

El Niño Threatens Telangana with Water Shortage, Warns Revanth Reddy

CM Urges Farmers to Choose Less Water-Intensive Crops in Yasangi

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed concern over the possibility of water shortages and increased electricity demand in the state amid forecasts of adverse weather conditions associated with El Niño. After holding a review meeting with ministers on the potential impact, the Chief Minister urged officials, farmers and the public to prepare for possible challenges by conserving water, managing available resources carefully and planning agricultural activities according to local conditions.



Revanth Reddy said Telangana currently has approximately 209 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water available in its reservoirs, compared with more than 400 TMC during the same period last year. He warned that the coming eight months

Strong Urban Policing Needed to Curb Crime: DGP C.V. Anand

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand has directed po-



Harish Rao Demands Revival of Rythu Bima Scheme

Siddipet, The Journalist Post, October 15: Former Telangana minister and BRS MLA T. Harish Rao has demanded that the state government continue the Rythu Bima scheme and immediately pay Rs5 lakh compensation to the families of deceased farmers. He made the demand after meeting 22 bereaved farmer families in Siddipet and listening to their grievances over the alleged non-payment of insurance benefits. Harish Rao assured the families that he would stand by them and raised concerns over the financial difficulties they were facing following the deaths of their primary earners.



Harish Rao stated that 22 farmers had died in Siddipet between August 15 and October 15. He also claimed that information available to his party indicated that nearly 3,000 farmers had died across Telangana during the period of concern. He alleged that the families were being denied financial assistance because the existing insurance scheme had not been continued effectively. He said the government had a responsibility to provide financial security to families who lose their livelihoods following a farmer's death. Recalling the history of the scheme, Harish Rao

Bhatti Invites Global Investors to Invest in Telangana

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has invited industrialists and global investors to invest in the state and become partners in its



Nobody Can Browbeat Judiciary Supreme Court Questions Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: The Supreme Court on Thursday, October 15, questioned Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his participation in a protest march towards the court on October 12. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant asserted that nobody could browbeat or in-



BJP Alleges Land Irregularities in Telangana, Seeks Judicial Probe

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao has demanded a comprehensive inquiry into alleged irregularities in land administration, claiming that the Section 22-A prohibited properties list is causing difficulties for farmers and landowners across the state. He alleged that legally owned agricultural lands, residential plots and patta lands were being included in prohibited lists, creating uncertainty over registrations and ownership rights.



Ramchander Rao said affected farmers were facing problems in conducting land transactions and accessing their property rights. He urged the government to verify land records, correct errors and

Police Assault on Journalists Undermines Democracy : KAVITHA

Kavitha Condemns Alleged Torture of Dalit Journalists, Demands Atrocities Act Cases

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has strongly condemned the alleged use of third-degree torture against two Dalit journalists at Gambheerraopet police station in



Jailer 2 Review: Rajinikanth Delivers a Mass Entertainer

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Superstar Rajinikanth's Jailer emerged as a major box-office success, reportedly collecting



EDITORIAL

Supreme Court Clarifies Eligibility for BC Muslim Classification

Religious Conversion Alone Cannot Guarantee Reservation Benefits

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: The reported Supreme Court decision concerning Tamil Nadu’s BC Muslim reservation policy has reignited debate over religious conversion, social identity



and affirmative action. The case highlights an important distinction: changing one’s religion does not automatically establish membership in a specific recognised backward community. Reservation eligibility must be assessed under applicable legal provisions and community-identification criteria.

The dispute arose from a Tamil Nadu government order issued on March 9, 2024, concerning social certificates and reservation benefits for people converting to Islam. The state argued that religious conversion does not necessarily eliminate the social and educational disadvantages individuals may have experienced. However, the legal question was whether conversion alone could establish membership in a recognised BC Muslim community. The Madras

High Court struck down the order, and the state challenged the decision before the Supreme Court. At the heart of the controversy lies the relationship between individual rights and eligibility requirements. Freedom of religion is constitutionally protected, but access to specific reservation categories depends on the applicable rules and recognised criteria. Authorities must distinguish between continuing disadvantage and proof of membership in a particular community.

The broader lesson is that reservation policies require transparent, consistent and legally sound certification procedures. Genuine disadvantage deserves careful consideration, while eligibility must be determined through established standards rather than assumptions based solely on religious identity. The ruling should not be interpreted as a blanket denial of reservation benefits to everyone who converts. Its implications must be understood within the specific Tamil Nadu policy and legal dispute. A balanced approach should protect constitutional rights, prevent arbitrary certification and preserve the purpose of affirmative action.

MLA Sudheer Reddy Meets HMWS&SB Malkajgiri ED Pankaja

Seeks Funds for Pending UGD Works in LB Nagar Constituency



LB Nagar, The Journalist Post, October 15: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy met Pankaja, Executive Director of the Malkajgiri division of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), seeking administrative approvals and funds for pending underground drainage (UGD) works across his constituency.

The MLA requested new drainage projects and the completion of pending works in several colonies, including Gokul Enclave in Bairamalguda; Sirihills, Sri Gayatri Nagar, Dattatreya Nagar, Bellayadav Nagar, Sai Ram Nagar, Sri Vinayaka Nagar and Sri Venkateswara Nagar. “Other proposed works cover Diamond Colony, Sultan Valva Weaker Section Colony, Venkateswara Colony Phase II, Hastinapuram,

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would be crucial for managing the state’s water resources and stressed that every drop of water must be used responsibly. The government would give the highest priority to drinking water, he said, directing officials to coordinate water allocation and make advance arrangements to prevent disruptions to supplies in both rural and urban areas.

The Chief Minister emphasised that the available reservoir storage must be assessed alongside expected inflows and requirements for drinking water, agriculture and other essential purposes. He appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary water wastage and adopt responsible consumption practices. He also asked officials to prepare plans that account for changing weather conditions and ensure that drinking water requirements are met even if the state faces a prolonged period of limited water availability.n Addressing agricultural concerns,

Revanth Reddy urged farmers to reconsider their crop choices for the upcoming Yasangi season. He suggested shifting towards less water-intensive crops instead of paddy, which generally requires substantial irrigation. He appealed to farmers to consider postponing paddy cultivation for one season in view of the state’s water situation, saying changes in cropping patterns could reduce pressure on reservoirs and preserve supplies for drinking water and other essential needs.

The Chief Minister’s appeal comes as farmers prepare for the next cultivation cycle. However, crop decisions will also depend on local irrigation availability, soil conditions, market demand and agricultural requirements. The relevant departments are expected to coordinate and provide guidance on suitable alternative crops so that farmers can make informed decisions based on conditions in their respective areas.

Revanth Reddy also expressed concern over the state’s rising electricity consumption. He said power demand had increased significantly, placing an additional burden of approximately 5,000 megawatts on the system. According to the Chief Minister, such high electricity consumption in October was unusual. He said the government was purchasing additional power to meet demand and taking steps to maintain supplies despite the financial cost.

