

DOUBLE BEDROOM MAFIA?

Alleged Housing Scam in Mansoorabad: Poor Families Claim Lakhs Collected for Allotments

Who Is Sagar Gangaiah? Questions Over 84 Houses, Alleged Middlemen and Housing Officials

Beneficiaries Allege Payments of Rs. 1.50 Lakh to Rs. 3 Lakh; Demand a Comprehensive Probe

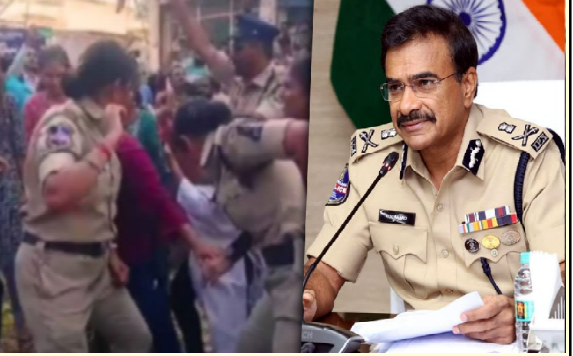


tended to provide homes to poor families into an alleged money-collection operation. According to their claims, individuals were promised houses in exchange for payments ranging from Rs. 1.50 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh. The allegations have raised questions about the role of J. Sagar Gangaiah, the authority behind the allotment process, the possible involvement of other intermediaries and the transparency of the Housing Department. The claims have not yet been independently established and require a thorough investigation.

84 Houses in Block B at the Centre of Controvers

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ited, proposed imported coal purchases and electricity supply in Telangana. Speaking at a meeting of the Narsampet Assembly constituency organised at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, KTR demanded a comprehensive investigation into what he described as

ROHITH VEMULA TELANGANA BILL DRAFT TO BE READY IN THREE MONTHS

Bhatti Vikramarka directs officials to prepare comprehensive legislation



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has directed officials to prepare the preliminary draft of the pro-

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Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's government to order an inquiry by a sitting judge into issues surrounding Singareni Collieries Company Lim-

irregularities in Singareni and issues related to solar power projects. He said the government should address the allegations through a formal inquiry rather than limiting itself to public statements. The allegations remain claims made by the

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KHARGE SEEKS ALL-PARTY MEETING ON DELIMITATION

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 16: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding an all-party meeting before introducing new



proposals on delimitation, the process of redrawing electoral constituency boundaries. He urged the government to consult all political parties

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RESOLVE NHM STAFF ISSUES DEMANDS BJP TELANGANA CHIEF



Ramchander Rao Backs Protest at Dharna Chowk, Seeks Maternity Leave, Insurance and Job Security

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao has demanded the immediate resolution of problems faced by around 17,000 doctors, Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wives (ANMs) and other healthcare

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TELANGANA INVITES HYUNDAI TO EXPLORE CAR MANUFACTURING IN THE STATE



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has invited Hyundai to explore opportunities for establishing a car manufacturing facility in the state, highlighting Telangana's stra-

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BATHUKAMMA YOUNG FILMMAKERS CHALLENGE AWARDS ON OCTOBER 17



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: A delegation led by Telangana Film Development Corporation Chairman Dil Raju invited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to attend the awards ceremony of the Bathukamma Young Filmmakers' Challenge 2026. The delegation met the Chief Minister and explained the objectives of the

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WHY DOES POVERTY
CONTINUE TO
HAUNT MILLIONS?

Employment, education and healthcare are key to lasting poverty reduction

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: India continues to make progress in infrastructure, industry and technology, yet poverty remains a challenge for millions of families. While economic growth creates wealth, its benefits do not always reach everyone equally. Families struggling to secure daily wages, children forced to discontinue their education and people unable to afford medical treatment highlight the gap between development and everyday realities. Poverty is not merely a lack of income; it also includes inadequate housing, poor nutrition, limited access to education and healthcare,



and a lack of opportunities. Observed annually on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty serves as a reminder that meaningful progress must improve the lives of the most vulnerable.

Government welfare schemes, including food assistance, housing support, employment programmes, educational aid and healthcare initiatives, provide essential relief. However, welfare measures must be complemented by sustainable employment, skill development and opportunities for people to become financially independent. The effectiveness of these programmes should be assessed by their actual impact on living standards, with transparent implementation and accountability. Unemployment, uncertain agricultural incomes, rising

older people and socially disadvantaged communities must receive equal opportunities to participate in economic development.

Poverty eradication requires coordinated efforts from governments, industries, educational institutions, voluntary organisations and society. Progress should be measured not only through income but also through nutrition, housing, sanitation, drinking water, education and healthcare. Providing immediate assistance is necessary, but addressing the structural causes of poverty is essential for lasting change. Development becomes meaningful only when its benefits reach every section of society and no family is denied dignity, opportunity or basic necessities.

DOUBLE-BEDROOM DOUBLE MAFIA?

double-bedroom houses were constructed in two blocks on approximately 1.34 acres in Mansoorabad. The allocation of 84 houses reportedly vacant in Block B has become the focus of controversy. Complainants allege that certain individuals used the prospect of securing these houses to collect money from prospective beneficiaries. J. Sagar Gangaiah, described as the vice-president of the All India Erukala Rights Struggle Committee, has been accused by some alleged beneficiaries of promising to arrange houses in return for payments amounting to lakhs of rupees. Some complainants claim that after paying part of the demanded amount, they were pressured to pay the remaining balance. These allegations must be verified through payment receipts, bank transaction records, beneficiary statements and official allotment documents. Gangaiah's response should also be obtained before any conclusion is reached.

Who Is Sagar Gangaiah? Does He Have Any Official Authority?

The controversy raises a fundamental question: Who has the official authority to select beneficiaries and allot houses under the government



housing scheme? Does J. Sagar Gangaiah have any authorised role in the allocation process? Were houses allotted to people allegedly recommended by him?

The Housing Department must clarify the procedure followed in selecting beneficiaries and issuing allotment orders. Complainants allege that intermediaries told them payments were necessary to obtain houses. Investigators should establish whether money was collected, who received it, whether transactions occurred in cash or through banks, and whether other individuals were involved.

If illegal collections are established through evidence, authorities must trace the money and identify those responsible. Without verified financial records, however, it would be inappropriate to speculate about the alleged shares received by particular individuals.

Twenty Years of Residence, Yet No House?

Some complainants claim that eligible families who have



lived in Mansoorabad for approximately 20 years were denied houses, while certain people allegedly from other districts or states received allotments. They further allege that when they questioned the disparity, intermediaries claimed that houses had been allotted to those who paid money.

