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Telangana Government Steps Up Preparedness to Ensure Uninterrupted Drinking Water Supply

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The Telangana government has stepped up preparations to ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply to Hyderabad and other major urban areas amid concerns that El Niño-related weather changes could increase pressure on water availability. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to prepare comprehensive contingency plans to prevent disruptions and ensure that residents do not face drinking water shortages in the coming months.



CS Sanjay Jaju reviews preparedness amid possible El Niño

Acting on the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Jaju chaired a review meeting with officials from various departments at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana

State Secretariat. The meeting reviewed drinking water requirements, available resources and potential challenges in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corpora-

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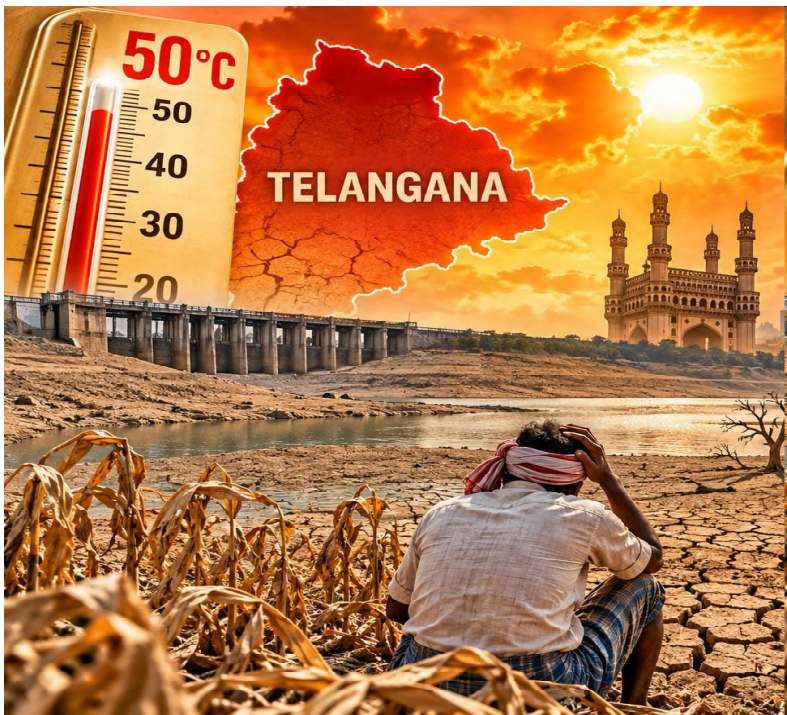
After 10 Days of Kidney Stone Treatment



Secunderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The death of 26-

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El Niño Threat Raises Drought Concerns in Telangana



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Concerns over the possible impact of El Niño and changing rainfall patterns have prompted renewed attention to water management and drought preparedness in Telangana. Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao

has reportedly warned of the possibility of prolonged drought conditions over the coming months. Concerns have also been raised about temperatures potentially reaching 50 degrees Celsius in some areas under extreme conditions, although such projections require confirmation from official meteorological forecasts. Experts caution that El Niño does not automatically result in severe drought, as its effects depend on regional weather patterns, rainfall and other climatic factors.

The availability of water in reservoirs, groundwater levels and the requirements of agriculture and drinking water supplies have emerged as key concerns. Reports indicating that groundwater levels are declining rapidly in certain areas have raised fears among farmers

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Singareni Workers to Receive Rs596Cr Dasara Bonus

— DYCM Bhatti Vikramarka



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The Telangana government has announced a major festive benefit

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India and Cyprus Discuss Strengthening Defence Cooperation



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 13: India and Cyprus have discussed

ways to expand their defence cooperation, with a focus on strengthening defence industry partnerships and enhancing collaboration in maritime security. Indian Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Cyprus Defence Minister Vasilis Palmas to review existing cooperation and explore opportunities for deeper engagement between the two countries. During the meeting, both sides discussed the progress of their defence relationship and exam-

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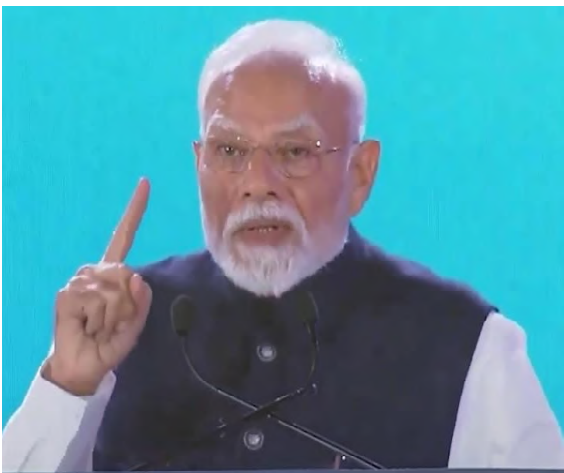


Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has demanded that the state government implement the 75 per cent reservation for Scheduled Tribes (STs) in constable recruitment in agency areas. She alleged that the latest notification issued by the Telangana Police Recruitment Board had ignored the reservation provision, potentially depriving around 400 eligible tribal youth of employment opportunities.

In a post on X on Tuesday, Kavitha accused the Congress government of doing injustice to ST candidates by excluding the reservation provision from the latest recruitment notification. She cited GO 109 issued in 1988 during the undi-

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Digital Connectivity Expands Opportunities, Empowers People: PM Modi



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the role of digital connectivity in creating new op-

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Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Actress Sobhita Dhulipala has once again attracted attention on social

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Many Laws, But Is Justice Accessible to Everyone?

The Journalist Post, October 13: Justice is the foundation of democracy, and every citizen deserves equal protection under the law. Although numerous

ing infrastructure, using technology and strengthening case management can help reduce delays without compromising fair trials. Mediation and Lok Adalats can also provide suitable



laws safeguard women, children, workers, farmers, senior citizens and disadvantaged communities, injustice, discrimination, fraud and harassment continue to affect society. The existence of laws alone does not guarantee justice; effective implementation and public awareness are equally important.

Many people, particularly in rural areas and economically weaker communities, lack knowledge of their legal rights and the procedures for filing complaints. Uncertainty about approaching police stations, government offices or courts often prevents victims from seeking help. Legal awareness programmes in schools, villages and towns can help citizens understand their rights and available remedies.

Delays in court proceedings create additional hardships. Travel expenses, legal fees and lost working days place a heavy burden on ordinary families. Filling judicial vacancies, improv-

alternatives for resolving certain disputes.

Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from accessing justice. Legal services authorities must improve awareness of free legal aid and make assistance easier to access for eligible citizens. Women, children, senior citizens and vulnerable communities also need appropriate protection, privacy and sensitive treatment. At the same time, justice requires fairness for everyone, including those accused of offences. Decisions must be based on evidence and lawful procedures rather than public pressure or unverified social media claims.

Ultimately, the success of a legal system depends not on the number of laws enacted, but on how effectively they protect people. Public awareness, transparent institutions, accountable authorities and timely remedies are essential to ensure that justice becomes a reality for every citizen.

Telangana Government Steps Up Preparedness to Ensure Uninterrupted Drinking Water Supply

tion (GHMC) limits, other major municipal areas and the Core Urban Region. He stressed the need for advance planning to address possible situations arising from reduced rainfall or rising temperatures. Officials discussed the growing demand for drinking water due to population growth, household consumption and expanding commercial activities. Jaju directed departments to assess water storage levels, supply networks, distribution systems, maintenance requirements and alternative arrangements in advance. He also called for better coordination among departments to identify and resolve supply-related problems promptly and assign clear responsibilities for emergency situations.

The Chief Secretary instructed officials to launch extensive public awareness campaigns on water conservation. Residents should be encour-



aged to use drinking water responsibly, avoid wastage and report pipeline leaks for immediate repairs. Homes, commercial establishments, industries and construction activities must also adopt responsible water-use practices.