The state government has already approached the Centre seeking additional electricity allocation, the Chief Minister said. He also urged the Union Government to extend greater support to states facing difficulties because of adverse climatic conditions. Among his requests was an increase in the Centre’s contribution to centrally sponsored schemes to help states man-

age the additional financial burden. The coming months are expected to test Telangana’s water management, power supply planning and agricultural preparedness. The impact of El Niño will depend on evolving weather patterns, rainfall, reservoir inflows and demand for water and electricity. The government has called for coordinated action by departments and public cooperation to reduce the potential effects of a shortage. Revanth Reddy reiterated that drinking water must remain the government’s foremost priority and appealed to citizens to conserve water while encouraging farmers to consider crops suited to available resources. Detailed, region-specific guidance from the authorities will be important in helping households, farmers and other water users prepare for the months ahead.

Harish Rao Demands Revival of Rythu Bima Scheme

said former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao launched Rythu Bima in 2018 to protect farmers’ families from financial hardship. Under the scheme, eligible farmers’ families were entitled to receive Rs 5 lakh in insurance compensation irrespective of the cause of death, subject to the scheme’s conditions. He stated that the previous BRS government had paid approximately Rs1,400 crore annually in premiums to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and provided compensation to eligible families.

According to Harish Rao, around Rs7,000 crore was paid to the families of 1,38,688 deceased farmers

between 2018–19 and 2023–24. He argued that the scheme had provided crucial financial support to families who lost their principal earners and should therefore be continued without interruption.

Harish Rao alleged that the scheme had effectively stalled because premiums had not been paid to LIC since August 14. He criticised the government for announcing a new insurance scheme in the state budget without bringing it into operation. He further claimed that uncertainty surrounding the proposed replacement,

alongside the discontinuation of the earlier arrangement, had left affected families without clarity about their eligibility for compensation. He also questioned the proposed changes to eligibility criteria, stating that concerns had been raised over whether the new scheme would cover the same category of farmers as the previous one. He urged the government to clarify the provisions of the proposed scheme and explain how families of farmers who had already died would receive assistance.

Harish Rao appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao to respond immediately to the concerns of the bereaved families. He demanded that the government pay the pending ?5 lakh compensation, ensure the uninterrupted continuation of farmer insurance and issue a

clear statement on the implementation of the scheme. He also criticised the government over other farmer-related issues, including the supply of irrigation water and electricity. Referring to welfare programmes introduced during the previous BRS government, he questioned the implementation of schemes such as KCR Kits, nutrition kits, sheep distribution and fee reimbursement.

Harish Rao warned that if the government failed to restore Rythu Bima and address the grievances of affected families, the BRS would organise a protest at the Chief Minister’s residence. He reiterated that the government should act promptly to provide financial relief to families awaiting compensation.

MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao Congratulates Phase 9 Colony Welfare Association Team

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post, October 15: The newly elected executive body of the Phase 9 Colony Welfare Association met Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao on Thursday as part of a courtesy visit. On the occasion, the MLA, along with former Corporator Mandadi Srinivasa Rao, congratulated the newly elected office bearers and conveyed his best wishes for their tenure.

Chelluboyina Ramesh was elected president, while Brijesh, Venkata Ratnam and Venkata Reddy were elected vice presidents. Ch. Srinivasa Rao will serve as general secretary, with U. Ram Gopal, Vijay Kumar

Raju and Seetharama Raju as joint secretaries. G. Meenakshi was appointed legal advisor, Hanumantha Rao organising secretary, Brahma Reddy treasurer and Venkat Raju cultural



secretary. The executive members are Vishali, Ramana, Krishna Reddy, Prasad Nayak, G. Srinivas, Chandramouli and S. Srinivasa Rao.

Congratulating the committee, MLA Krishna Rao urged the members to

work together to address residents’ problems, improve civic amenities and promote development in the colony. He emphasised the importance of unity, coordination

and collective efforts in safeguarding residents’ interests and improving their quality of life. Former Corporator Mandadi Srinivasa Rao and local residents attended the gathering.



Strong Urban Policing Needed to Curb Crime: Telangana DGP C.V. Anand

lice officers to strengthen urban policing through continuous patrolling, effective surveillance, swift response and the use of modern technology to curb criminal activities. During a review meeting at the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate on Thursday, he assessed crime prevention, investigation, night patrolling, road accidents and cybercrime. Commissioner Sumathi and other senior po-

tification of traffic congestion zones and accident-prone locations, along with intensified drunk-driving checks. Special attention was directed towards controlling property offences in Keesara, LB Nagar, Uppal, Begumpet, Jawaharnagar, Medipally and Kushaiguda. He also stressed the need to improve crime detection and property recovery, increase surveillance in areas reporting serious offences,



lice officials attended the meeting.

Special Focus on Crime Prevention

Referring to the brutal murder of a five-year-old girl at Villa Orchids gated community in Kaikur, Bollaram, the DGP noted that the accused had been arrested. He stressed the need for continuous surveillance and encouraged gated communities to strengthen their CCTV coverage to prevent similar incidents. He also reviewed the Bollaram weapons theft case, stating that a strong investigation had led to the swift arrest of the accused. Anand directed officers to intensify surveillance against gangs involved in house burglaries, including the Nepalese gang reportedly linked to theft cases within the commissionerate limits. He called for stronger intelligence gathering, improved detection and effective measures to prevent property offences.

DGP Issues Key Instructions

The DGP instructed officers to organise cybercrime awareness programmes in colleges and gated communities. He called for the iden-

identify crime hotspots in slums and low-income settlements, and initiate preventive binding-over proceedings against repeat offenders wherever legally appropriate.

Effective Investigation of POCSO Cases

Emphasising the safety of women and children, Anand directed officers to ensure effective implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. He called for awareness programmes with the support of SHE Teams and special monitoring of POCSO cases registered at Jawaharnagar, Hayathnagar, Kushaiguda, Vanasthalipuram and Keesara police stations. Investigating officers were instructed to review cases thoroughly, use technical and forensic evidence, file charge sheets within the prescribed timelines and ensure that eligible compensation and necessary support reach victims.

Night Patrolling to Restrict Criminal Activity

The DGP asked officers to analyse police station-wise crime data and identify loca-



cation. Officers were instructed to expedite approvals for teams required to travel to other states to apprehend suspects. Special Operations Team (SOT) personnel were asked to coordinate closely with local police.

Measures to Prevent Road Accidents

Reviewing road accident fatalities, the DGP was informed that deaths had increased in Keesara, Cherlapally and Ghatkesar compared with the previous year. He noted the significant contribution of two-wheeler crashes to road fatalities and directed officers to identify accident-prone stretches and implement targeted safety measures. He also reviewed patrolling arrangements along the Vijayawada–Warangal route and around the Outer Ring Road. Officers were instructed to strengthen enforcement and take preventive action at identified accident hotspots.