Officials should clarify the eligibility criteria applied, whether applicants' documents were verified and how residential status was considered under the applicable guidelines. The final beneficiary list, application records, allotment orders and documents relating to the 84 houses in Block B should be examined to determine whether the prescribed procedures were followed. The allegations must be assessed against the actual scheme rules rather than assumptions about applicants' places of origin.

Houses Allegedly Offered for Resale at Rs. 15–20 Lakh

There are also allegations that some beneficiaries have attempted to resell their allotted houses for amounts ranging from Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh. Authorities should examine whether any such transactions or agreements exist and clarify the applicable restrictions on the transfer or sale of government-allotted houses. If violations are established, action should be taken in accordance with the law. The alleged resale attempts, however, require documentary verification before they can be treated as established facts.

Similar Collection Allegations in Kuntloor

Apart from Mansoorabad, allegations have also emerged that individuals were asked to pay between Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh on promises of securing double-bedroom houses in Kuntloor. Complainants want authorities to determine how many people allegedly paid money, the amounts involved, whether houses were actually allotted and whether any payments were refunded. Investigators should also establish,

based on evidence, whether the same intermediaries operated in both locations. Statements from alleged victims, payment records and official housing documents could help establish the facts.

Woman's Alleged Suicide Attempt Raises Concern

Information has emerged that a woman reportedly attempted suicide amid the dispute over housing allotments and was stopped by local residents. The circumstances surrounding the incident and any connection with the housing controversy require independent verification. Residents say some people who allegedly paid money in the hope of obtaining houses have been experiencing severe distress. Authorities should receive their complaints, examine the allegations and ensure that affected families receive appropriate assistance.

Questions Raised Over Housing PD Champla Naik

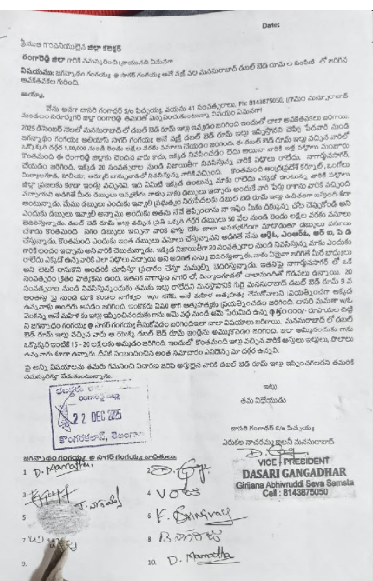
Leaders of the Erukala community have also raised allegations concerning the role of Housing Project Director Champla Naik. They allege that the allotment process was being handled under his control without the involvement of revenue officials and that the process favoured Sagar Gangaiah.

These allegations have not been independently verified. The officer's role should be examined through housing allocation files, beneficiary lists, official orders, departmental responsibilities and records of action taken on previous complaints. Champla Naik must also be given an opportunity to respond. Any inquiry should distinguish documented administrative decisions from unverified allegations. If evidence establishes misconduct, the competent authorities should take appropriate action in accordance with the law.

What Happened to the Prajavani Complaint?

Residents say they previously submitted a complaint through the Prajavani public grievance mechanism at the Collectorate, following which officials reportedly initiated an inquiry. However, complainants allege that no clear action has been communicated so far. The district administration should clarify the status of the complaint, whether an inquiry report has been submitted, whether irregularities were identified and what steps have been taken to address the grievances. A clear explanation of the inquiry's progress would help ensure accountability and

restore public confidence in the housing allocation process.



Where Did the Alleged Money Go?

If the allegations of collections running into lakhs of rupees are substantiated, tracing the money and identifying the recipients will be crucial. Investigators must establish whether intermediaries acted independently or whether others were involved. No individual's alleged share can be established without supporting evidence. A comprehensive investigation into the complaints, relevant financial transactions and official allotment records is therefore necessary.

Eligible Families Deserve Justice

Residents and Erukala community leaders are demanding a comprehensive investigation into the allocation of double-bedroom houses in Nancheramma Nagar. They want eligible beneficiaries to receive justice and any allotments made in violation of applicable rules to be reviewed.

They have urged authorities to investigate individuals accused of collecting money in the name of securing houses and to initiate legal action if the allegations are substantiated. The Housing and Revenue Departments should examine the relevant records and determine whether irregularities occurred during the selection and allotment process.

The central questions remain: Who is allegedly putting a price on the dream of a home for poor families? Are government houses being allotted according to eligibility criteria? What role, if any, did Sagar Gangaiah play? Are the allegations concerning housing officials supported by evidence? And what action has been taken on the complaints already submitted?

Only a fair, evidence-based investigation can answer these questions. The district administration must ensure transparency, accountability and justice for eligible families.



DGP WARNS POLICE AGAINST DANCING IN UNIFORM

any action may be taken against those who dance in uniform or participate in private celebrations and personal events in violation of departmental rules. The reported warning highlights the responsibility of every police employee to uphold the dignity of the uniform, both on and off duty, and to follow the rules governing its use.

Recently, videos showing police personnel dancing in uniform at various functions have circulated widely on social media, triggering mixed reactions among the public. While some people have questioned whether such conduct is appropriate for members of the police force, others have argued that participating in personal celebrations should not automatically invite criticism. The debate has nevertheless drawn attention to departmental discipline, the proper use of official uniforms and the public image of the police.

The police uniform represents more than clothing; it symbolises authority, responsibility, discipline and the commitment to protect citizens. Members of the public expect police personnel to uphold these values and behave in a manner consistent with their official responsibilities. Senior officials are reportedly concerned that the inappropriate use of uniforms for personal entertainment or

unauthorised events could affect the reputation of the entire department and undermine public confidence.

Against this backdrop, police personnel have reportedly been advised to avoid dancing in uniform and attending private functions in uniform without the required authorisation. Any alleged violation may be examined through a departmental inquiry, with disciplinary action considered in accordance with the applicable rules. The reported warning is intended to reinforce professional conduct and prevent the misuse of official attire.

Maintaining discipline and public trust remains a key responsibility of the police force. At the same time, clear guidelines on uniform use at private functions would help personnel understand the applicable restrictions and avoid confusion. The reported warning has renewed discussion about how the department will enforce its rules and ensure that police personnel maintain appropriate standards of conduct.

However, the precise details of the reported directive and the existence of a formal written order have not been independently confirmed. The Telangana Police Department's official clarification would be necessary to establish the exact instructions and applicable disciplinary provisions.