Jaju emphasised the importance of reusing treated wastewater for non-drinking purposes to reduce pressure on freshwater resources. Treated water from sewage treatment plants should be utilised for gardening, watering plants and other suitable applications. He directed the concerned departments to maintain prescribed quality standards and ensure that re-use practices do not pose risks to public health. To maintain a

continuous supply across the Core Urban Region, officials were asked to identify vulnerable areas and prepare alternative arrangements that could be implemented immediately if regular supplies were disrupted. Areas with high water demand or potential distribution problems should receive special attention. Departments must remain prepared to arrange additional supplies, undertake urgent repairs and implement other emergency measures wherever necessary.

The Chief Secretary also stressed the need to mobilise funds in advance to ensure that financial constraints do not delay the implementation of contingency measures. He observed that anticipating prob-

lems and preparing action plans beforehand would help the government respond more effectively to potential water shortages than relying solely on measures taken after disruptions occur. Officials also discussed the need to continuously monitor meteorological forecasts, rainfall patterns, reservoir storage levels and drinking water requirements to assess the possible impact of El Niño on Telangana. Jaju directed the concerned departments to formulate a comprehensive preparedness plan and closely monitor its implementation. The government aims to safeguard drinking water supplies through advance planning, interdepartmental coordination, adequate funding, water conservation and the increased use of alternative water sources. Officials noted that water availability would depend not only on El Niño but also on rainfall, reservoir levels, consumption patterns and the efficient management of supply systems.

El Niño Threat Raises Drought Concerns in Telangana

and rural communities dependent on borewells. Some claims suggest that water levels are falling by nearly three feet a day in particular locations, but these figures require verification through official groundwater monitoring data. If the decline continues, villages dependent on groundwater could face shortages, necessitating alternative drinking water arrangements.

Water storage in the state's reservoirs has also become a matter of concern, with estimates suggesting that levels are around half of normal storage in some assessments. If rainfall remains below expectations, meeting drinking water requirements and supplying irrigation water could become increasingly challenging. Officials need to assess available stocks, estimate future demand and establish clear priorities for water allocation to minimise the risk of shortages.

Agriculture Faces Potential Challenges

The agricultural sector could face significant difficulties if drought conditions develop and irrigation supplies decline. Reduced water availability may affect the area under cultivation, crop yields and farmers' incomes, particularly in rain-dependent regions. Farmers may need to consider rainfall forecasts, soil conditions and available water before selecting crops and deciding sowing schedules. Agriculture officials should educate farmers about alternative crops, water-saving techniques and efficient irrigation practices. Drip and sprinkler irrigation can help reduce water consumption, while crop planning based on available resources may limit potential financial losses. The government also needs to prepare contingency measures to support farmers if drought conditions significantly affect agricultural production.

Government Plans Measures to Protect

Technology (IT), in association with NIELIT Hyderabad, the programme brought together 78 students from various colleges.

The bootcamp provided practical training in Verilog fundamentals, synthesis, IP design, bus interfaces, Clock Domain Crossing (CDC) checks, low-power design, multi-clock and reset design, and mini-SoC projects with debugging.

NIELIT Hyderabad Project Engineers Nikhil and

Water Supply

The government has directed officials to prepare for potential drinking water challenges, particularly in Hyderabad and other major urban areas. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has stressed the importance of advance planning, alternative supply arrangements and coordination among departments to prevent disruptions. Measures under consideration include preventing water wastage, repairing leaking pipelines and increasing the use of treated wastewater for non-potable purposes such as gardening and maintaining public parks. In rural areas, officials should identify vulnerable villages in advance and prepare emergency supply arrangements, including tanker services wherever necessary.

Authorities also need to monitor reservoir storage, groundwater availability and weather forecasts regularly. Mobilising funds and assigning responsibilities to the relevant departments in advance would help ensure a timely response

if water shortages intensify. **Early Preparation Is Crucial**

Although concerns over El Niño have intensified the focus on drought preparedness, its occurrence alone does not establish that Telangana will experience severe drought or temperatures of 50 degrees Celsius. Actual conditions will depend on rainfall patterns, temperature trends, reservoir storage and groundwater availability. Official forecasts from the India Meteorological Department and verified water-resource data will be essential in determining the scale of the potential threat. Residents can also contribute by conserving drinking water, preventing wastage and adopting rainwater harvesting measures. With coordinated planning, efficient water management and appropriate support for farmers, the state can strengthen its preparedness for adverse weather conditions and reduce the potential impact on households, agriculture and livestock.

CBIT Concludes National-Level Bootcamp on Semiconductor Design



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, successfully concluded a national-level bootcamp on "Semiconductor Design: RTL, IP Integration & SoC Sign-off", held from October 7 to 13, 2026. Organised by the Departments of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Information

Nagesh Bukya conducted the technical sessions. Participants gained hands-on experience using open-source EDA tools, including Verilator for simulation, GTKWave for waveform visualisation and Yosys for logic synthesis.

CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, ECE Head Dr. K. Vasanth and IT Head Prof. M. Venu Gopalachary appreciated the initiative and highlighted the

importance of practical learning in preparing students for semiconductor industry opportunities.

The organisers thanked NIELIT Hyderabad Director Dr. Lakshman Korra for facilitating the bootcamp sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics, Government of India, and acknowledged the support of CBIT management and faculty. Certificates were distributed to all participants.

Newly Married Hyderabad Lawyer Dies After 10 Days of Kidney Stone Treatment

year-old Aishwarya, who was reportedly admitted to a hospital in Secunderabad for kidney stone treatment and died after ten days, has left her family devastated. A resident of Prashanth Nagar in Malkajgiri, Aishwarya was working as a lawyer at the Secunderabad court. Her death has caused particular dis-



stress among her relatives as she had reportedly married just a month ago. According to the information provided by her family, Aishwarya was admitted to a medical hospital in Secunderabad for treatment of kidney stones. She reportedly remained under treatment for ten days before she died. The circumstances surrounding her death, the treatment provided and the medical complications she may have experienced have not yet been independently established. Kidney stone treatment depends on several factors, including the size and location of the stones, urinary obstruction and the patient's overall health. However, the specific cause of Aishwarya's death can be determined only through medical records, clinical findings and an appropriate investigation.

Family Raises Questions Over Treatment Costs

Aishwarya's family has alleged that the hospital management demanded Rs8 lakh to-

wards treatment expenses. Relatives have also reportedly claimed that the hospital expressed an inability to manage her condition. The precise details of the alleged demand, the treatment charges and the circumstances in which her condition deteriorated remain unclear.

The family has raised concerns about the medical care provided and is seeking answers regarding the treatment process. The hospital management's version of events, along with the patient's medical records and billing details, will be important in establishing the facts.

Protest Outside Hospital

Following Aishwarya's death, her family members reportedly staged a protest outside the hospital in Secunderabad. They demanded transparency regarding the treatment and sought justice over the circumstances surrounding her death. The incident has intensified the family's grief, particularly given that Aishwarya had been married only a month earlier. Further details regarding any formal police complaint, an official inquiry or action by health authorities were not available in the information provided.

The case has renewed attention to the importance of transparent medical billing, clear communication with patients' families and proper documentation of treatment decisions. However, allegations of medical negligence cannot be established without examining the medical records, treatment timeline and relevant expert findings. The family is seeking a comprehensive inquiry into Aishwarya's death and the circumstances surrounding the alleged treatment charges. Further clarity is expected after the hospital management and the relevant authorities provide their responses.

Newlywed Couple Found Dead in Kukatpally Apartment; Police Probe Suspicious Deaths

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post, October 13: A newly married couple was found dead inside their first-floor apartment at Kummaraabasti in Kukatpally, triggering shock and grief among family members and residents. The Kukatpally police have registered a case of suspicious death and launched an investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident. The deceased were identified as Yemjala Karthik, 28, and his wife, Yerramalla Manjula, 27. According to police, the couple had married two months ago in an arranged marriage and were living in an apartment building where other members of their joint family occupied neighbouring floors.