Crime Statistics Under Review

Commissioner Sumathi presented crime statistics for the Malkajgiri Commissionerate. According to the figures presented at the meeting, 2,474 cases had been registered as of October 13, 2026. The data also showed that 18,778 cases were registered in 2024 and 18,480 in 2025, while the presentation cited a total of 23,747 cases for 2026 so far. These figures require clarification regarding the reporting period and categories, as the separate date-specific total does not reconcile with the annual figure. The data presented showed 2,196 theft cases in 2026, compared with 1,484 in 2024 and 1,662 in 2025. Fraud cases increased from 2,404 in 2024 to 2,636 in 2025 and 2,789 in 2026. Cases involving hurt rose from 1,311 in 2024 to 1,797 in 2026. “Road accident deaths were reported at 308 in 2024, 270 in 2025 and 340 in 2026 so far. Murder cases stood at 40 in 2024, 45 in 2025 and 41 in 2026, while kidnapping cases reached 365 in 2026. Anand directed officers to analyse these trends and intensify preventive measures, investigations and recovery of stolen property. He also noted that the commissionerate’s reorganisation had changed the jurisdiction of some police stations and affected staff allo-



Cybercrime, Drugs and Enforcement

Officials reported that the commissionerate was registering approximately 10 to 11 cybercrime and white-collar crime cases daily. Anand called for specialised training to improve investigators' capabilities in handling cyber offences and digital evidence. As part of drug-control efforts, he suggested utilising the Eagle Police Station at Saroornagar. He also called for recognising and rewarding officers whose effective investigations resulted in convictions. Task Force teams were instructed to maintain surveillance on rowdy-sheeters and anti-social elements and develop targeted action plans to prevent crime across different areas.

Commissioner Sumathi informed the DGP that the restructured Malkajgiri Commissionerate was due to receive 235 additional posts. DCPs, ACPs, inspectors and other police personnel attended the review meeting.

Southern States to Strengthen Police Coordination at Hyderabad Meet on October 23

◆ Cybercrime, Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime to Top Agenda

◆ Decisions to Feed into 61st All India DGP-IGP Conference in Tirupati

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post,
October 15: Preparations are underway for the Southern Regional Police Coordination Committee meeting scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on October 23, aimed at strengthening cooperation among southern states and Union Territories. Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand reviewed the arrangements with senior police officials and discussed key issues to be taken up at the meeting.

The meeting will focus on police administration, internal security, crime prevention and inter-state cooperation to address emerging security challenges. Police officials are expected to exchange views on the challenges faced by their respec-

tive jurisdictions and explore coordinated strategies to prevent and investigate crimes that cross state boundaries. Directors General of Police and senior officers representing five southern states and three Union Territories are expected to participate. Discussions will cover existing policing practices, law and order concerns, internal security issues and measures to improve cooperation among law enforcement agencies. Officials will examine ways to strengthen information-sharing mechanisms and ensure a coordinated response to criminal activities across jurisdictions.

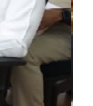
Cybercrime, drug trafficking, organised crime and law and order chal-

lenges are expected to feature prominently on the agenda. The meeting will examine ways to share intelligence about suspects

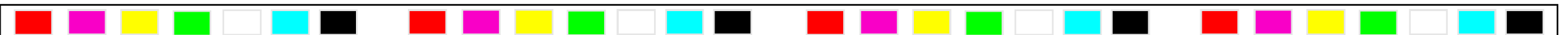


and criminal networks more quickly, improve coordination in investigations and make effective use of modern technology for crime prevention. Timely exchange of information is also expected to help authorities identify emerging criminal patterns and take preventive action before similar offences spread to other regions.

The decisions and recommendations emerging from the Hyderabad meeting are expected to be included in the agenda for the 61st All India Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police, scheduled to be held in Tirupati in December. This will provide an opportunity to bring regional security concerns to the national-level forum and discuss broader strategies to address challenges confronting police forces across the country.



DGP C.V. Anand emphasized the importance of regional meetings in developing and sharing professional best practices among police forces. He highlighted the need for faster responses, stronger coordination between departments and the adoption of modern policing methods as criminal activities become increasingly complex. The Telangana Police Department expects the October 23 meeting to strengthen cooperation among southern states and Union Territories through improved intelligence-sharing, joint action and coordinated crime-prevention strategies.



India and Greece Move to Strengthen Defence Partnership

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: India and Greece have taken steps to strengthen their defence partnership, focusing on military training, capability development, maritime security and defence industry co-operation. The second meeting of the Joint Working Group on Defence Cooperation was held on October 15,



2026, at the Hellenic Military Academy in Greece. The meeting was co-chaired by India’s Ambassador to Greece, Michalis Spinellis, and Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary in India’s Ministry of External Affairs. Representatives from both countries reviewed ongoing defence cooperation and discussed new initiatives for the future. Discussions covered ways to enhance military capabilities, expand training programmes and strengthen regional security cooperation. Both sides also exchanged views on information-sharing, sharing operational experiences and improving mutual understanding amid changing international security conditions.

India Signs Defence Deals Deals Worth Rs 4,106 Cr for Air Force and Navy



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: The Ministry of Defence signed two contracts worth Rs 4,106 crore on October 15, 2026, to strengthen the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. The agreements cover GSAT-7C satellite communication capabilities for the Air Force and Varunastra heavyweight torpedoes for the Navy.

Defence industry cooperation was another key area of focus. The two countries explored opportunities for joint ventures, co-production of defence equipment and collaborative technology development. Such partnerships are expected to create opportunities for industries in both countries and strengthen co-operation in defence manu-

facturing and technological innovation. Maritime security also featured prominently in the discussions. Both sides examined opportunities to address security challenges in maritime regions, improve cooperation and enhance capabilities through training and the exchange of expertise. India and Greece agreed to develop an industrial action plan to promote joint defence projects. The proposed framework will identify areas of mutual interest and guide cooperation in joint ventures, production and technology development. The meeting marked another step in efforts to broaden bilateral defence ties and establish practical avenues for long-term cooperation.

Nobody Can Browbeat Judiciary, Says CJI Surya Kant as Supreme Court Questions Rahul Gandhi

timidate the judiciary and indicated that Rahul Gandhi would have to explain his conduct. The remarks came during proceedings connected with petitions concerning the Election Commission’s Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and a separate challenge relating to the protest.

Rahul Gandhi and leaders of the INDIA bloc had marched towards the Supreme Court to protest against alleged irregularities in the voter-list revision

process. Opposition parties have demanded greater transparency, safeguards against the deletion of eligible voters and scrutiny of the Election Commission’s decisions. They have also called for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

During Thursday’s hearing, the Chief Justice expressed concern over the protest and the gathering around the court premises. The bench indicated that issuing notices on the petitions did not amount to ap-

proving the conduct of the political leaders. The court also issued notices to Rahul Gandhi and other opposition leaders in proceedings concerning the demonstration.

Separately, the Supreme Court sought responses from the Election Commission and the Chief Election Commissioner on petitions challenging aspects of the SIR process. The opposition’s concerns include alleged arbitrary voter deletions and questions about the transparency of electoral-roll revisions. The court’s consideration of these petitions provides a judicial route for

examining the claims under the law. The developments have renewed debate over the relationship between the right to protest, electoral transparency and the independence of the judiciary. While political parties can challenge election-related decisions through legal proceedings, concerns about demonstrations near court premises must also be considered in the context of judicial functioning and public order. The next proceedings are expected to clarify the court’s response to the petitions and the questions raised over the protest. The allegations concerning the electoral process remain subject to judicial consideration.