MAN ARRESTED

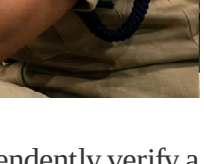
FOR ALLEGEDLY CHEATING WOMAN CONSTABLE IN MARRIAGE FRAUD

Accused Posed as Railway Engineer on Matrimonial Website

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Uppal police have arrested a man accused of cheating a woman police constable by promising to marry her and subsequently threatening her to extort money. The case came to light in Chilukanagar under Uppal police station limits in Hyderabad. According to police, the accused, identified as Pullagura Suryanarayana, 33, allegedly created a matrimonial profile using false details and claimed to be employed as an engineer in the Railway Department. A woman constable from Guntur, believing the information provided on the platform, reportedly contacted him, and their acquaintance eventually developed into a marriage proposal.

Police reportedly found that the accused had provided misleading information about his employment and personal background to gain the woman's trust. He allegedly continued the relationship by assuring her that he would marry her. According to the complaint, the relationship subsequently became physical after the woman believed his promise of marriage. The complainant later alleged that the accused changed his attitude and failed to honour the assurances he had given.

The accused allegedly threatened the woman and collected Rs 1.10 lakh from her, according to the complaint. The alleged threats reportedly caused her considerable distress, prompting her to approach Uppal police and seek legal action. Police registered a case based on her complaint and initiated an investigation into the allegations. Following the investigation, police identified and arrested Suryanarayana. He was subsequently produced before a court and sent to judicial remand, according to the available information. Investigators may examine the matrimonial profile allegedly used by the accused, communications between the two, financial transactions and other evidence relevant to the case. The investigation may also establish whether other individuals were allegedly targeted through similar methods.



The case highlights the importance of caution when using online matrimonial platforms. Users should independently verify a prospective partner's employment, identity and background wherever possible. Requests for money, threats involving private information and pressure to make financial payments should be treated as warning signs. Anyone facing such threats should preserve messages, payment records and other relevant evidence and approach the police for assistance. The allegations against the accused remain subject to the legal process, and the investigation is expected to establish the full circumstances of the case.



YOUTH DIES AFTER ALLEGED **POLICE** **HARASSMENT** IN GADWAL

Vireesh Accused an SI and Constable of Assault, According to Reports

Gadwal, The Journalist Post, October 16: A young man identified as Vireesh died while undergoing treatment at a hospital after allegedly attempting suicide by consuming pesticide on October 9. The incident occurred in Bureddipalli village of Dharur mandal in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Telangana. According to reports, Vireesh had been receiving medical treatment since the incident but died on Friday, October 16. His death has triggered concern in the village, with allegations of police harassment emerging as a central issue in the case.

Reports indicate that Vireesh made a statement while receiving treatment at the hospital, alleging that he had been harassed and assaulted by police personnel. He reportedly accused a sub-inspector and a constable of beating him and claimed that political reasons had contributed to the alleged harassment. He was also said to have told medical personnel that he had been kept at a police station for several hours, leaving him deeply distressed. The precise circumstances surrounding his alleged suicide attempt and the connection, if any, between the allegations and his death remain to be established through an impartial investigation.

The incident has caused grief among Vireesh's family members and relatives. Residents have reportedly expressed concern

over the circumstances that led to the young man's death. The case has also attracted local attention because Bureddipalli is the native village of Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy. However, the political context and its relevance to the allegations have not been independently established.

The allegations against the sub-inspector and constable require thorough examination by the competent authorities. Investigators would need to assess Vireesh's reported hospital statement, medical records, the circumstances of his alleged detention, relevant police station records and any available witness accounts or other evidence. The response of the police personnel concerned and details of any official inquiry had not been confirmed in the information available at the time of reporting.



The case raises serious questions about the need to safeguard citizens' rights and ensure accountability in police conduct. A transparent investigation is essential to establish the sequence of events and determine whether any misconduct occurred. If the allegations are substantiated, appropriate action would need to be taken in accordance with the law. At the same time, the allegations should not be treated as established facts before the investigation is completed. Vireesh's death has intensified calls for clarity regarding the circumstances surrounding the incident. The findings of the investigation, including the examination of his reported statement and medical evidence, will be important in determining the facts and whether any individuals bear legal responsibility. Further details are awaited from the police department regarding the inquiry and any action taken in the case.



GOVERNOR INVITED TO SADDULA BATHUKAMMA CELEBRATIONS

**Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, Oc-
tober 16:** Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna

Rao met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Friday and invited him to attend the state government's Saddula Bathukamma celebrations as the chief guest on October 18. During the meeting, the minister explained the significance of the festival and formally extended the invitation on behalf of the state government. The Governor responded positively to the invitation, and the minister thanked him for his favourable response.

Bathukamma is one of Telangana's most prominent cultural festivals, celebrated primarily by women who arrange seasonal flowers in colourful floral stacks and participate in traditional songs and festivities. Saddula

Bathukamma marks the concluding celebra-



TRUMP LAUNCHES FRESH ATTACK ON ZELENSKY

USA, The Journalist Post, October 16: US President Donald Trump has renewed his criticism of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, reportedly saying that dealing with him is more difficult than negotiating with



Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump also suggested that Ukraine might benefit from electing a different leader, triggering fresh debate amid ongoing diplomatic efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war.

Trump expressed dissatisfaction with Ukraine's renewed attacks on Russian oil refineries, accusing Zelenskyy of pursuing military action while speaking about peace. Ukraine, however, has alleged that Russia violated an understanding to halt attacks on energy infra-

RAHUL GANDHI QUESTIONS CENTRE OVER RUBIO'S INDIA VISIT

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 16: Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has criticised the Union government over US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's proposed India visit, alleging a lack of clarity within the External Affairs Ministry. He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi explain the arrangements.



The criticism followed reports that US Ambassador Sergio Gor had announced Rubio's planned meeting with Indian government officials in Mumbai the following week. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was also expected to participate. Reacting on social

structure, forcing Kyiv to resume strikes against Russian facilities. Ukrainian drones reportedly struck an oil refinery in Russia's Ryazan region, triggering a major fire. The extent of the damage remained unclear. Attacks on energy infrastructure have raised con-

cerns about disruptions to fuel supplies, economic activity and international energy markets.

Meanwhile, Russian drone attacks on central Ukraine reportedly killed three civilians and injured six others. The latest casualties highlight the continuing dangers faced by civilians despite diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire. With both sides exchanging accusations and attacks continuing, prospects for peace remain uncertain. Trump's latest remarks have added further complexity to international efforts to bring the conflict to an end.

media, Rahul Gandhi questioned the government's communication and made a sarcastic remark that he could explain the matter to the Prime Minister if necessary. His comments have triggered political debate over the handling of diplomatic information. Further official details about the meetings, participants and agenda were awaited.