The incident came to light in the morning after relatives reportedly became concerned when the couple failed to respond to repeated knocks on their door and telephone calls. Growing anxious over the lack of response, family members broke open the door and entered the apartment. They reportedly found Karthik hanging and Manjula lying motionless in the bedroom. The couple was immediately taken to a nearby hospital for medical assistance. However, doctors declared both of them dead on arrival. The incident left relatives and residents in shock, particularly because the couple had been married only recently. Following the discovery, police officials from the Balanagar division and the Kukatpally law-and-order team visited the apartment and inspected the scene. A forensic Clues team was also deployed to collect evidence, including pos-

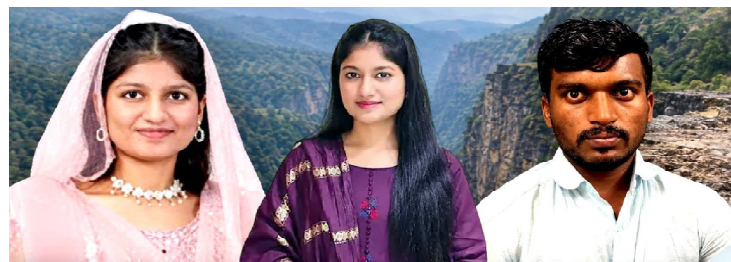
sible fingerprints and other material that could help investigators reconstruct the sequence of events.

Police are examining the circumstances surrounding both deaths and are awaiting medical findings to establish the exact causes and timing. Although initial indications reportedly raised the possibility of a suicide pact, officials have not reached a final conclusion. The circumstances of Manjula's death, in particular, are being examined through forensic and medical evidence. According to a senior investigating officer quoted in the initial report, no suicide note had been recovered at the time, and neither family had reportedly raised concerns about domestic disputes or dowry-related issues before the incident. Investigators are continuing to verify the available information rather than relying on preliminary assumptions.

The bodies were shifted to the mortuary at Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem examinations. The medical reports are expected to assist police in determining how the deaths occurred and whether further investigation is required into any additional circumstances. A case of suspicious death has been registered based on a complaint lodged by the family. Police are gathering evidence, recording relevant statements and examining all available leads to establish what happened inside the apartment. The deaths of the young couple have raised questions among relatives and residents, but the exact circumstances remain unclear. Police have said the investigation is continuing, and further conclusions will depend on the forensic findings, post-mortem reports and other evidence collected during the inquiry.

Woman Allegedly Pushed to Death into Gorge After Ending Relationship in Maharashtra

Mumbai, The Journalist Post, October 13: A young woman was allegedly pushed to her death into a deep gorge by her former boyfriend after she ended their relationship following her marriage being arranged with another man, police said. The incident reportedly took place near Gargoti village in Bhudargad taluka of Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, leaving the woman's family devastated and raising concerns about violence arising from rejected relationships.



The deceased was identified as Tarannum Bashir Naik, 23, while the accused was identified as Shripad Dinkar, 25. According to the information reported in connection with the case, the two had been in a relationship for some time. However, after Tarannum's marriage was reportedly fixed with another person, she decided to end her relationship with Shripad. Investigators suspect that he was unable to accept her decision and developed resentment towards her.

Police said the accused allegedly contacted Tarannum on October 9, asking her to meet him to discuss their relationship. He reportedly took her to a deep gorge in the Naikwadi area. A dispute is believed to have broken out between them at the location. During the confrontation, Shripad allegedly pushed her into the gorge, causing her death. The precise circumstances leading to the incident are being examined as part of the ongoing investigation. After the alleged crime, the accused reportedly attempted to conceal his involvement by approaching the police and filing a missing-person complaint, claiming that Tarannum could not be

found. Police initially began searching for the missing woman. However, suspicions reportedly arose during the investigation, prompting officers to question Shripad about the circumstances surrounding her disappearance. According to reports, inconsistencies in his responses led investigators to conduct further questioning. During the inquiry, he allegedly disclosed that he had pushed Tarannum into the gorge. Police subsequently proceeded to the location based on the information provided and began a search operation.



The woman's body was reportedly recovered from the gorge and taken for the necessary medical and legal procedures. Police collected evidence from the scene and initiated further investigation into the circumstances of her death. Shripad Dinkar was arrested and a case was registered against him, officials said.

Investigators are examining the sequence of events leading to the alleged killing, including whether the accused had planned the crime in advance and whether any other individuals witnessed the incident or possess information relevant to the case. Police are also expected to assess the available evidence and statements as the investigation progresses.

The incident highlights the importance of respecting an individual's decision to end a relationship. No person has the right to threaten, intimidate or harm another because their feelings are not reciprocated or a relationship has ended. Emotional distress or rejection cannot justify violence, and disputes must never be used as an excuse to take another person's life. The tragedy has reportedly caused shock in the local area and immense grief for the victim's family. As the investigation continues, the allegations against the accused will be examined through the legal process, with the facts of the case ultimately determined on the basis of evidence before the court.

Payakaraopeta, The Journalist Post, October 13: Every morning, as the day begins, farmers from Masahibpet village in Payakaraopeta mandal of Anakapalli district face a difficult choice: risk their lives crossing the Tandava River or stay away from the fields that feed their families. For these farmers, the river is not just a stretch of flowing water. It is an obstacle between them and their livelihood, forcing them to place their trust in a simple rope as they make their way through waist-deep water. With baskets of freshly harvested betel leaves resting on their heads, the farmers slowly step into the river. One hand holds the rope for support, while every step demands care and concentration. The water moves around their bodies as they struggle to maintain their balance. A sudden slip, a stronger current or an unexpected rise in the water level could turn an ordinary journey to the fields into a life-threatening incident.



Yet, they continue. On the other side of the river lie their betel leaf plantations in the Keshavaram area, the source of income on which many families depend. The crops need regular attention, and harvested leaves must reach the market on time. For farmers whose families depend on every harvest, missing a day of work can mean losing income they can hardly afford to sacrifice. Their struggle became even more difficult after heavy rains washed away a temporary crossing made with cement pillars. Though it was never a proper bridge, it had offered farmers a relatively easier way to reach their fields. With that crossing gone, they have returned to the dangerous practice of walking through the river, carrying their

produce and hoping to reach the opposite bank safely.

Behind every journey is a family waiting for its member to return home. The farmers' determination reflects the hardships faced by rural communities, where the simple need to reach a workplace can become a daily test of courage. Their struggle is not driven by a desire to take risks, but by the necessity of earning a living and protecting the future of their families.



The farmers say they have approached officials and public representatives several times, seeking a permanent bridge. They allege that assurances have been given over the years, including during election campaigns, but the problem remains unresolved. As the rainy season brings stronger currents and rising water levels, their anxiety grows. The absence of a safe crossing also raises concerns about how villagers could reach medical assistance or respond to an emergency.

For these families, a bridge would mean far more than a concrete structure across the river. It would mean reaching their fields without fear, carrying their harvest without risking their lives and returning home with greater peace of mind. It could also make it easier to transport agricultural produce and reduce the uncertainty that shadows their daily work. The farmers have appealed to the authorities to visit the location, assess the situation and take steps to construct a permanent bridge. Their request is simple: they want to work, earn their livelihood and return to their families safely. The rope they hold today connects two riverbanks, but it also symbolises the fragile line between survival and danger. The people of Masahibpet should not have to risk their lives to reach their own fields. A safe bridge could turn their daily struggle into a journey of dignity, security and hope.