Conversion to Islam Alone Does Not Qualify for BC Muslim Reservation: Supreme Court

Apex Court Upholds Madras High Court Verdict on Tamil Nadu Government Order

Case Highlights Community Recognition and Eligibility Criteria for Reservation

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: The Supreme Court has upheld a Madras High Court judgment ruling that conversion from Hinduism to Islam alone does not automatically entitle a person to reservation benefits under Tamil Nadu’s Backward Class (Muslim) category. A bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Shree Chandrashekhar dismissed the Tamil Nadu government’s appeal against the High Court verdict. The ruling concerns eligibility under the state’s specific reservation framework and the need to establish membership in a recognised backward-class Muslim community. The dispute arose

from a Tamil Nadu government order dated March 9, 2024, which provided for



issuing Backward Class Muslim community certificates to eligible individuals from Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Scheduled Castes who converted to Islam. The state government argued

that conversion should not automatically deprive individuals of reservation benefits when their social and educational disadvantages continued. However, the Madras High Court struck down the order on June 25, 2026, holding that conversion alone could not establish membership in a specifically recognised backward-class Muslim community. The Supreme Court declined to interfere with that

decision, leaving the High Court ruling in force. The case originated with Sameer Ahamed, who converted to Islam in 2015 and subsequently sought a community certificate identifying him as a Muslim

Labbai to access reservation benefits. Authorities rejected his application, prompting him to approach the Madras High Court. The dispute later brought the legality of the state government’s broader policy under judicial scrutiny. Tamil Nadu recognises specified Muslim communities, including Ansar, Dekkani Muslims, Dudekula, Labbais, Rowthar, Marakayar, Mapilla, Sheik and Syed, within its Backward Class framework. The central issue was whether a person could be treated as belonging to one of these communities solely because of religious conversion. The ruling has renewed discussion about religious conversion, social identity and reservation eligibility. It is important to distinguish this specific judgment concerning Tamil Nadu’s Backward Class Muslim category from a blanket statement about every reservation category. Eligibility remains governed by the applicable constitutional provisions, laws and community-specific criteria.

6.28 Kg Foreign Gold Seized at Thiruvananthapuram Airport



Thiruvananthapuram, The Journalist Post, October 15: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials seized 6.28 kilograms of foreign-origin gold worth approximately Rs 9.18 crore at

the air cargo complex of Thiruvananthapuram airport. Acting on specific intelligence, officials inspected a suspicious consignment and discovered gold concealed inside ordinary hardware items. Preliminary findings suggest that warehouse personnel and intermediaries may have as-

sisted the smuggling operation. Investigators are examining the shipment’s origin, documents, sender and intended recipients. The seizure highlights concerns over cargo-based gold smuggling and the need for stronger surveillance at airport cargo facilities.

BJP Alleges Land Irregularities in Telangana, Demands Judicial Probe

provide relief to eligible landowners. He also called for a transparent mechanism to review objections and resolve disputes within a specified timeframe. Referring to allegations raised by BJP Legislative Party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy through a presentation on the Dharani and Bhu Bharati land-record systems, Ramchander Rao sought a comprehensive review of land records and prohibited property listings across Telangana. He said any alleged irregularities should be investigated through official records and an independent inquiry.

The BJP state president questioned why the Congress government had not made the Dharani forensic audit report

public. He also demanded details of action taken over allegations of illegal land acquisitions during the previous BRS government. He called for the identification of affected properties, verification of ownership records and legal action wherever wrongdoing is established.

Ramchander Rao stressed that while restrictions on government and disputed lands may be necessary under the law, genuine landowners should not face avoidable hardship. He demanded a judicial inquiry into alleged land irregularities, publication of the forensic audit report and a clear action plan to resolve pending complaints. He urged the government to ensure that farmers and lawful property owners receive justice.

Telangana Speaker Prasad Kumar Attends Housewarming Ceremonies in Vikarabad

Vikarabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker and Vikarabad MLA Gaddam Prasad Kumar attended housewarming ceremonies at Dargulpally village and Narsapur Pedda Thanda in Marpally mandal of Vikarabad district on Thursday. He conveyed his best wishes to the families and assured residents that he would work towards addressing their local issues and improving village infrastructure.

Prasad Kumar participated in the housewarming ceremony at the residence of Dargulpally village Deputy Sarpanch Akram and his wife, blessing the couple and extending his congratulations. Later, he attended the housewarming ceremony of Ravi and Meenakshi at Narsapur Pedda Thanda, where he interacted warmly with the couple and their family members. During his visit, the Speaker spoke with villagers and enquired about the problems they faced. He emphasised the importance of providing basic amenities in rural areas and said he would make efforts to address residents' concerns. He noted that regular interaction between public representatives and villagers helps identify local



needs and facilitate development works. At Narsapur Pedda Thanda, Prasad Kumar assured residents that he would work towards the construction of a village panchayat building. He said the facility would provide a dedicated space for local administrative activities and enable villagers to raise their concerns with the authorities more conveniently.

The Speaker also promised to work towards the construction of cement concrete (CC) roads and drainage channels, along with the provision of tap water and borewell facilities. He observed that improved roads would make transportation easier, while proper drainage would contribute to sanitation and a cleaner environment. Ensuring access to adequate drinking water would also remain an important priority, he said.

Prasad Kumar reiterated his commitment to rural development and the resolution of public grievances. He said he would bring local issues to the attention of the concerned officials and work towards finding appropriate solutions. He also stressed that public cooperation was essential for the successful implementation of village development initiatives. The visit combined participation in family celebrations with direct interaction with residents, providing an opportunity to understand local infrastructure needs and discuss possible measures to improve basic amenities in the villages.

Srinivas Goud Backs NHM Employees, Demands Job Security and Regularisation

Mahabubnagar, The Journalist Post, October 15: Former Telangana minister V. Srinivas Goud has urged the state government to resolve the grievances of National Health Mission (NHM) employees, demanding job security, regularisation of contractual and outsourced staff, and an end to salary reductions. He expressed his support for the employees during a protest organised by the NHM Employees Joint Action Committee near the TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Mahabubnagar on Thursday.

Srinivas Goud said the government should positively consider the demands of employees who have been delivering healthcare services for several years. Referring to the Congress party's election promise, he called for the regularisation of contractual and outsourced employees and assured the protesters of his full support in their struggle for their legitimate demands. According to Srinivas Goud, approximately 17,000 NHM employees across Telangana play a crucial role in the state's public healthcare system. Doctors, paramedical personnel, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), staff nurses and support staff work around the clock to provide medical services to people in both rural and urban areas. He highlighted their contribution to maternal healthcare, reducing infant mortality and expanding access to essential medical services. He said the government should recognise the efforts of healthcare workers who continue to serve communities and strengthen public health delivery.