KHARGE SEEKS ALL-PARTY MEETING ON DELIMITATION

and allow sufficient time for discussion before proceeding with any constitutional amendment.

Kharge recalled that he had written to the Prime Minister on April 11, July 16 and August 27, seeking consultations on the issue. He alleged that his earlier requests had not received an adequate response and criticised the government's approach to the proposed changes.

In his latest letter,



Kharge stressed that delimitation could significantly affect the country's political system and there-

fore required extensive consultations. He urged the Centre not to attempt to force through a consti-

tutional amendment without broad political agreement.

Kharge also called for parties to be given enough time to examine the proposals and consult stakeholders. His demand comes amid reports of possible further parliamentary proceedings on delimitation.

The government's response to the latest letter was not included in the information provided.

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

HIGHLIGHTS PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT

World Bank–IMF meetings focus on infrastructure financing

Bangkok, The Journalist Post, October 16: Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the importance of attracting private investment to urban development during an event held in Bangkok, Thailand, on the sidelines of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings.

She stressed the need for governments and the private sector to work together to make cities more attractive for investment and address the growing infrastructure requirements of expanding urban populations. The discussions focused on financing strategies, sustainable urban planning and improving the delivery of essential public services. Urban infrastructure projects require substantial financial resources, particularly in areas such as

roads, public transport, sanitation and other civic amenities. Mobilising private capital alongside government funding was highlighted as an important ap-



proach to meeting these requirements. Transparent policies, effective governance and long-term planning can help create a favourable environment for investors and support the timely implementation of projects.

Drinking water infrastructure was another key

area of discussion. As cities expand, the demand for reliable and safe water supplies continues to grow. Wastewater management, conservation of water resources and improvements in urban water distribution systems have become im-

portant priorities for city administrations.

Collaboration between governments and private enterprises could help mobilise additional resources, introduce modern technologies and improve the quality of infrastructure services. Such partnerships also require clear regulatory frameworks, financial ac-

UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND DEAD IN SAKET, POLICE INFORMED

Police investigate circumstances surrounding death

Cause of death remains unknown



H y d e r a b a d / Javharnagar, The Journalist Post, October 16: An unidentified man, aged around 50, was found dead in a vacant plot behind a bicycle puncture shop near Anish College in Saket on October 16. According to complainant

Sirisilla Ramesh, who runs the shop, the man had frequently been seen consuming alcohol in the area over the past three months. At around 9:45 am, Ramesh found him lying motionless and alerted police. Emergency 108 ambulance personnel examined the man and confirmed his death. The exact cause of death remains unknown.

RESOLVE NHM STAFF ISSUES, DEMANDS BJP TELANGANA CHIEF

personnel working under the National Health Mission (NHM) across Telangana. He expressed solidarity with NHM employees staging a protest at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad, stating that the government must ensure fair wages, job security and essential benefits for healthcare workers who play a crucial role in delivering primary medical services. He urged the Congress government to respond posi-



tively to their demands and initiate steps to resolve their grievances.

Ramchander Rao alleged that nearly 70 per cent of NHM employees are women, yet many lack benefits such as paid maternity leave, health insurance and life insurance. He said healthcare personnel were being required to work without adequate employment security despite their significant contribution to public health. He stressed that women employees balancing family responsibilities with demanding healthcare duties deserved appropriate protection, recognition and workplace benefits. Improving their working conditions, he added, would strengthen employee morale and help improve the quality of healthcare services.

The BJP leader also raised concerns about the additional clerical and administrative responsibilities reportedly assigned to doctors and healthcare personnel working at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Basti

Dawakhanas. He said staff already facing shortages and heavy workloads should be allowed to prioritise medical services rather than being burdened with excessive administrative duties. He called for a proper division of responsibilities and adequate support systems to help healthcare workers perform their primary duties more effectively.

According to Ramchander Rao, NHM employees had submitted representations to district collectors and health department officials on several occasions but had not received a satisfactory response. He said the situation had led approximately 17,000 employees working at PHCs and Basti Dawakhanas across Telangana to launch protests and reportedly boycott duties from October 13. He argued that timely intervention by the government could have prevented the escalation of the dispute. He called for discussions between the government and employee unions to find a resolution. The extent to which the reported protest has affected healthcare services was not immediately clear.

Ramchander Rao urged the Congress government to address the employees' demands without further delay. These include fair wages, job security, paid maternity leave, health insurance and life insurance benefits. He said the government had a responsibility to provide dignified working conditions to personnel engaged in protecting public health. He also called for dialogue with representatives of employee unions and concrete measures to end the agitation.

The protest at Dharna Chowk has brought renewed attention to the employment conditions of NHM personnel, many of whom support essential public healthcare services across the state. The government's response and the outcome of any proposed negotiations will be crucial in determining the next steps in the dispute.

INDIRAMMA HOUSES SANCTIONED FOR 109 FAMILIES IN GOVINDARAOPET



Mulugu, The Journalist Post, October 16: A total of 109 families from 13 villages in Govindaraopet mandal of Mulugu district received Indiramma housing sanction letters during the second phase of distribution held at the Rythu Vedika in Govindaraopet. Telangana Minister Seethakka attended the programme as the chief guest and distributed the documents along with District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadevara o.

Under the Indiramma Indlu scheme, the government will provide financial assistance of ₹5 lakh for the construction of each house. With 109 beneficiaries selected in this phase, the total allocation for their housing assistance amounts to ₹5.45 crore. The scheme aims to support eligible poor families in fulfilling their dream of owning a

house. The distribution of sanction letters marks a step towards enabling the selected beneficiaries to begin the process of constructing their homes with government assistance. Officials and public representatives attended the programme at the Rythu Vedika. The beneficiaries were selected from 13 villages within the mandal, extending the second-phase distribution of housing approvals to families in the region.

The government is implementing the Indiramma housing scheme to provide financial support to eligible households and improve access to permanent housing. Beneficiaries who received the sanction letters can proceed with the required construction process in accordance with the scheme's guidelines.

GODAVARI FLOWS, BUT FARMERS ARE DENIED IRRIGATION WATER: KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY

Dubbak, The Journalist Post, October 16: Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy questioned why irrigation project motors were not being switched on despite the Godavari carrying sufficient water. He urged Minister Vivek Venkataswamy to address electricity cuts and irrigation shortages affecting farmers and take immediate steps to protect standing crops.