India and Czech Republic Set to Deepen Defence Cooperation

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 13: India and the Czech Republic have discussed expanding defence cooperation, with particular emphasis on joint industrial partnerships, defence manufacturing and techno-



logical collaboration. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Czech Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade Karel Havlíček in New Delhi on October 13 to review the existing partnership and explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral engagement. According to information released by India's Defence Ministry, the discussions focused on expanding cooperation in areas of mutual interest and identifying opportunities for future joint initiatives. Both sides emphasised the potential to build on their established relationship by encouraging closer collaboration between defence industries and making better use of the capabilities available in both countries. An important aspect of the meeting was the expansion of joint partnerships under the India–Czech Joint Defence Committee framework. The two leaders discussed opportunities in defence equipment manufacturing, industrial cooperation and technology-related activities. Greater engagement between companies and institutions in both countries could help identify areas for joint projects and strengthen links between their respective defence industries. The discussions also highlighted the relevance of the Czech Republic's industrial and technological expertise and India's growing manufacturing capabilities. Closer cooperation could create opportunities for sharing technical knowledge, developing production capabilities and exploring partnerships that serve the interests of both countries. However, specific details of new joint projects, production arrangements or investment commitments were not provided in the available meeting information.

India's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives formed an important

part of the broader context of the discussions. India has been seeking to strengthen domestic defence manufacturing, reduce dependence on imports in selected areas and develop its technological capabilities through partnerships with in-

ternational companies and governments. Cooperation with Czech defence industries could potentially support these objectives by encouraging industrial collaboration and creating opportunities for domestic manufacturing and technical development. Such partnerships may also help Indian companies explore new technologies and expand their participation in the defence production ecosystem. The actual impact will depend on the projects selected, the terms of cooperation and the extent of technology and industrial participation agreed upon by both sides. Beyond defence manufacturing, Rajnath Singh and Havlíček exchanged views on issues relating to international peace, security and regional stability. The discussions took place against the backdrop of evolving global security challenges, which have increased the importance of dialogue and cooperation among countries with shared interests.

The leaders discussed the broader strategic relationship between India and the Czech Republic and the potential to strengthen coordination on matters of mutual concern. Continued consultations on international and regional developments could help both countries improve their understanding of emerging security issues while supporting their wider bilateral engagement.

The meeting marks another step in efforts to develop India–Czech defence industry cooperation. The decision to explore wider partnerships under the Joint Defence Committee framework provides a basis for further discussions on practical areas of collaboration. While no detailed list of new projects or implementation timelines was announced in the available information, future initiatives could focus on industrial partnerships, manufacturing cooperation and technological engagement. Further official announcements are expected to clarify how the proposals discussed by the two sides may be translated into concrete programmes.

India and Cyprus Discuss Strengthening Defence Cooperation

ined possibilities for expanding cooperation in areas of mutual interest. They expressed the view that considerable opportunities remain to strengthen the partnership, particularly through closer engagement between their defence establishments and industries. The discussions also highlighted the importance of aligning future cooperation with the requirements, capabilities and priorities of both countries.

Defence industry collaboration emerged as an important area of engagement. India and Cyprus explored opportunities to build on their existing relationship through greater interaction between defence-related institutions and industries. Sharing expertise, technical knowledge and experience could help identify potential areas for cooperation, although no specific new projects or agree-

ments were announced in the information available about the meeting.

Maritime security was another key subject discussed by the two sides. With secure sea routes and regional stability remaining important international concerns, both countries exchanged views on strengthening mutual understanding and exploring avenues for cooperation in maritime affairs. The discussions reflected their shared interest in maintaining security and stability in maritime regions and the importance of dialogue between countries facing common security concerns.

For India, maritime security is an important element of its broader regional engagement, while Cyprus occupies a strategic position in the eastern Medi-

terranean. Cooperation and consultations between the two countries can provide opportunities to exchange perspectives on evolving security challenges and identify areas where their interests overlap. Beyond defence matters, Singh and Palmas also exchanged views on bilateral relations and regional and international developments. Their discussions covered issues of mutual interest amid changing global security conditions, underlining the value of continued dialogue and coordination between the two countries.

The meeting provided an opportunity to review the existing defence partnership and consider how it could be developed further. Stronger institutional engagement and sustained consultations could help both sides identify practical areas for coopera-

tion in the coming years. However, details of any new defence agreements, joint projects, implementation schedules or specific commitments were not provided in the available information. The future direction of cooperation will depend on the decisions taken by both governments and the initiatives pursued following the discussions.

The engagement highlights the continuing importance of India–Cyprus relations in defence and security matters. By maintaining dialogue on defence industry cooperation, maritime security and wider regional developments, both countries have an opportunity to deepen mutual understanding and strengthen their bilateral partnership.

Major Road Infrastructure Projects Proposed for Telangana

LB Nagar–Hayathnagar double-decker corridor gets approval: Jupally

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 13: Telangana is set to see a major push in road and transport infrastructure following discussions between state ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi. Jupally said several proposals aimed at improving road connectivity, easing traffic congestion and strengthening transport links across the state were presented during the meeting. According to the minister, Gadkari responded positively to several proposals, including elevated corridors, bridges, ropeways and highway development projects.

One of the key proposals discussed was a double-decker elevated corridor from LB Nagar to Hayathnagar in Hyderabad. The project is expected to help ease traffic congestion and reduce travel time along the busy route. The ministers also discussed an iconic cable-stayed bridge across the Krishna River on National Highway 167K. Jupally said Gadkari had agreed to the proposal to lay the foundation stone for the bridge, which is expected to improve connectivity between neighbouring areas

once completed.

The proposed elevated corridor along National Highway 765, connecting Hyderabad with Srisaillam, was another important issue

covered three proposed railway overbridges under the Setu Bandhan scheme, aimed at improving road connectivity and reducing traffic delays at railway crossings.

The proposed



discussed at the meeting. Gadkari reportedly directed officials to prepare a fresh Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project. The revised report is expected to help assess the project's technical requirements, feasibility and implementation plans.

Five Ropeways and Three Railway Overbridges

Jupally said the Centre had assured support for five ropeway projects in Telangana under the Parvatmala scheme. The proposed ropeways could improve access to tourist destinations and provide transport facilities in hilly areas. The meeting also

Hyderabad–Amaravati greenfield national highway was also discussed, with the Union Minister reportedly responding positively. If implemented, the project could improve connectivity between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, facilitate passenger travel and support the movement of goods.

Funds and Highway Expansion

The state minister said Gadkari had instructed officials to expedite the process of allocating funds for 34 works proposed in Telangana under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund. The meeting also addressed the expansion of National Highway 65, cov-

ering the Hyderabad–Vijayawada–Machilipatnam route. According to Jupally, the Union Minister assured that efforts would be made to accelerate the highway expansion works. The route is an important transport link between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, supporting passenger movement, trade and commercial activity. Expanding the highway could improve road safety, ease congestion and reduce travel times.

The ministers also discussed upgrading the state highways from Pullur to Nalgonda into national highways. Jupally said Gadkari had responded positively to the proposal. The move, if approved and implemented, could strengthen connectivity in the surrounding regions and support regional economic development. Jupally thanked Gadkari for his positive response to Telangana's infrastructure proposals. However, the projects will depend on the completion of the required approvals, technical assessments, funding allocations and other formal procedures. The next stages of implementation, including construction schedules and official clearances, will determine how quickly the proposed infrastructure improvements become a reality.



75% ST Reservation in Agency Area Constable Jobs:Kavitha

vided Andhra Pradesh era and Gazette Notification No. 49 issued by the Telangana government in 2018, arguing that these provisions mandate 75 per cent reservation for ST candidates in constable posts in agency areas.

Kavitha pointed out that the reservation had been implemented in police constable recruitment notifications issued in 2015, 2018 and 2022. She questioned why the provision had been omitted from the latest notification and demanded that the government immediately correct the alleged discrepancy.