Recalling the services rendered by medical personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic, the former minister said healthcare workers risked



their lives to treat patients, contain the spread of infection and create public awareness. He argued that employees who served during such difficult circumstances deserved recognition and employment security. Expressing concern over the reported removal of long-serving personnel, Srinivas Goud urged the government to give special consideration to employees who had worked for nearly two decades. He said their experience and contribution to the healthcare system should be taken into account while deciding their future. He also opposed salary reductions, stating that governments should prioritise employee welfare and consider improving wages rather than cutting the earnings of existing staff. Such reductions could place additional financial pressure on employees and their families, he cautioned.

The former minister referred to salary revision benefits and pay increases provided to contractual employees during the previous BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He urged the present government to honour its commitments and take concrete steps to improve the working conditions of NHM personnel. Srinivas Goud called on the state government to address salary-related grievances, ensure continuity of employment for long-serving staff and take a clear decision on the regularisation of contractual workers. He said resolving these issues would help improve employee morale and support the uninterrupted delivery of public healthcare services. He urged the government to take the employees' protest seriously and initiate discussions to find a fair and lasting solution to their demands.

Godavari Pushkaralu 2027 Works to Be Accelerated

Minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar Sets Completion Deadline

Jagtial, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar has directed officials to speed up preparations for the Godavari Maha Pushkaralu 2027 and complete all development works within the stipulated deadline. He stressed that essential infrastructure must be ready in advance to ensure a safe and convenient experience for pilgrims.

The minister reviewed the arrangements with District Collector B. Satyaprasad, police official Ashok Kumar and Additional Collector Prasoonamba. The meeting discussed the progress of departmental works, land acquisition, ghat development, sanitation and traffic management. The minister instructed all departments to coordinate closely to avoid delays and manage the expected rush of devotees. Officials were directed to complete the works between November 1 and May 31, 2027. Monthly targets must be fixed and reviewed regularly, while field-level monitoring should be strengthened. The minister also instructed officials to begin issuing pending land acquisition notifications from Monday and take prompt action to prevent land-related delays. The Dharmapuri Pushkar Ghat will be developed over a stretch of 270 metres. The minister emphasised improving access routes, providing necessary facilities for ritual bathing and maintaining cleanli-



ness around the ghats. He directed officials to implement permanent measures to prevent sewage from entering the Godavari River and ensure effective drainage and sanitation arrangements. Traffic management was another key focus of the review. Officials were asked to prepare plans for vehicle parking, alternative routes, emergency services and crowd movement. Police, transport and revenue departments must work together to prevent congestion. Signboards and adequate personnel should also be arranged to guide and assist pilgrims. District Collector B. Satyaprasad informed the meeting that development works worth ₹226.41 crore were being undertaken for the Pushkaralu. With an estimated 2.40 crore devotees expected to attend, authorities are planning infrastructure improvements, ghat facilities, roads, sewage management and transport arrangements. The minister directed departments to address obstacles promptly and complete all works within the deadline.

Telangana Plans Special Action to Tackle Drought Conditions

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Minister Seethakka has directed officials to take advance measures to tackle possible drought conditions linked to El Niño and strengthen livelihood support for tribal families in remote areas. Speaking at a state-level drought prevention conference in Begumpet, Hyderabad, she stressed the need for coordinated action by government departments to minimise the impact of deficient rainfall on rural communities.

The minister instructed officials to ensure 125 days of employment under the rural employment guarantee scheme for every eligible tribal household in agency areas. She said declining agricultural activity during drought conditions could affect daily-wage workers and force families to migrate in search of work. Officials were asked to identify local employment opportunities and start necessary works without delay.



Seethakka also proposed measures to provide Rs7,500 per month for five months through employment guarantee job cards to support affected families. She emphasised the importance of preparing village-level work plans, monitoring implementation and ensuring eligible households receive assistance. The payment proposal and its implementation will depend on the applicable official guidelines.

Highlighting the potential impact of El Niño on rainfall, agriculture and drinking water supplies, Seethakka urged departments to prepare drought-response plans in advance rather than wait for conditions to worsen. She said government welfare programmes must reach tribal communities, disadvantaged groups and people living in remote villages. The minister reiterated that development would be meaningful only when its benefits reached the most isolated households.

HYDRA Plans Kukatpally Nala Expansion to Prevent Flooding

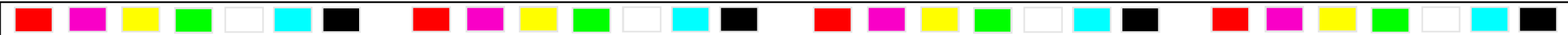
Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA) has initiated measures to address recurring flooding in Fathenagar and Balanagar industrial and residential areas by expanding the Kukatpally nala, removing encroachments and accelerating desilting works.

HYDRA Commissioner AV Ranganath reviewed the issue with officials from concerned departments and directed them to prepare a comprehensive plan to ensure the smooth flow of rainwater. Officials reported



that the nala, which should be approximately 40 metres wide in parts of Fathenagar, has narrowed to just nine metres due to encroachments. The nala stretches around 4.2 kilometres through the industrial area. Floodwater from Pariki Cheruvu and IDL Cheruvu flows through it, while another channel from Fox Sagar joins near Gautham Nagar before the water eventually reaches Hussain Sagar.

Ranganath instructed officials to identify the original nala boundaries, remove obstructions and prioritise vulnerable locations. Industrial representatives said even brief rainfall causes serious disruption and assured cooperation with the expansion works. HYDRA aims to reduce flooding risks while minimising damage to residents' homes and industrial properties.



KTR Writes to Revanth Reddy Alleges Rs3,000 Crore Irregularities in Foreign Coal Imports

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR)

has written an open letter to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging possible irregularities worth Rs3,000 crore in foreign coal imports. He demanded an independent investigation and disclosure of agreements involving Bhotra Logistics.

KTR alleged that the government had entered into an agreement with the company before citing coal shortages and a possible power crisis. He questioned the basis for selecting Bhotra Logistics and demanded that the government and Singareni Collieries Company Limited publish the relevant contracts, procurement prices and supply conditions. According to KTR, imported coal could impose an additional cost of Rs1,500 per tonne, potentially leading to irregularities worth Rs3,000

crore. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka of involvement in the decisions, but the allegations have not been independently verified. The BRS leader also questioned claims that Singareni lacked sufficient G-9 grade coal to supply the Yadadri Thermal Power Station. He sought details of domestic coal availability and asked why imports were necessary without fully assessing local resources.

KTR further alleged that the state government owed Singareni approximately Rs60,000 crore in outstanding dues. He urged the government to clear the payments and protect the public sector company's financial position. He also criticised Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, demanding action from the Centre to safeguard Singareni's interests. KTR called for a transparent investigation into the procurement process. Responses from the governments and the company concerned were not included in his statement.