The MLA raised the issues during a programme at Sri Ramalingeshwara Function Hall in Nagaram village of Akbarpet-Bhoompally mandal. The event also included the distribution of double-bedroom house title documents and financial assistance cheques under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes. Prabhakar Reddy credited the previous BRS government led by K. Chandrashekar Rao with providing double-bedroom houses to poor families without charging beneficiaries. He urged officials to distribute house documents conveniently across mandals and ensure that eligible families were treated fairly, irrespective of politi-



cal affiliations.

Referring to irrigation, the MLA said the Mallanna Sagar and Kondapochamma Sagar reservoirs had previously helped supply water to tanks, canals and agricultural fields. He alleged that farmers were now facing difficulties because water was not being released as required, despite

the availability of Godavari water.

Farmers also expressed their frustration over power cuts during the minister's visit. Prabhakar Reddy interacted with them and

submitted a representation to the minister, seeking reliable electricity supply for agricultural operations. He said farmers needed at least 15 hours of power daily to protect crops cultivated with borrowed money. The MLA demanded the immediate release of adequate water from Mallanna Sagar and Kondapochamma Sagar through irrigation canals. He urged the government and officials to address the water and electricity shortages without delay.

RAMCHANDER RAO ACCUSES CONGRESS OF OPPOSING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao accused the Congress party of opposing women's empowerment and neglecting women's welfare in the state. He was speaking at the Telangana BJP Mahila Morcha state executive committee meeting held at the BJP state office in Nampally. BJP Mahila Morcha national president Roop Kumari Choudhary attended the meeting, where women's empowerment, welfare, safety and protection of rights were discussed.



Ramchander Rao called on Mahila Morcha leaders and activists to work actively on issues affecting women and take their concerns to the public. He said the Union government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, had prioritised women's empowerment over the past 12 years through welfare schemes and development programmes. He urged party workers to cre-

ate greater awareness about the Centre's initiatives promoting women's economic and social development. The BJP leader alleged that Congress had

repeatedly opposed measures intended to ensure adequate political representation for women, including the Women's Reservation Bill. He also criticised the Telangana government, claiming that its promises on women's welfare had not been fully implemented.

Ramchander Rao further alleged that crimes against women

had increased under the Congress government and stressed the need for stronger measures to ensure women's safety and dignity. He urged Mahila Morcha members to raise public concerns, question the government over its commitments and work towards resolving women's issues. He said the BJP Mahila Morcha would continue its campaign for women's rights, security and self-respect across Telangana. The Congress government's response to the allegations was not included in the press note.

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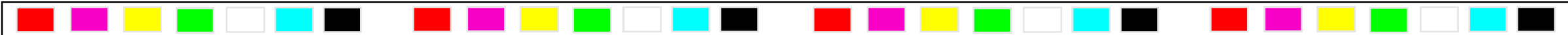
KTR questioned the proposal to import coal despite the availability of coal from Singareni. He alleged that the proposed imports could involve unnecessary additional expenditure and questioned the rationale behind the move. According to the figures cited by him, Singareni coal costs approximately ₹3,800 per tonne, while imported coal could cost between ₹10,000 and ₹12,000 per tonne. He demanded that the government explain the price difference, procurement terms and reasons for considering imported supplies. KTR also claimed that outstanding dues payable to Singareni had reached ₹60,000 crore and criticised what he described as attempts to blame the company for coal supply concerns. The price comparisons, dues figure and procurement details require confirmation from official records and the relevant authorities.

The BRS leader also criticised the Congress government over electricity supply and power procurement. He said the previous BRS government had worked towards providing 24-hour electricity to agriculture, industries and households. Questioning the current government's approach, he alleged that coal shortages at power plants and uncertainty over electricity purchases were raising concerns about the state's power supply. He also referred to the earlier electricity agreement with Chhattisgarh, which the Congress had criticised, and questioned the rationale for purchasing power at higher rates. KTR cited a price of ₹3.90 per unit for earlier purchases

and questioned whether the state might now have to pay as much as ₹15 per unit. He urged the government to publish relevant data on procurement costs, power availability and supply arrangements to clarify the issue.

Turning to irrigation, KTR accused the government of failing to make effective use of available water from the Kaleshwaram project. He said his party had urged the government months earlier to lift water from Kaleshwaram and use it for agricultural purposes. According to him, the government did not act on requests to pump water from the Kannepalli pump house and supply it to farmers, resulting in water flowing downstream while crops faced the risk of drying up. He also argued that the El Niño phenomenon should not be used to avoid responsibility for irrigation management. Referring to irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh, he urged Telangana to make better use of available water resources.

KTR called for immediate government intervention to address farmers' concerns and improve irrigation management. He urged the authorities to develop a comprehensive plan for the effective utilisation of water from projects such as Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Rangareddy, while ensuring adequate supplies for agriculture and drinking-water needs. He said coal procurement, electricity agreements and irrigation management should be examined transparently, with relevant facts placed before the public. The government's response to the allegations and the official data on coal costs, power purchases and water availability will be important in assessing the issues raised by the BRS leader.



SUDHEER REDDY SEEKS EARLY COMPLETION OF LB NAGAR CIVIC WORKS

- Drainage, roads and community halls discussed with zonal commissioner
- Vikas Mahato assures that proposed works will begin shortly

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy met LB Nagar Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato at his office on Thursday and urged officials to expedite several civic development works across the constituency. The meeting followed the MLA's recent visits to various divisions, during which he reviewed local infrastructure issues and residents' concerns. Sudheer Reddy discussed the pending works and stressed the need for their timely implementation. He urged officials to begin drainage works in Ayyappa Colony on a war footing. He also called for cleaning the areas surrounding the Auto Nagar dumping yard, constructing footpaths, installing CCTV cameras and streetlights, and planting trees along both sides of the road to improve sanitation, public safety and the environment. The MLA further requested the construction



of new roads in Vaidehi Nagar under the BN Reddy Nagar Division. He also sought new community halls in Harihara Puram Colony and Vijayapuri Colony. In Pawan Puri Colony under the Champapet Division, he asked officials to com-

mence community hall construction without delay. Responding to the requests, Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato informed the MLA that proposals for the works had already been submitted and assured him that the projects would begin shortly. The meeting highlighted the need to accelerate civic infrastructure development and improve basic amenities for residents across the LB Nagar constituency.