Tribal Youth May Lose 400 Jobs

Kavitha said the decision could adversely affect tribal and Adivasi youth from Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nagarkurnool, Bhadradri Kothagudem,

Mulugu, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Warangal, Khammam and Mahabubabad districts. She warned that more than 400 constable posts could become inaccessible to eligible ST candidates if the reservation provision was not restored.

She described the omission as an infringement of the rights of tribal communities and urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who also holds the Home portfolio, to intervene immediately. Kavitha called for necessary amendments to the recruitment notification to ensure justice for tribal candidates in agency areas. Reiterating her demand, she insisted that the 75 per cent ST reservation in agency area constable recruitment must be restored. She warned that the government would face a protest if it failed to address the issue and safeguard the employment rights of tribal youth.

HYDRA Steps Up Lake Restoration and Drain Cleaning Across Hyderabad

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has intensified efforts to ensure that rainwater flows smoothly into lakes across Hyderabad by removing obstructions along connecting channels and clearing silt from inlets and outlets. The agency has deployed its Monsoon Response Teams (MRT) and Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams to carry out cleaning operations across several parts of the city, with the objective of improving water flow and reducing the risk of flooding during heavy rainfall. As part of the initiative, HYDRAA teams are removing accumulated waste, silt and other obstructions from drains and channels connected to lakes. The agency is also undertaking lake-cleaning activities during periods of relatively low rainfall to improve water flow and protect urban water bodies before the onset of heavy rains.



Special cleaning operations are underway around several lakes across Hyderabad. The works include removing floating waste and water hyacinth, clearing unwanted vegetation and thorny bushes, and improving the cleanliness of lake surroundings. The lakes being covered include Lingam Cheruvu and Dhulapally Lake in Quthbullapur, Gopi Cheruvu in Lingampally, Gurnath Cheruvu, Pale Cheruvu and Maisammakunta in Miyapur, Bathukamma Kunta in Hayathnagar, Mansoorabad Lake and Saroornagar Lake, among others.

HYDRAA is also giving priority to areas

visited by people during the Bathukamma and Dasara festivities. Teams are clearing waste and overgrown vegetation around lakes where people gather to celebrate Bathukamma, while also improving access to the surrounding areas. The MRT and DRF teams are carrying out operations simultaneously at multiple locations to improve sanitation and ensure that visitors do not face inconvenience due to unclean surroundings. A major focus of the initiative is ensuring that lake inlets allow rainwater to enter freely and outlets function properly to facilitate the discharge of water. Since the accumulation of garbage and silt in connecting drains can obstruct water flow, teams are identifying and clearing such blockages as part of preventive flood-management measures.

In Kukatpally, HYDRAA has undertaken extensive desilting work along a drain extending for approximately three kilometres. The agency has reportedly removed around 40 truckloads of waste so far. The operation aims to eliminate obstructions and improve the movement of rainwater through the drain, helping reduce the possibility of water stagnation during periods of heavy rainfall. The ongoing measures highlight the importance of maintaining lakes and stormwater drains throughout the year rather than limiting cleaning activities to the monsoon season. Regular removal of waste, monitoring of inlets and outlets, and timely clearance of connecting channels can help improve the management of urban water bodies.

Through these operations, HYDRAA aims to protect lakes, improve the cleanliness of their surroundings, maintain the free flow of rainwater and reduce potential flooding risks across Hyderabad.

TGSPDCL Chief Orders Strict Action to Prevent Transformer Failures

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) CMD Jitesh V. Patil has directed officials to reduce distribution transformer (DTR) failures and ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to farmers and other consumers. During a review meeting held on Tuesday in the presence of Director (Operations) Dr. N. Narasimhulu, he instructed field-level staff to respond immediately to transformer breakdowns and restore power without unnecessary delays.



Patil said power supply to paddy crops must receive special attention over the next month. Officials must register every transformer failure in the company's information system within 24 hours and arrange replacement promptly. If transformers are unavailable locally, they should be sourced from the zonal level. Adequate transport arrangements, including tractors, trailers and small vehicles, must be maintained. He emphasised that farmers should never be forced to carry transformers themselves. Every electrical circle

must maintain sufficient stocks of functional transformers of different capacities to avoid delays caused by equipment shortages. Officials were also instructed to investigate locations where failures occur repeatedly and examine factors such as electrical load, oil quality, connections, installation details and previous repairs. Repeated failures must trigger mandatory field inspections, while repair quality and post-repair performance must be monitored.

The CMD warned that loose power lines, excessive loads and defective connections could cause breakdowns. Officials must identify such problems early and prepare estimates for permanent corrective works within a week of detecting loose-line issues. Failure locations, infrastructure identification numbers and replacement details must be accurately entered into the information system. He warned against concealing failures or recording incorrect information. Patil called for better coordination, timely resolution of farmers' complaints and improved repair standards without compromising quality. The meeting was attended by senior engineers, divisional engineers from 21 circles and officials from operations, maintenance and technical departments.

Srisailem Introduces Multilingual Digital Services for Devotees

Srisailem, The Journalist Post, October 13: Srisailem, one of the country's prominent Shaivite pilgrimage centres, has introduced technology-enabled services to help devotees explore



the temple's history, legends and architectural heritage. Special QR-code information boards have been installed at important locations across the Srisailem temple region, allowing visitors to access details about the historical background and spiritual significance of each site by scanning the codes with their mobile phones.

The initiative aims to make information readily accessible to devotees without requiring them to depend entirely on guides. By integrating digital technology with the pilgrimage experience, the temple authorities seek to provide visitors with a better understanding of the traditions, history and religious importance of the sacred sites. After scanning a QR code, devotees can access information in both written and audio formats. The audio facility is expected to benefit elderly visitors and those who find reading difficult, while the text option allows others to explore the information at their own pace. The service is designed to help pilgrims learn about the temple's architectural features, ancient traditions and associated legends as they move between different locations.

Information Available in 130 Languages
One of the key features of the initiative is



the reported availability of information in approximately 130 languages. Srisailem attracts devotees from different parts of India and abroad, making multilingual access particularly useful for visitors who may not understand the local language. The facility is expected to help pilgrims access information in a language they are comfortable with, making the site's spiritual and historical significance more accessible to a wider audience. It also provides an opportunity for younger visitors, students and families to explore the heritage of the pilgrimage centre through digital resources.

QR Boards Installed at 60 Locations
As part of the initiative, special information boards have reportedly been installed at around 60 locations across the Srisailem pilgrimage area. These include important places such as Sakshi Ganapati, Hatakeswaram, Phaladhara-Panchadhara, Sikhaheswaram and the Panchamathas. The boards are intended to provide a consistent information system across the various sites, helping devotees understand the significance of the places they visit. The initiative also seeks to introduce Srisailem's historical and spiritual heritage through modern, accessible technology. The use of artificial intelligence-based technology has also been highlighted as part of the digital information initiative. By combining multilingual information with audio and text options, the service aims to make the pilgrimage more informative and convenient for visitors.

Devotees may need a mobile phone and internet connectivity to access the digital content, depending on how the service is configured. Clear guidance at the information boards could help visitors use the facility effectively. The initiative represents an effort to connect religious heritage with modern digital services. If implemented and maintained effectively, the facility could improve access to information, enrich the visitor experience and help people from different linguistic backgrounds understand the history and traditions of Srisailem.

TPCC Appoints Observers to Oversee Graduate Voter Registration

Special focus on Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda constituencies

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has appointed observers to coordinate and monitor graduate voter registration in two Telangana Legislative Council constituencies ahead of the upcoming elections. TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud issued orders appointing observers for the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduate constituencies, with the party placing special emphasis on ensuring that eligible graduates enrol on the electoral rolls. The observers will be responsible for identifying eligible graduates in their respective constituencies and coordinating efforts to encourage them to register as voters. The TPCC has instructed them to work closely with party leaders at the district level and ensure that information about the registration process reaches eligible graduates. They are also expected to create awareness about eligibility requirements and the application procedure.