Bhatti Vikramarka Invites Global Investors to Invest in Telangana

economic development. He assured investors that the government would extend full support by facilitating industrial approvals, land allocation, electricity supply and water infrastructure. Addressing the Federation of Trade and Commerce Global Business Summit-2026 at HITECH in Hyderabad, Bhatti said the state government was committed to creating an investor-friendly environment and strengthening infrastructure to promote industrial growth. He emphasised that entrepreneurs who generate

of its law-and-order environment, road connectivity, infrastructure and availability of skilled human resources. The city's educational institutions produce trained professionals across several sectors, providing industries with access to a capable workforce. Telangana's geographical location also offers advantages for transportation, logistics and commercial activities, he added.

Announcing that he would serve as a patron of the Federation of Trade and Commerce, Bhatti said he would work to support entrepreneurs contributing to the state's economic progress. He highlighted the need for coordination between investors and government departments to identify business-related challenges and resolve them efficiently. He further stressed that industrial development should extend beyond attracting capital. New investments should generate employment for local youth, improve their skills and create opportunities for ancillary industries and small businesses. Strong cooperation between the government and the industrial sector would help expand economic activity and strengthen Telangana's development, he said. Calling on the global business community to explore the state's industrial opportunities, Bhatti said the government aimed to improve the investment climate through supportive policies, infrastructure development and access to skilled talent. Increased investments, he noted, could create new jobs, expand manufacturing and boost state revenues. The Deputy Chief Minister urged entrepreneurs to make use of the facilities and support offered by the government, establish new industries and actively participate in Telangana's economic growth.



wealth, create employment and contribute to the state's economy would receive the government's support.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana was implementing a single-window clearance system to simplify the process of obtaining permissions for establishing industries. Through industrial parks, the government would facilitate access to suitable land and essential infrastructure, including power and water supply. He stressed the importance of reducing procedural delays and enabling entrepreneurs to focus on establishing and expanding their businesses.

Bhatti said Hyderabad had emerged as an attractive destination for investments because

Revanth Reddy Challenges BRS to Open Debate on Water and Power Issues

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has challenged the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to an open debate on water allocation, irrigation projects, electricity generation costs and foreign coal imports. Responding to opposition allegations that the Congress government was responsible for the state's water shortage, he argued that El Niño-related weather conditions were affecting several regions and said the government was prepared to answer criticism with documentary evidence.

Revanth Reddy questioned the BRS leadership over the allocation of Krishna river water, asking who had agreed in 2015 to allocations of 299 TMC for Telangana and 515 TMC for Andhra Pradesh. He also questioned why projects such as Palamuru-Rangareddy, Bhima, Nettampadu, Koilsagar, SLBC, Dindi and Sitarama Sagar had not been completed during the previous government's tenure. He alleged that despite spending Rs1.80 lakh crore on irrigation projects, the previous administration had left outstanding bills of ₹40,000 crore. The Chief Minister also referred to allegations concerning a canal from Kondapochamma Sagar to Panchapandavula Cheruvu, claiming it supplied water to around 400 acres at former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse. He challenged the opposition to agree to a fact-finding committee to examine the matter. These claims require

verification through official records.

On the power sector, Revanth Reddy questioned the cost escalation of the 4,000 MW Yadadri Thermal Power Station. He said the initial agreement was worth Rs17,950 crore, while the estimated cost later increased to Rs37,781 crore. He also raised concerns over the 1,040 MW Bhadrachalam power project and the potential long-term financial burden of electricity generation. Regarding foreign coal imports, the Chief Minister said an agreement dated December 9, 2016, covered the supply of seven million tonnes of imported coal out of the 14 million tonnes required for Yadadri. He questioned why imported coal was planned when domestic resources were available and said the present government was trying to use domestic coal, including supplies from the Naini coal mine.

Responding to KTR's allegations about possible irregularities in coal imports, Revanth Reddy declared that he was ready for an investigation and even a public inquiry. He reiterated that the government was prepared to debate irrigation, power costs, coal contracts and river-water rights in the Assembly. The allegations concerning procurement and project expenditure remain subject to examination of official documents and an independent investigation.



KTR Extends BRS Support to Telangana NHM Employees

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15:

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has extended his party's full support to the ongoing struggle of employees working under the National Health Mission (NHM) in Telangana, describing their demands as justified. He assured employee union representatives that the party would study their problems comprehensively and examine possible measures to support the resolution of their demands.

KTR held a meeting with NHM employee union representatives at his residence in Hyderabad. The delegation was led by former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar and submitted a representation outlining the employees' grievances and demands. The representatives also briefed him on the programmes and protests organised across the state to draw the government's attention to their concerns. The delegation included NHM Employees' Joint Action Committee president

Dr. Mahender Rao, spokesperson Dr. Boda Srinivas, Hanumakonda district representative Vinay Kumar and Medchal-Malkajgiri district committee representative Kumar, among others. They urged the government to respond positively to their demands and take concrete steps to resolve their issues. The representatives highlighted the important role played by NHM employees in delivering healthcare services to people across Telangana. They contribute to implementing public health programmes, extending medical services and supporting healthcare activities at different levels. They said resolving their concerns would help improve employment stability and support the effective delivery of public health services. After hearing their grievances, KTR assured the delegation that the BRS would study the demands and discuss possible ways forward. He reiterated that the party would stand firmly with the employees in their struggle. The next steps will depend on the party's review and the state government's response to the employees' demands.



Grand Navaratri Celebrations at Sri Lakshmi Vijaya Ganapathi Temple

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post, October 15:

Devi Navaratri celebrations were held with devotion at Sri Lakshmi Vijaya Ganapathi Temple in Navajeevan Nagar, Kukatpally. TPCC Vice President and Kukatpally Congress In-charge Bandi Ramesh attended as chief guest following an invitation from temple representative Rammohan Rao. He offered special prayers for peace and prosperity and distributed Indiramma sarees to local women, highlighting women's welfare initiatives. He extended Navaratri greetings and wished residents happiness and good health. Kondakindi Pushpa Reddy, Thumu



Santhosh, Madhu Mohan, Jilla Shiva Kumar, Sappidi Bhaskar and Ramana, along with devotees, participated.

HMWSSB Seizes 12 Illegal Water Motors in Kukatpally

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) vigilance officials seized 12 illegal water motors during inspections in Vivekananda Nagar Colony, Gayathri Nagar Ward, Division 22, Kukatpally Zone, on Thursday. The inspection drive was conducted from 8 a.m. to



10 a.m. with the concerned manager to prevent unauthorised extraction of drinking water. Officials warned that motors directly connected to pipelines reduce water pressure and disrupt supply to other households. They urged residents to use water responsibly and follow regulations. The HMWSSB said inspections would continue across Hyderabad and warned that violators would face action under applicable rules.



Police Assault on Journalists Undermines Democracy : KAVITHA

Rajanna Sircilla district, describing the incident as an attack on democracy and press freedom. She demanded strict legal action against Sub-Inspector Srikanth and other police personnel allegedly involved in the incident.

In a post on the social media platform X on Thursday, Kavitha identified the journalists as Pothuri Shekhar and Sampath. She alleged that they were subjected to severe physical torture inside the police station and claimed that cloth was stuffed into their mouths during the alleged assault. She called the reported treatment inhumane and demanded accountability from the officials concerned.