ROHITH VEMULA TELANGANA BILL DRAFT TO BE READY IN THREE MONTHS

posed Rohith Vemula Telangana Bill within three months to protect students' rights and prevent caste-based discrimination in universities and higher educational institutions. The directions were issued during the second meeting of the Committee of Senior Civil Servants, held at the Telangana Secretariat on Friday under Bhatti Vikramarka's chairmanship. The meeting discussed the proposed legislation's framework, committee composition, legal requirements and consultations with stakeholders. Bhatti Vikramarka instructed the Scheduled Castes Development Department (SCDD) to lead the drafting process and emphasised the inclusion of the Law Department in the committee. He also called for the participation of the Education and Home Departments, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other relevant institutions. Officials were directed to constitute the committee promptly and follow a clear action plan. The Deputy Chief Minister stressed the importance of consulting students, faculty members, legal experts, civil society organisations and education specialists. He said the proposed legislation should address discrimination and challenges faced by students in higher educational institutions while ensur-



ing equal opportunities and a fair academic environment. The meeting also discussed seeking legal and technical assistance from NALSAR University of Law. Scheduled Castes Development Department Secretary Vijayendra Boyi informed the meeting that NALSAR University had agreed to support the drafting exercise. Officials were asked to incorporate suggestions from relevant departments and experts and ensure that the proposed provisions are practical and enforceable. The preliminary draft must be submitted to the Committee of Senior Civil Servants within the three-month deadline for further examination. Ministers Ponnampalabakar and Adluri Lakshman Kumar, Special Chief Secretary Savvasachi Ghosh, senior IPS officer Devendra Singh Chauhan, IAS officers Yogita Rana and Vijayendra Boyi, advocate Disha Wadekar and other officials attended the meeting.

MLA SEEKS RELIEF FOR MALLAPUR RESIDENTS OVER RESTRICTED LAND

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy urged officials to remove residential plots in Survey No. 84/1 of Mallapur village abadi from the prohibited list. He met Uppal Mandal Tahsildar Phool Singh and explained residents' difficulties with property registrations, building permissions and transfers. The MLA requested officials to examine the mat-



ter and take appropriate action under existing rules. Responding to the appeal, the Tahsildar assured that the relevant details would be reviewed and necessary steps considered. Former ward committee member Failla Praveen Kumar participated in the meeting.

KAVITHA SLAMS REVANTH REDDY GOVERNMENT OVER DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of failing to take timely preventive measures against the drought situation in the state. She demanded immediate relief for farmers and agricultural labourers, including annual assistance of Rs12,000 and insurance coverage for labourers' families. Addressing the media at her party office in Banjara Hills on Friday, Kavitha claimed that warnings about a possible drought due to the El Niño effect had been issued as early as January, but the government failed to act in time. She said the state should have responded to the reported 28 per cent rainfall deficit in August and criticised the Chief Minister for asking farmers to make sacrifices without clearly announcing compensation measures. Kavitha argued that completing irrigation projects, including the Palamuru-Rangareddy scheme, and repairing the Medigadda barrage could help address water shortages. She called for completing the barrage repairs before the next monsoon to enable the utilisation of Godavari water. She also questioned the progress of the Bhima and Nettampadu projects and alleged that the Congress government had failed to deliver additional irrigation water despite spending funds after coming to power. Expressing concern over the livelihood of agricultural labourers, Kavitha



warned that a lack of rabi cultivation could force farmers and workers to migrate to cities in search of employment. She cited an accident involving labourers from Aija mandal in Jogulamba Gadwal district who were travelling to Karnataka for work, stating that two people had died. She urged the government to provide financial assistance and insurance to protect vulnerable families. Kavitha also alleged that the government was attempting to privatise certain components of the Yadadri power plant and demanded transparency regarding its reported agreement with Power Max. These allegations were not independently established in the material provided. She insisted that free electricity for farmers must continue until the end of November and said she was prepared to approach Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar if necessary. On Hyderabad's water shortage, Kavitha blamed the government for alleged encroachments on lakes and declining groundwater levels. She questioned the functioning of HYDRA and criticised the timing of the proposed all-party meeting on drought, arguing that consultations should have begun earlier. Separately, Kavitha criticised BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao over his reported letter seeking an inquiry into foreign coal procurement agreements involving Pratima Srinivasa Rao. She also raised concerns about Singareni workers' issues and expressed confidence in the HMS-TRS alliance in the upcoming Singareni elections.

CBIT MECHANICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS WIN FIRST PRIZE AT NATIONAL HACKATHON

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Students from the Mechanical Engineering Department of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), an autonomous institution, secured first prize at ROBOTHON 2026, a two-day national-level hackathon organised by Anurag University. The winning team comprised V. Rithwik, D. Vishweshwar and P. Mahee Karunya, under the guidance of faculty members Dr. Rahul and Ch. Sharath Reddy. The achievement marks CBIT's second consecutive victory at the Anurag University event and its third hackathon win in two years. During the competition, the students demonstrated their rapid prototyping skills by designing a customised product within a few hours and successfully fabricating it using modern 3D-printing techniques. Their technical precision, innovative design and efficient execution earned them the first prize, certificates and a cash award. The event witnessed participation from

64 teams representing 18 institutions, including CVR College of Engineering, Anurag University, CMR Institute of Technology and Government Polytechnic Ballari, along with several other engineering and polytechnic colleges. CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narsimhulu and Mechanical Engineering Department Head Prof. G. Laxmaiah congratulated the students and their faculty mentors. They appreciated the team's dedication, creativity and practical problem-solving abilities. The achievement highlights CBIT students' capabilities in engineering innovation, product development and the application of emerging technologies to practical challenges.



MLA SUDHEER REDDY OFFERS PRAYERS AT DILSUKHNAGAR KANAKA DURGA TEMPLE

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy visited the Sri Kanaka Durga Temple in Dilsukhnagar on Friday as part of the Devi Navaratri celebrations and performed special prayers to the goddess. Temple Chairman Ramchander and Executive Officer Snehalatha accorded a warm welcome to the MLA and arranged the special pooja rituals. Sudheer Reddy offered prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga on the occasion. Several local leaders, including Thota Mahesh Yadav, Madhu Sagar



and Kiran, participated in the programme. The temple witnessed religious activities as part of the Navaratri festivities, during which devotees visit temples and offer prayers to Goddess Durga.

TELANGANA INVITES HYUNDAI TO EXPLORE CAR MANUFACTURING IN THE STATE

tegic location, skilled workforce, infrastructure and quality of life as key advantages for industrial investment. The Chief Minister held discussions with a delegation led by Changyeon Cho, Managing Director of Hyundai Motor India Engineering, at the Bodhi Pavilion in Hyderabad. The meeting focused on expanding industrial investment, strengthening the automobile sector and creating employment opportunities in Telangana.

