperation, officials noted, would be important in managing crowds, preventing traffic disruptions and ensuring the safety of everyone attending the match.

Balakrishna’s Land Likely to Be Acquired for Hyderabad Road Widening

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: A portion of actor and Hindupur MLA Nandamuri Balakrishna’s residential property may be required for road widening in Hyderabad, according to reports. The proposed expansion is part of efforts to ease traffic congestion around KBR Park and improve vehicle movement at major junctions.

Balakrishna’s residence has a special connection with the Nandamuri family, as his father, legendary actor and former Chief Minister Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), reportedly built the house in 1982. Road No. 45 is an important route connecting Banjara Hills with Hitec City, but heavy traffic frequently causes congestion. Reports suggest that approximately 862.77



square yards of land from Balakrishna’s property may be needed for the proposed expansion. However, the land acquisition proposal, its impact on the residence and reports of Balakrishna’s willingness to cooperate have not yet received official confirmation.

Telangana Journalist Accreditation Process Faces Allegations of Irregularities

Calls grow for independent inquiry into qualifications, committee recommendations and card approvals

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 12: The process of issuing accreditation cards to journalists in Telangana has come under scrutiny amid allegations of irregularities, delays and a lack of transparency. Some journalists claim that eligible professionals are struggling to obtain accreditation, while questions have been raised about how cards may have been issued to individuals allegedly lacking the prescribed qualifications or professional credentials. These allegations require verification through official records and an impartial inquiry.

Accreditation provides professional recognition to eligible journalists under the applicable rules. Journalists have questioned whether applications are being assessed consistently and whether educational qualifications, professional experience and media organisation credentials are being properly verified. Allegations that money or personal influence may affect the process have also been raised, but these claims have not been independently established.

Questions Over Eligibility and Verification

Concerns have been expressed about whether applicants meet the prescribed educational and professional requirements. Allegations that some individuals without the required qualifications obtained accreditation have prompted calls for authorities to exam-

ine application forms, supporting certificates and committee recommendations. Journalists have urged the Information and Public Relations Department to clarify the criteria used to approve or reject applications. If complaints involving forged certificates or ineligible applicants are received, they say the documents should be verified and appropriate action taken wherever violations are established.



DPROs and Accreditation Committees Under Scrutiny

Questions have also been raised about the responsibilities of District Public Relations Officers (DPROs) and accreditation committees. Some journalists allege that officials refer queries to committees instead of explaining the status of individual applications. Complaints have also been made about delays in issuing cards even after approval. Journalists are seeking clarity on the division of responsibilities between district officials

and committees, the verification procedures followed before approval, and the reasons for delays. They argue that applicants should be informed promptly if additional documents or clarifications are required.

Press Academy Chairman Asked to Respond

Some journalists and representatives of journalist organisations have called on Telangana Press Academy Chairman Srinivas Reddy to address the concerns and explain how the accreditation system is functioning. Questions have been raised about the treatment of independent and freelance journalists, including whether their applications are assessed using clear and uniform criteria. There are also allegations that certain organisations or individuals may have received preferential consideration in some districts. These claims remain allegations and would need to be examined against documentary evidence before responsibility can be established. Some representatives have called for the chairman's resignation, while others are demanding an inquiry and corrective measures.

Minister Urged to Ensure Transparency

Criticism has also been directed at the handling of accreditation-related grievances under Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Some journalists claim that representations submitted over their diffi-

culties have not received adequate responses. They have sought information on how grievances are examined, whether rejected applications can be reconsidered and what mechanisms exist to resolve disputes. The government has been urged to ensure that the accreditation process operates transparently, with decisions based on published eligibility requirements rather than personal connections or influence.

Call for a Comprehensive Inquiry

Journalists are demanding a comprehensive review of accreditation approvals, educational certificates, media organisation details, committee recommendations and rejected applications. They have called for an independent examination of complaints and appropriate action against any applicants or officials found to have violated the rules. At the same time, they have urged authorities to reconsider applications from journalists who meet the prescribed criteria but have not received accreditation, providing clear reasons for decisions. Accreditation should be granted on the basis of eligibility, professional credentials and applicable rules. A transparent process, timely communication and a credible grievance-redressal mechanism are essential to maintaining confidence in the system. The allegations raised by journalists now require a clear response from the concerned authorities, supported by verifiable records and due process.