The registration drive will cover both constituencies, with district-level leaders and party workers expected to assist in reaching out to graduates and sharing relevant information. According to party sources, coordinated monitoring across

districts will help identify difficulties faced during the registration process and facilitate timely solutions.

The TPCC has directed the observers to maintain regular communication with local party leaders and review progress in their assigned areas. They are expected to monitor the implementation of the registration campaign and help ensure that eligible graduates do not miss the opportunity to enrol. Particular attention will be given to providing accurate information about eligibility criteria, required documents and the prescribed application procedure. The party has also stressed the importance of following official election guidelines while assisting graduates with registration. Applicants must verify their eligibility and submit applications in accordance with the instructions issued by the relevant election authorities. Awareness of the prescribed procedures is expected to be an important part of the campaign.

With graduate electoral rolls playing a significant role in Legislative Council elections, the Congress leadership intends to strengthen coordination at the district level through the appointment of observers. The initiative is aimed at improving outreach and monitoring the progress of voter registration across the two constituencies. However, the available information does not specify the names of the appointed observers, the individual responsibilities assigned to them or the deadlines for the registration drive. Eligible graduates are advised to consult official election authorities for the latest registration requirements and procedures.



RS Praveen Kumar Criticises Telangana Government Over GO 134

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) general secretary RS Praveen Kumar has strongly criticised the Telangana government over GO No. 134, alleging that it is unconstitutional and part of a politically motivated campaign. Addressing a media conference at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, he also questioned the conduct of the Assembly debate on the issue, alleging that the discussion was one-sided.

Praveen Kumar claimed that the government's actions were contrary to Article 14 of the Constitution, which guarantees equality before the law. He alleged that the land-related list associated with the order primarily targeted BRS leaders, while similar scrutiny was not being applied to leaders of other political parties. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and other Congress leaders of pursuing a politically motivated approach. These remain allegations made by the BRS leader; the order's legality and implementation would require examination of official records and relevant legal provisions. He also alleged that



BRS leaders were deliberately prevented from participating in Assembly proceedings on September 7 and were suspended in a manner that denied them an opportunity to raise their concerns over the government order. He said opposition parties should be given a fair opportunity to present their views and raise public issues in the legislature.

Praveen Kumar demanded that the scope of the committee examining land disputes be expanded to include properties linked to Revanth Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and other Congress leaders. He called for uniform standards in examining land allotments, ownership claims and related government orders, irrespective of political affiliation. The BRS leader said he had written to Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, urging the government to ensure transparency and impartiality in the inquiry into matters connected with GO No. 134. He called for the examination of land records involving leaders across political parties and sought clarity on the criteria being followed. The government's response to these allegations, along with official records and any findings from the inquiry, will be important in establishing the facts surrounding the controversy.

Teachers Play a Crucial Role in Educational Development: Bhatti Vikramarka

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has emphasised that education is essential to reducing social and economic inequalities and building a progressive society. Addressing the 'Guru Vandanam – Education Conference and Teacher Awards 2026', organised by Zee Telugu News, he said providing quality education to every student was necessary to ensure equal opportunities and improve the state's overall development. He described teachers as key contributors to shaping students' futures and said society must recognise and honour their services.

Bhatti said the Telangana government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was prioritising education through teacher recruitment, the establishment of Young India Integrated Residential Schools and improvements to government schools. He said efforts were being made to strengthen educational infrastructure, introduce modern technology into classrooms and improve teaching standards. The government's objective, he added, was to ensure that children studying in public institutions received quality education and better opportunities.

The Deputy Chief Minister stressed that teachers must prepare students to compete at national and international levels. Beyond classroom instruction, teachers should nurture confidence, creativity, scientific thinking and problem-solving abilities. He encouraged them to identify individual talents, support students' interests and adapt teaching methods to chang-

ing technological developments. Practical skills, alongside academic knowledge, would help students meet future challenges, he said. Bhatti also called on teachers



to contribute to Telangana's long-term development ambitions, including the stated goal of building a three-trillion-dollar economy by 2047. He said educational institutions must equip young people with skills relevant to technology, research, industry and entrepreneurship. Reducing disparities in educational opportunities between rural and urban areas and supporting children from economically disadvantaged families were equally important, he added. During the programme, awards were presented to teachers recognised for their service and contributions to education. Bhatti congratulated the award recipients and praised their efforts in shaping students' lives. He said recognising teachers' achievements could encourage greater dedication and inspire others in the education sector.

Former minister Harish Rao and Congress leaders also attended the event, which highlighted the importance of strengthening public education, recognising teachers and creating better opportunities for students across Telangana.



Harish Rao Demands Cancellation of School Supplies Tenders in Telangana



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Former minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader

Harish Rao has demanded the immediate cancellation of tenders issued under the Telangana government's new policy for supplying essential goods to government schools and hostels. He alleged that the procurement system could adversely affect small local traders by limiting their opportunities to supply goods to educational institutions.

Harish Rao urged the government to restore the earlier procurement system, under which each school was treated as an individual unit and supplies were purchased through district-level purchase committees. He said the approach would provide opportunities for nearby traders while enabling schools to obtain essential goods according to their requirements. He also stressed that quality standards and timely delivery must be ensured. The BRS leader objected to the alleged award of tenders to a single organisation, claiming that the new system did not provide adequate opportunities for local businesses. He further alleged that the selected organisation had previously been blacklisted and questioned its eligibility

for the tender process. These claims require verification through official tender documents and records. The government's response and details of the organisation's eligibility were not included in the information provided.

Harish Rao called on the government to review the policy and revise the tender conditions to protect small traders. He said procurement decisions should balance competitive pricing, transparency, quality checks and reliable delivery while safeguarding local employment. He also called for consultations with local traders and other stakeholders before implementing major changes to the supply system. He maintained that supplying essential goods to government schools and hostels directly affects student welfare and should therefore be handled transparently. According to him, district purchase committees could help address local requirements and provide small businesses with opportunities to participate in the procurement process.

Harish Rao warned that the BRS would launch a statewide agitation if the government failed to address its demands. He said the party would continue raising the issue on public platforms until local traders' concerns were considered. The government's decision on the demand to cancel the tenders, along with the publication of relevant procurement records, is expected to determine the next stage of the controversy.

Bhatti Vikramarka announces 34% profit-sharing benefit

for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) workers ahead of Dasara, with Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti Vikramarka declaring that 34 per cent of the company's profits will be distributed among employees. The total payout has been announced at Rs 596 crore, with the average benefit estimated at Rs 1,53,912 per worker. The announcement has brought cheer to mining workers and their families, who are looking forward to receiving the financial benefit during the festive season.

The profit-sharing initiative recognises the contribution of Singareni employees to the company's operations and growth. Workers play a crucial role in coal production, mine management and ensuring fuel supplies for electricity generation. Despite challenging working conditions, they help sustain the operations of one of Telangana's key industrial organisations. The government's decision to allocate a share of the company's profits to employees is being viewed as a significant welfare measure. The announced 34 per cent profit share, amounting to Rs596 crore, is expected to provide financial support to eligible workers. However, the actual amount received by each employee may vary depending on eligibility criteria and applicable rules. Further official details regarding the payment schedule, distribution process and individual payouts are awaited.