During the meeting, Hyundai proposed setting up an integrated international research and development centre within the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Zaheerabad in Sangareddy district. The proposed project is expected to involve an investment of Rs8,528 crore across approximately 678 acres and could generate employment opportunities for around 4,276 people. Company representatives reportedly in-

formed the Chief Minister that preparations for the project's foundation-laying ceremony could take place in the coming months. Revanth Reddy assured the delegation of the state government's support for the proposed investment.



Hyundai already has an established presence in Hyderabad, where its research and development operations in the HITEC City area have contributed to the city's engineering and technology ecosystem for nearly two decades. The proposed expansion could further strengthen Hyderabad's position as a centre for advanced engineering, technological research and innovation. The company's plans to

expand its research capabilities are aligned with the state government's ambition to attract high-value investments and develop a stronger industrial ecosystem.

Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana's industrial clusters, multimodal transport connectivity and emerging manufacturing corridors, stating that the government was working to improve infrastructure and facilitate industrial growth. He said the state was prepared to extend the necessary assistance to investors, including support relating to infrastructure and approvals, in accordance with applicable procedures. The government aims to position Telangana as a major manufacturing destination and encourage global companies to expand their operations in the state.

The Chief Minister also invited Hyundai representatives to participate in the proposed Telangana investment summit in 2026, which is intended to showcase investment opportunities to global

businesses. He outlined the development plans for Bharat Future City and the state's broader Telangana Rising-2047 vision, which seeks to establish Hyderabad as a global hub for technology, research, advanced engineering and manufacturing.

Changyeon Cho reportedly stated that Hyundai's plans to strengthen Hyderabad as an international technology and advanced engineering centre were aligned with the Telangana government's objectives. Senior officials, including the Chief Minister's adviser and Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and Sangareddy District Collector Prateek Jain, attended the meeting. While the proposed research and development centre represents a significant investment opportunity, the establishment of a car manufacturing facility remains an invitation for Hyundai to explore rather than a confirmed project. Further details would depend on the company's decisions and subsequent government approvals.

TELANGANA INVITES INVESTORS AT BENGALURU ROADSHOW

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu invited industrialists from Karnataka to explore investment opportunities in Telangana during an investment summit roadshow held in Bengaluru in association with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The programme highlighted the state's industrial potential and aimed to attract fresh investments across key sectors. During discussions with industry representatives, Sridhar Babu focused on opportunities in aviation, life sciences, semiconductor manufacturing, textiles and global capability centres. He explored possibilities for

partnerships and industrial expansion by leveraging the complementary strengths of



Telangana and Karnataka. The discussions also aimed to encourage businesses to consider Telangana as a destination for their future expansion plans.

The minister urged Karnataka-based entrepreneurs to examine the investment opportunities available in Telangana and establish new ventures in the state. He high-

lighted the importance of industrial collaboration in generating business opportuni-

ties, expanding manufacturing activities and strengthening economic growth.

Sridhar Babu also invited industrialists to participate in the upcoming investment summit scheduled to be held at Bharat Future City in Hyderabad from December 7 to 9. The summit is expected to provide a platform for com-

panies to explore investment prospects, understand sector-specific opportunities and discuss potential partnerships.

The roadshow forms part of Telangana's broader efforts to attract domestic and international investments, expand its industrial base and promote collaboration across emerging and established sectors. Through engagement with industry leaders, the state government aims to showcase its investment potential and encourage companies to consider Telangana for future projects. The press note did not specify any investment commitments resulting from the Bengaluru discussions.

INDIA AND MONGOLIA PLEDGE TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE TIES

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 16: India and Mongolia have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening defence cooperation during the 14th meeting of the India-Mongolia Joint Working Group held in Mongolia.

The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Ishita Ganguly Tripathi, Joint Secretary in India's Ministry of



Defence, and Brigadier General Gansukh E, Deputy State Secretary of Mongolia's Ministry of Defence.

Both sides emphasised

their longstanding friendship, mutual trust and shared commitment to regional peace and stability. Discussions focused on expanding defence

cooperation, strengthening institutional engagement and promoting regular dialogue between the two countries. The meeting provided an opportunity to review bilateral defence relations and explore avenues for closer collaboration. Both nations reiterated their intention to work together to support regional security amid evolving international developments. Specific new agreements or decisions were not detailed in the information provided.

BANANA LEAF

DINING

TRADITION MEETS SUSTAINABILITY

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Eating meals served on banana leaves is a long-standing Indian tradition,



particularly during festivals, weddings, religious ceremonies and family gatherings. The green leaves add a traditional touch to meals while offering a natural alternative to plastic plates.

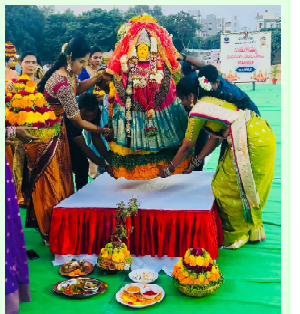
Banana leaves are biodegradable and can help reduce plastic waste when collected and disposed of properly. However, claims that eating from banana leaves provides special health benefits or cures diseases lack

strong scientific evidence. Hygiene is essential when using banana leaves. They should be thoroughly washed with clean water to remove dust, soil, insects and other contaminants. Torn, decayed or discoloured leaves should be avoided. Heating leaves slightly may make them softer, but excessive heating or burning should be prevented.

The nutritional value of a meal depends mainly on the food served rather than the plate. A balanced meal containing rice, pulses, vegetables, leafy greens and curd can support healthy eating. People should also limit excessive oil and salt and follow dietary advice for existing health conditions. After use, banana leaves should be disposed of responsibly, preferably through appropriate organic waste management. With proper hygiene and waste disposal, this traditional practice can preserve cultural values while supporting environmental sustainability.

MALKAJGIRI POLICE CELEBRATE BATHUKAMMA WITH FERVOUR

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: The Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate celebrated Bathukamma at Saroornagar Stadium under CP B. Sumathi's leadership. Women police personnel arranged floral Bathukammas, sang traditional songs and performed kolatam, showcasing Telangana's cultural heritage and festive spirit.



CBIT SIGNS MoU WITH ADANI CEMENT TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA TIES

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 17: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adani Cement under its FutureX initiative on October 15, 2026, to strengthen industry-academia collaboration in concrete and construction technology.