Questioning the circumstances surrounding the incident, Kavitha asked whether journalists who report on alleged land irregularities, local disputes and settlements involving police personnel should be sub-



jected to false cases and physical violence. She said the alleged incident raised serious concerns about the safety of journalists performing their professional duties and the protection of their rights. Kavitha also referred to the reported refusal of judicial remand for the journalists, arguing that the development highlighted the need for a thorough examination

of the circumstances and the allegations against the police. The claims require an impartial investigation to establish the facts and determine responsibility. Describing the media as the fourth pillar of democracy, Kavitha said attacks on journalists were unacceptable in a democratic society. She maintained that journalists must be able to report on matters of public in-

terest without fear of intimidation, harassment or retaliation. She urged Director General of Police C.V. Anand to intervene immediately and ensure that the allegations were investigated fairly. Kavitha specifically demanded that cases be registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against the sub-inspector and other police personnel found responsible. She also called for stringent action under the applicable law, cautioning that merely taking nominal disciplinary measures would not adequately address the seriousness of the allegations.

The incident has raised concerns about police accountability, the protection of Dalit journalists and the need for transparent investigations into allegations of custodial violence. An impartial inquiry and appropriate legal action, based on the evidence, are essential to establish the facts and uphold public confidence in law enforcement.

Warangal Super-Speciality Hospital to Begin OP Services on October 20

Warangal, The Journalist Post, October 15: Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has announced that outpatient (OP) services at the 24-storey multi-speciality hospital being constructed on the premises of the former Central Jail in Warangal are scheduled to begin on October 20. The state government aims to provide free, corporate-level medical services to the public and strengthen access to advanced healthcare across northern Telangana.

Minister Ponguleti, along with Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, MPs Vem Narendra Reddy and Balam Naik, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, MLAs Nayini Rajender Reddy and K.L. Nagaraju, and other public representatives and officials, inspected the hospital construction site and reviewed the progress of the works. Senior officials from the medical and health, roads and buildings departments, along with district authorities, participated in the review. During the inspection, Ponguleti examined the arrangements for various medical departments, patient facilities and essential infrastructure. He said construction had reached its final stage, with only a few minor works remaining. Offi-

cials were instructed to complete all pending tasks and ensure that patients would not

complete earlier but was taken up as a priority by the present government, which allocated

tions for specialised treatment. The availability of multiple medical departments un-



face difficulties when services begin. The minister also announced that he would inspect the site again on October 17 to review the progress.

The government has planned to introduce OP ser-

vice funds and accelerated the construction process. He stated that the government was focusing on strengthening public healthcare infrastructure, improving the availability of medical equipment and ensur-



vices on October 20 as the first phase of hospital operations. The remaining departments and facilities are expected to become operational in stages, depending on the readiness of medical equipment, staffing and other infrastructure. The government is targeting December to bring the hospital into full-scale operation.

Ponguleti said the hospital project had remained in-

ing adequate medical staff. He also criticised the previous government over its handling of the healthcare sector.

According to the minister, the hospital is expected to receive approximately 5,000 patients daily once it becomes fully operational. It will serve people from Warangal, neighbouring districts and rural areas who currently may need to travel to distant loca-

der one roof is expected to make consultations, diagnostic tests and further treatment more accessible.

Officials stressed that the successful operation of the hospital would depend on coordinated arrangements for medical equipment, healthcare personnel, patient management and supporting services. The minister directed all concerned departments to work together to ensure that facilities were ready before patients began arriving.

Ponguleti reiterated that the government's objective was to make quality healthcare more accessible and reduce the financial burden of medical treatment on families. He expressed confidence that the hospital, once fully operational, would become an important centre for advanced healthcare in northern Telangana and benefit residents of the erstwhile Warangal district and surrounding regions.

JNTUH Launches SMR Technology Initiative with Rs10 Lakh Alumni Contribution

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post, October 15: Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) has launched an initiative to strengthen technical expertise and research capabilities in Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology, supporting India's clean energy transition. The initiative received an initial contribution of Rs10 lakh from alumnus Ravi Anumolu for knowledge-building programmes and curriculum development.

The university's Directorate of Alumni Affairs (DALA), in collaboration with the University College of Engineering Hyderabad (UCEH), organised an awareness session titled "Small Modular Reactors (SMR) – Technology, Opportu-

eration reactors over existing second- and third-generation nuclear plants, emphasising their potential role in India's long-term energy security. The initiative emerged from discussions at the Diamond Jubilee Global Alumni Meet, where alumnus Sridhar Chundi, Mission Director of Quantum Valley, Amaravati, highlighted emerging nuclear research opportunities under the proposed SHANTI Bill. Subsequently, Ravi Anumolu contributed Rs10 lakh to support the university's SMR knowledge-building efforts. JNTUH Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. Kishen Kumar Reddy facilitated an advisory collaboration with Dr. Ganguly. A core steering committee comprising faculty members, industry experts and alumni was



nities and Road Ahead." Padma Shri awardee, nuclear scientist and former Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) Chairman and Chief Executive Dr. Chaitanyamoy Ganguly delivered the keynote address.

Dr. Ganguly explained key nuclear energy concepts and highlighted the potential advantages of SMRs, including enhanced safety, modular construction and flexibility in site selection. He discussed typical nuclear fuel cycles and outlined the technical advantages of fourth-gen-

formed to prepare a long-term roadmap for developing expertise in the field.

Addressing the gathering, DALA Director Prof. Bhramara stressed that building specialised nuclear engineering capabilities would require phased partnerships, faculty training and dedicated financial support. More than 170 participants attended the programme. University officials present included Rector Dr. A. Damodaram, Registrar Dr. A. Jaya Laxmi, UCEH Principal Dr. G. V. Narasimha Reddy and NFC Deputy CEO G. S. Hemanth Rao.

CBIT Students Visit IMD R&D Facilities in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 15: The IEEE Signal Processing Society (IEEE-SPS) of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology

climate research and environmental monitoring.

The programme also introduced students to IMD's research initiatives aimed at improving meteorological observation systems, enhancing forecasting accuracy and

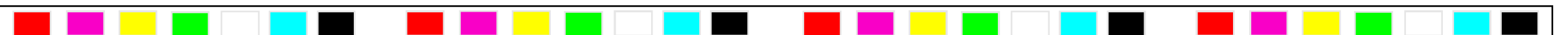


(CBIT), Hyderabad, organised an industrial visit to the Research and Development facilities of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Begumpet on October 14, 2026, for V Semester ECE-1 students.

The visit offered students practical exposure to meteorological instruments, radar- and satellite-based weather monitoring, data acquisition and digital signal processing techniques used in weather observation and forecasting. Students learned how electronics, communication systems and signal processing contribute to weather prediction,

adopting advanced technologies in atmospheric sciences. The visit helped bridge classroom learning with practical applications and highlighted the importance of research and innovation in meteorological services.

The programme was supported by CBIT Principal Dr. C. V. Narashimulu, Dr. Umakanta Choudhury, Professor and Director of Incubation and Innovation, and ECE Department Head Dr. K. Vasanth. Dr. B. Neeraja coordinated the visit with faculty coordinators Dr. T. Aravind Babu and Dr. D. Nagadevi.