Workers Welcome Festive Benefit

Singareni workers have welcomed the announcement, expressing happiness over the prospect of receiving additional income ahead of Dasara. The financial benefit is expected to

help families meet festive expenses, household requirements, children's educational needs and other commitments. The announcement has also renewed discussions about employee welfare and the importance of recognising work-

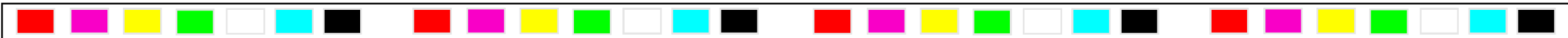


ers' contributions to the company's financial performance. Transparent distribution and timely communication of eligibility criteria will be important to ensure that all eligible employees receive their benefits without difficulty. Linking employee welfare to the company's financial performance can also strengthen workers' sense of participation in

Singareni's Role in Telangana's Economy

Singareni Collieries occupies a significant position in Telangana's economy by supplying coal for power generation and supporting thousands of families through direct and indirect employment. Its activities also sustain local businesses, transport services and other industries in coal-mining regions. While the profit-sharing announcement provides financial relief, workers' welfare also depends on workplace safety, healthcare, improved working conditions and support for their families. Continued attention to these areas, alongside financial benefits, is essential for improving employees' quality of life.

The Rs 596 crore Dasara benefit is expected to provide a welcome boost to workers' household finances and contribute to festive spending in Singareni's mining areas. Employees are awaiting further official details on the payment schedule and individual entitlements. The announcement highlights the importance of balancing the company's continued growth with the welfare and financial security of the workforce.



Digital Connectivity Expands Opportunities, Empowers People: PM Modi

portunities and empowering people across India, saying technology is helping citizens access education, expand businesses and participate more actively in the digital economy. Addressing the Bloomberg New Economy Forum, Modi spoke about the expansion of India's information technology sector, the growing availability of digital services and the rapid exchange of information through online platforms. He emphasised that connectivity is no longer limited to bringing people together but is increasingly linking them with opportunities for personal, educational and economic growth.

Referring to India's linguistic and media diversity, the Prime Minister noted that the country has a vast information ecosystem comprising newspapers, publications, satellite television channels and social media platforms. He highlighted the presence of more than 100 languages in the country and referred to the ex-

tensive reach of print and electronic media. Platforms such as YouTube and Instagram also have millions of users in India, demonstrating the growing role of digital channels in communication and information sharing. According to Modi, digital platforms are helping people from different linguistic, regional and social backgrounds access information more easily. The expansion of internet services has created new ways for citizens to communicate, learn and engage with opportunities that were previously difficult to access. Digital connectivity is therefore becoming an important link between communities and essential services.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the efforts made since 2014 to improve the affordability and accessibility of mobile communication services. Lower internet costs have helped students in smaller towns and rural areas access educational resources, online courses and training programmes. Young people can now develop skills, explore

learning opportunities and obtain educational material without necessarily travelling to major cities. These changes have the potential to reduce geographical barriers to education and improve access to skill development. Digital connectivity is also creating opportunities for small traders and rural entrepreneurs. Through mobile-based services and online platforms, shopkeepers and small businesses can reach customers beyond their immediate localities, promote their products and explore new markets. Digital tools can also help entrepreneurs communicate with customers, manage business activities and identify opportunities for expansion. For young jobseekers, online platforms provide access to training resources, skill-development programmes and employment information. These services can help individuals prepare for changing workplace requirements and explore opportunities across different sectors. However, the benefits depend on access to

reliable internet services, suitable devices and the skills required to use digital platforms effectively.

Despite the progress, ensuring that digital opportunities reach every section of society remains an important challenge. Rural communities may continue to face connectivity gaps, affordability concerns and limited digital literacy. Online safety, privacy awareness and protection against cyber fraud are also essential as more people use digital services for education, communication and business.

Modi's message was that connectivity should serve as a bridge to opportunity rather than simply a means of communication. Expanding digital infrastructure while strengthening digital literacy and affordability could help reduce the divide between rural and urban communities. With wider and more effective access to technology, digital connectivity can contribute to greater economic participation, improved access to knowledge and broader social empowerment.

Martyrs' Families Deserve Lasting Support: Governor

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13 : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla emphasised that the sacrifices of soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation were immeasurable and that supporting their families was a collective responsibility of the government and soci-

sacrifices made by armed forces personnel and ensuring that their families receive continued care and support from society. During his visit, the Governor unveiled a statue of late Pandit Krishna Dev Tripathi, founder of Krishak Intermediate College at Vishunpur. He appreciated Tripathi's contribution to ru-



ety. The Governor attended the Amar Shaheed Family Honouring Programme, organised by Samarpan at National Public School in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, as the chief guest. He paid tribute to the martyrs and stressed the need for sustained support for their families, particularly in education, welfare and long-term assistance.

Shukla highlighted the importance of recognising the

ral education and his efforts to expand educational opportunities.

The Governor later participated in the Rudra Maha Yagna organised by Chillupar MLA Rajesh Tripathi at Muktipath in Barhalganj, Gorakhpur. He highlighted the values of service, dedication and collective welfare, and expressed his wishes for peace and prosperity for all.

Singareni Workers' Union Demands Immediate Release of Rs59,000 Crore Dues

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: The Singareni Collieries Workers' Union (AITUC) successfully organised a 'Chalo Hyderabad' protest on Tuesday, demanding immediate payment of approximately Rs59,000 crore in outstanding dues allegedly owed to Singareni Collieries Company Limited by the Telangana government. Around 1,450 workers and union leaders from 12 divisions participated in the protest at Vidyut Soudha in Hyderabad.

Union president Vasireddy Seetharamaiah, general secretary Korimi Rajkumar, AITUC national working president

Yusuf and AITUC general secretary Narasimha demanded that the state government announce a clear decision on settling the dues. Union leaders claimed that the outstanding amount had increased from approximately Rs26,000 crore during the previous BRS government to around Rs59,000 crore under the

cism by Congress leaders over the pending payments.



The leaders warned that mounting dues could affect

the payments was the government's responsibility and called for a time-bound action plan.

The union warned that if no favourable decision was taken by the end of October, it would intensify its agitation. It also threatened to consider disrupting coal supplies to Telangana power utilities Genco and Transco as part of its future protest strategy. Several AITUC office-bearers, branch secretaries, area committee members and workers participated in the demonstration. The union reiterated that its struggle would continue until workers' concerns were addressed.



present Congress government. They questioned why the issue remained unresolved despite earlier criti-

Singareni's financial stability and potentially delay benefits due to workers. They stressed that clearing

Do You Enjoy Chilli Bajji? Watch the Oil, Spice and Calories

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Hot chilli bajjis paired with evening tea are a popular snack across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Pre-



pared by coating green chillies in gram flour and deep-frying them in oil, these crispy treats are loved for their flavour. However, health experts advise paying attention to portion sizes, oil quality and how frequently they are consumed.

Green chillies contain vitamin C and natural plant compounds, including capsaicin, which gives them their heat. Gram flour provides some protein and dietary fibre. However, deep-frying increases the snack's calorie content, and cooking may reduce certain heat-sensitive nutrients. Chilli bajji should therefore be treated as an occasional snack rather than a major source of nutrition. The combination of spice and oil may trigger heartburn, stomach irritation

or indigestion in some people, particularly those who are sensitive to spicy foods or already experience acidity. Individual reactions vary, so people should observe their symptoms and reduce consumption if discomfort occurs. Persistent digestive problems warrant medical advice.

Oil quality is another important consideration. Repeat-



edly heating the same oil at high temperatures can lead to the formation of harmful compounds. When buying street food, consumers should pay attention to cleanliness and the condition of the frying oil. At home, using fresh oil in appropriate quantities and avoiding excessive browning are sensible precautions. People can continue enjoying chilli bajjis occasionally while maintaining a balanced diet. Limiting portions, avoiding excessive salt and choosing alternatives such as fruit or boiled chickpeas can help improve everyday eating habits. Ultimately, moderation, hygiene and nutritional balance are key to enjoying favourite snacks responsibly.

Watching TV Serials? Balance Entertainment with Everyday Life

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 13: Television serials provide entertainment through family stories, romance, humour and suspense. For many people, watching a favourite programme after a busy day offers relaxation. However, spending too much time in front of the television may affect daily responsibilities, sleep and family interactions.