The MoU signing ceremony



was followed by a one-day workshop titled "Concrete: A Man-made Material", organised by CBIT's Department of Civil Engineering under the aegis of the Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) Student Chapter. The programme was attended by more than 150 students and 10 faculty members. Er. Pradeep S. Barange, Cluster Head-Technical Services, South 2, Adani Group (Ambuja Cements and ACC), participated as the chief guest and speaker. Krishnanunni M, Regional Head-Technical Services, Telangana, Adani Cement, attended as the guest of honour. Under the agreement, CBIT and Adani Cement will collaborate through guest lectures, skill-devel-

opment workshops, internships, industrial visits, laboratory exposure and student projects. The initiative aims to connect classroom learning with practical industry requirements and improve students' professional skills. During the technical sessions, Barange discussed the evolution of concrete from its ancient origins to modern construction practices. Drawing on nearly three decades of industry experience, he explained concrete technology, mix design and quality management.

Krishnanunni M shared insights from more than 13 years of field experience, focusing on cement behaviour, concrete strength, durability and workability. He also discussed site audits, troubleshooting construction problems and adapting building practices to regional climatic conditions.

CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narsimhulu, Director of Industry and Innovation, Prof. U. K. Chowdary, Civil Engineering Department Head Dr. K. Jagannadha Rao, Prof. V. Barla, Dr. G. Mallikarjuna Rao and Dr. Koniki Srikanth attended the programme. The organisers acknowledged the contributions of the speakers, faculty members, student coordinators and ICI Student Chapter members. The collaboration is expected to create additional opportunities for practical learning and industry exposure for CBIT students.

BATHUKAMMA

YOUNG FILMMAKERS' CHALLENGE AWARDS ON OCTOBER 17



initiative, which aims to encourage emerging filmmaking talent and promote Telangana's cultural heritage through cinema.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on October 17 at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad. The challenge seeks to provide young filmmakers with a platform to showcase their creativity through films inspired by Bathukamma, Telangana's prominent floral festival.

Film director Harish Shankar participated in the delegation, along with Telangana

Media Academy Chairman Srinivas Reddy, Charan Arjun, Nalgonda Gaddar and others. The delegation extended a formal invitation to the Chief Minister and discussed the significance of recognising young creative talent. The initiative aims to bring Telangana's festivals, traditions and cultural identity closer to younger generations through filmmaking. By encouraging participants to present the spirit of Bathukamma through visual storytelling, the organisers seek to create opportunities for emerging filmmakers while highlighting the state's rich cultural heritage.

Awards will be presented to recognise outstanding contributions and creative efforts among the participants. The October 17 event is expected to bring together representatives from the film and cultural sectors to celebrate young talent and the traditions associated with Bathukamma. The Chief Minister's participation in the ceremony had been sought through the invitation; his attendance was not confirmed in the press note.

TELANGANA YOUNGSTERS SHINE AT NATIONAL YOGASANAC HAMPIONSHIPS

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 16: Telangana athletes who showcased their talent at the 51st National Yogasana Sports Championships held in Jaipur were felicitated by the state government. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar congratulated the athletes at a programme organised at the Ministers' Residential Complex in Hyderabad, describing their achievements at the national level as a matter of pride for Telangana. He emphasised the importance of encouraging young sportspersons who are bringing recognition to the state through their performances in yogasana sports.

Kattekola Bhavagna from Medchal district won a bronze medal in the girls' category, earning recognition for Telangana at the national championships. Competing against participants from different parts of the country, she demonstrated the balance, concentration, physical fitness and consistent practice required to excel in yogasana. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar congratulated Bhavagna on her achievement and expressed confidence that she would perform well in upcoming competitions. "N. Vasavi from Rangareddy district and P. Deepak from Karimnagar district also delivered commendable performances, securing fifth places in their respective categories. Although they narrowly missed out on medals, their performances at the national level were encouraging. Participation in such competitions provides athletes with valuable experience, helps them identify areas for im-

provement and prepares them to compete more effectively in future events.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar reportedly noted that Telangana athletes had



achieved this level of performance at the national stage for the first time in 22 years. He said dedication, systematic training and perseverance were essential foundations for sporting success. With appropriate encouragement and support, talented athletes from the state could achieve further recognition at national and international competitions

The minister also highlighted the importance of promoting yogasana sports to encourage physical fitness, discipline and concentration among young people. He urged the athletes to continue their training, refine their skills and set their sights on international competitions. Congratulating the players on their achievements, he wished them success in their future sporting careers and expressed hope that more yogasana athletes from Telangana would bring laurels to the state on national and international platforms.

My Land, My Rules

ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION ALLEGED IN KPHB PHASE 9

Residents are demanding that senior municipal officials inspect the site,

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post,

October 16: Residents of Kukatpally Housing Board Colony (KPHB) Phase 9 have raised concerns over alleged unauthorised construction in the locality, accusing a builder of violating the building permission granted by municipal authorities. According to residents, approval was obtained for a stilt-plus-two-floor structure, but construction is allegedly progressing with an additional four-and-a-half floors.

The ongoing work has triggered criticism of the Town Planning wing, with residents questioning why action has not been taken despite the alleged violations. Some residents have also raised suspicions of possible official negligence or corruption, although these allegations require independent investigation and verification. Locals fear that unchecked multi-storey development could place additional pressure on civic infrastructure, including drinking water supplies, drainage systems and roads. They have expressed particular concern over groundwater depletion and recurring water shortages in Hyderabad.



verify the approved building plan and take appropriate action if violations are established. They have also called for a vigilance inquiry into the alleged failure of enforcement officials to prevent the construction. The residents urged the authorities to halt any unauthorised work, enforce applicable building regulations and ensure accountability. An official response from the concerned municipal authorities was not included in the complaint.

MLA MADHAVARAM KRISHNA RAO REVIEWS BATHUKAMMA ARRANGEMENTS

- **Inspection held at IDL Lake ahead of festivities**
- **Officials directed to ensure lighting, sanitation and security**

Kukatpally, The Journalist Post, October 16: Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao inspected arrangements for the Bathukamma festival at Rangadhamuni Cheruvu, also known as IDL Lake, on Friday. He directed officials from various departments to coordinate closely and ensure that women and other visitors could participate in the celebrations without inconvenience.

During the inspection, the MLA stressed the need for adequate civic amenities around the lake. He instructed officials to ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply, proper lighting and continuous sanitation throughout the festival period. He also called for effective security arrangements to maintain law and



order and asked field-level officials to monitor the venue regularly.

Describing Bathukamma as an important symbol of Telangana's cultural heritage, Krishna Rao extended festive greetings to the people and wished every family peace, prosperity and good health. Former corporator Pagudala Baburao, division president Prabhakar Goud, Venkatesh, civic officials and local leaders participated in the inspection.