Jailer 2 Review: Thalaivar Delivers a Mass Action Extravaganza

more than Rs650 crore. Its sequel, Jailer 2, arrived in theatres amid considerable expectations. Directed by Nelson, the film brings back Rajinikanth as retired jailer Muthuvel Pandian. The sequel combines action, suspense, humour and emotional moments, with the superstar's screen presence remaining its biggest attraction. However, while the film offers several entertaining sequences, it falls slightly short of the first instalment in terms of family emotions.

Story:

The first film concluded with Muthuvel Pandian eliminating his son's killer and the antagonist, Varman. The sequel begins when the dangerous Kalpak family enters the picture, seeking revenge for the death of their associate. Meanwhile, the retired jailer leads a peaceful life with his family while working as a supervisor at a supermarket. His past soon catches up with him, and he realises that his family is in danger. Muthuvel then uses his experience and strategic thinking to trap his enemies and confront the Kalpak family. The remainder of the story follows his efforts to overcome the threats and protect his loved ones.

Analysis: Rajinikanth's Style Meets Nelson's Screenplay

Director Nelson expands the conflict by introducing a formidable family of antagonists, with S.J. Suryah playing a prominent role. Unlike the first film, in which Muthuvel Pandian appeared almost invincible against his opponents, the sequel gives the villains a stronger presence. The strategic confrontations and twists help maintain suspense and move the narrative forward. Nelson makes effective use of Rajinikanth's distinctive style, screen presence and acting abilities without relying excessively on physically demanding sequences. The superstar's combination of serious expressions, humour and stylish action continues to entertain audiences. Cameo appearances by prominent actors, including Mohanlal, Shivarajkumar and Hrithik Roshan, add excitement for fans. However, Jackie Shroff's character does not make the expected impact.

The film moves between action sequences and emotional situations.

Rajinikanth's performance stands out, particularly in scenes involving revelations about his son that affect the family. The sequences leading up to the climax and the final confrontation provide several entertaining moments. Nelson's scene construction and pacing remain important strengths, although certain portions recall the original film.

Performances and Technical Aspects

Rajinikanth once again makes Muthuvel



Pandian memorable through his commanding screen presence, controlled humour and trademark action style. S.J. Suryah impresses with his performance as the antagonist, while Vidya

Balan and Mithun Chakraborty contribute effectively in their respective roles. The appearances of other well-known actors further enhance the film's appeal.

Anirudh Ravichander's background score is one of the film's major strengths, adding energy to action sequences and elevating key moments. The songs are engaging, while the cinematography and editing support the overall presentation. Nelson demonstrates particular care in staging Rajinikanth's appearances, ensuring that the superstar remains the centre of attention. Despite these positives, the sequel does not match the first film's emotional depth. Family sentiments receive comparatively less attention, and a few scenes feel familiar. Stronger emotional development could have made the overall impact more satisfying.

Verdict

Jailer 2 offers Rajinikanth fans a combination of stylish action, suspense, humour, memorable performances and energetic music. Although it falls short of its predecessor in emotional depth and occasionally repeats familiar elements, the star cast and action-driven screenplay keep it entertaining for mass audiences.

Strengths: Rajinikanth's performance, star cast, screenplay and Anirudh's background score.

Weaknesses: Repetitive scenes and comparatively weaker emotional content.

Rating: 3/5

India Will Respond Firmly to Terror Attacks: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 15: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has reiterated India's firm approach towards terrorism, stating that attacks on the country

will invite an appropriate and decisive response. Speaking at a defence sector conference in New Delhi on October 15, 2026, he highlighted a shift in India's counterterrorism strategy, moving beyond diplomatic protests and condemnations towards decisive action when required. Singh cited Operation Sindoor, the Balakot airstrikes and surgical strikes as examples of India's approach to countering terrorism. He said these operations demonstrated the government's commitment to national security and its determination to protect the country's sovereignty and citizens from terrorist threats.

The Defence Minister warned that



India would respond more strongly to any terrorist attack originating from Pakistan. He stressed that attempts to undermine India's security through terrorism would have serious consequences,

adding that confronting terrorist networks and those supporting them remained an important part of the country's security policy. Singh also emphasised that India remained committed to peace and regional stability. However, he cautioned against interpreting the country's peaceful approach as a sign of weakness. He said India would continue to pursue peaceful relations with its neighbours while retaining the right to take necessary measures to protect its national interests and citizens. His remarks underlined the government's stated position that peace and national security must go hand in hand, with a firm response to threats forming a key element of India's counterterrorism policy.

Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna Offer Prayers at Puttaparthi

Puttaparthi, The Journalist Post, October 15: Tollywood actors Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna visited Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi, Sri Sathya Sai district, and participated in special prayers amid interest surrounding their film Ranabali. The couple visited Sai Kulwant Hall and offered prayers as part of the annual Veda Purusha Saptaha Jnana Yagna being conducted at the spiritual centre. Their visit during the Dasara Navaratri period attracted attention from devotees and fans. Vijay Deverakonda's association with Sri Sathya Sai educational institutions added significance to



the visit. Photographs and videos of the actors participating in the prayers circulated widely on social media, prompting fans to share greetings and messages for the couple. Their spiritual visit became a talking point among film followers.

India's Bowling Must Improve to Win World Cup Warns Mohammad Kaif

Mumbai, The Journalist Post, October 15: Former cricketer Mohammad Kaif criticised India's bowling after West Indies scored 247/3 in the fourth T20I and won by 24 runs. He warned that India's World Cup hopes could suffer unless bowlers improve



their line, length and execution. Kaif recalled India's successful 2024 campaign.

Bathukamma Symbolises Worship of Nature: Rangareddy In-charge Collector Kiranmayi

Rangareddy, The Journalist Post, October 15: Bathukamma, a festival symbolising Telangana's culture and traditions, is a celebration of nature that brings humanity closer to the natural world, said In-charge Collector Dr. Kiranmayi, IAS. She participated in Bathukamma celebrations organised on Thursday at the Integrated District Offices



Complex (IDOC) by the Women and Child Welfare, Medical and Health, MEPMA, Adult Education and other departments. She performed special prayers, formally inaugurated the celebrations and joined women employees in playing Bathukamma. Speaking on the occasion,

Kiranmayi highlighted the festival's unique tradition of arranging colourful floral stacks using different flowers found in nature and

worshipping them. She said Bathukamma holds special significance for women and reflects the rich cultural heritage of Telangana.

The Collector noted that the festival has gained recognition not only across India but also internationally, showcasing Telangana's cultural pride. She said women come together for nine days to celebrate Bathukamma with enthusiasm and joy. She urged people to celebrate festivals in accordance with tradition, respect nature and pass the state's cultural values and customs on to future generations. Women and Child Welfare Officer Shanti Sri, Adult Education Officer Anita, and women officials, Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), employees and staff from the Medi-

cal and Health, MEPMA, Revenue and other departments attended the programme.