Serials sometimes highlight relationships and social issues, but their dramatic conflicts and exaggerated situations may not reflect real life. Viewers should make family decisions based on

communication, mutual respect and actual circumstances rather than fictional storylines. Extended television viewing can reduce physical activity and contribute to eye strain or body discomfort from prolonged sitting. Taking regular breaks and making time for walking and exercise can help maintain an active lifestyle. Watching suspenseful programmes late at night may delay bedtime and affect sleep routines. Setting a fixed viewing

schedule and reducing screen time before sleeping can support better rest. Television does not necessarily damage family relationships. Watching programmes together can encourage conversation, but problems may arise when television repeatedly takes priority over meals, children's studies and family responsibilities.

Ultimately, serials should remain a source of entertainment, not control everyday life. Limiting viewing time, prioritising sleep and responsibilities, and spending quality time with family can help maintain a balanced lifestyle.



Sobhita Dhulipala's Glamorous Photoshoot Sparks Mixed Reactions Online

media following a recent photoshoot for The Hollywood Reporter India. Known for her work in Hindi films and international web series, Sobhita has become a topic of discussion after photographs from the shoot circulated online.

In the photoshoot, the actress appears in a bold outfit featuring a bikini paired with a sheer, net-style garment. While some social media users praised her styling and contemporary fashion choices, others questioned the need for such a photoshoot, triggering mixed reactions.

Discussion Continues After Marriage

Sobhita, who is married to actor Naga Chaitanya, has previously received attention for her performances in web series such as *Made in Heaven* and *The Night Manager*. Some of her on-screen scenes and fashion



appearances have also generated public discussion. Following the latest photographs, several users defended the actress, arguing that her clothing and professional decisions are personal choices. Others expressed criticism, reigniting a broader debate about how women in the entertainment industry are judged for their fashion choices, particularly after marriage. Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has also faced similar public discussions over her outfits and glamorous photoshoots in the past.

Focus on Upcoming Film



Meanwhile, Sobhita is working on Vettuvam, directed by Tamil filmmaker Pa. Ranjith. Reports have indicated that the actress is enthusiastic about the role and has been looking forward to taking on a character of this nature. While her latest photoshoot continues to generate online discussion, audiences are also awaiting further updates about her upcoming film.

Gill and Shafali Verma Win ICC Player of the Month Awards

Dubai, The Journalist Post, October 13: Indian cricketers Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma have won the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's and Women's Player of the Month awards for September 2026. Gill secured the honour for the fifth time, while Shafali claimed her second award following impressive performances in international cricket.

Gill earned the recognition for his outstanding performance in the One-Day International series against the West Indies. He scored 110 runs in the opening ODI in Thiruvananthapuram before smashing an unbeaten 223 in the second match at Guwahati. His 333 runs across the first two matches helped India secure victories in both games. With this achievement, Gill extended his record as the men's cricketer with the most ICC



Player of the Month awards. His previous wins came in January and September 2023, and February and July 2025.

Shafali was honoured for her contributions to India's victories in the Women's Asia Cup and the Asian Games. She scored 360 runs and took six wickets across seven T20 internationals during September. She was the leading run-scorer in the Asia Cup



and also delivered crucial performances at the Asian Games, including an unbeaten century against Bangladesh and 48 runs in the final against Sri Lanka. Shafali previously won the award in November 2025 after playing a key role in

India's Women's World Cup triumph. Both players expressed happiness at receiving the recognition, highlighting the importance of their contributions to India's success. The double honour marks another milestone for Indian cricket, with players from the country winning both the men's and women's awards for September.



to be the tournament's 14th edition. Fans can register for the ticket ballot until November 21, 2026. However, submitting an application does not guarantee a ticket, as allocation depends on the ballot and availability. The tournament is scheduled to begin on October 2, 2027, in Windhoek, Namibia, with the final planned for November 21 in Johannesburg.

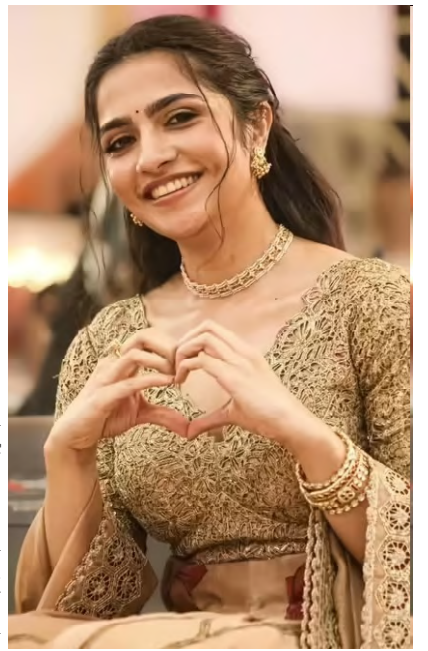
Rukmini Vasanth Likely to Star Opposite Nani?

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post,

October 13: Natural Star Nani, known for his natural performances and story-driven films, is reportedly being considered for an emotional romantic drama directed by Tamil filmmaker C. Prem Kumar. Kannada actress Rukmini Vasanth is being discussed as a possible female lead, sparking interest among Telugu cinema fans. Prem Kumar is known for directing emotionally rich films such as 96 and Meiyazhagan, which explore relationships, love and human emotions. A collaboration with Nani has generated curiosity among fans, given the actor's reputation for choosing distinctive scripts. However, the project and the actress's involvement have not yet been officially confirmed.

Rukmini's Growing Popularity

Rukmini Vasanth gained recognition among Telugu audiences for her performance as Priya in *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*. She further expanded her profile with a significant role in *Kantara: Chapter 1*. Her



performances and choice of varied roles have helped her attract attention across

South Indian film industries. Reports also suggest that she is associated with Dragon, the upcoming project featuring Jr NTR and director Prashanth Neel. The possibility of her joining Nani's film has added to the anticipation surrounding her upcoming projects.

Awaiting Official Announcement

Although reports suggest that the makers have approached Rukmini for the female lead, no official announcement has been made. Details about the film's title, production schedule and cast remain unconfirmed. Fans will have to wait for an announcement from the filmmakers to learn whether Nani and Rukmini will share the screen in Prem Kumar's proposed romantic drama.

Zimbabwe Cricket Mourns Former Fast Bowler and International Umpire Sarah Dambanewana

Harare, The Journalist Post, October

13: Zimbabwe cricket is mourning the death of former women's fast bowler and international umpire Sarah Dambanavana, who passed away at the age of 36. Zimbabwe Cricket announced that she died on Monday night while receiving treatment at a hospital in Harare after reportedly battling illness for some time. The organisation did not disclose the cause of her death. Her passing has prompted grief across the country's cricket community, where she was respected for her contributions both as a player and as an official.

Dambanewana represented the Zimbabwe women's national cricket team from 2009 to 2014. During her five-year international career, she served as a fast bowler and established herself as a dedicated member of the national side. After retiring from playing, she moved into umpiring, continuing her association with the game and taking on responsi-



bilities at the international level. She officiated at several major tournaments, including the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup and the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup. One of the most notable milestones in her umpiring career came in 2023, when she became the first Zimbabwean woman to officiate in the final of the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup. Dambanewana's journey from international player to a respected umpire made her an important figure in Zimbabwean cricket. Her death is a significant loss to the sport, particularly to women's cricket in the country. Further details regarding her death have not yet been released.

Kohli and Rohit in India's 2027 World Cup Squad? Fitness and Form to Decide

New Delhi. The Journalist

Post, October 13: The participation of senior Indian cricketers Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in the 2027 ODI World Cup remains uncertain. BCCI president Mithun Manhas reportedly said that fitness and performance, rather than age, should de-



termine selection. He clarified that the final decision rests with the selectors and team management.

The tournament will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Former India cricketer Mohammad Kaif stressed the importance of strong bowling and fielding, saying crucial wickets, sharp catches and fewer mistakes could improve India's chances of winning the title.