

Supreme Court Rejects Extension of Municipal Election Nominations in Andhra Pradesh

Final Candidate List Deferred to October 25; SEC Directed to Submit Report on October 27

Amaravati, The Journalist Post, October 21: The Supreme Court has issued key directions concerning the municipal election nomination process in Andhra Pradesh, refusing to extend the nomination deadline across the state while directing the State Election Commission (SEC) to conduct a detailed inquiry into specific areas where complaints of obstruction in filing nominations have been re-



ceived. The court also deferred the announce-

ment of the final list of candidates to October 25 and directed the SEC to submit a detailed report on its findings and actions by October 27. The directions have brought renewed attention to the conduct of the municipal elections and the measures required to ensure a free and fair electoral process.

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) approached the Supreme Court al-

leging that its candidates were prevented

Telangana Government Stands Firmly with Families of Police Martyrs: CM Revanth Reddy



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday paid tribute to police martyrs on the occasion of Police Com-

Niranjan Reddy Accepts Minister Jupally's Challenge on Palamuru-Rangareddy Project

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Former Telangana Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy has accepted the challenge issued by Minister Jupally Krishna Rao over the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), asserting that the linking of reservoirs under the project was the result of decisions taken during the previous BRS government. He alleged that the Congress government had failed to advance the project over the past three years and demanded that it immediately release the necessary funds to resolve irrigation-related difficulties faced by farmers in the Palamuru region.



Niranjan Reddy said the flow of water from the Narlapur Reservoir to the Yellur Reservoir was made possible by decisions taken during the BRS regime. He claimed that the outlet released by Jupally Krishna Rao on the day of his state-

ment had also been established after he personally requested former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to approve it. Explaining the rationale behind the reservoir-linking arrangements, the former minister said canals constructed under the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation (KLI) Scheme had inadequate carrying capacity, affecting the delivery of water to farmers. To address these limitations, the BRS government had planned links connecting Narlapur to

BC Leadership Will Get Its Opportunity in the Future:

TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

No Deadline for a BC Chief Minister in Telangana



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud has asserted that there is

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty Reviews Naval Operational Readiness in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty, Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, reviewed naval operational readiness dur-



ing a visit to several remote locations across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. His itinerary included Landfall Island, East Island and INS Kohassa,

7th World Agrivoltaics Conference Opens in New Delhi



More Than 1,200 Delegates Gather to Discuss Food Security and Clean Energy

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: The 7th World Agrivoltaics Conference 2026 opened at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, bringing together experts and stakeholders to explore ways of integrating agriculture with renewable energy production. The conference focuses on making efficient use of agricultural land

Defence Ministry Signs Rs770-Crore Radar Deal with Bharat Electronics



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: The Ministry of Defence has signed a Rs770-crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of advanced low-level lightweight

Yellamma Set for Worldwide Release on March 5, 2027



Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: The release date of Yellamma, an upcoming film from Sri Venkateswara Creations, has been officially announced. Presented by producer Dil Raju and di-

EDITORIAL

A Dream Home
at the Cost of a Lifetime of Debt

Rising construction costs are pushing ordinary families towards financial stress

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Owning a home is a life-long dream for many families. It represents security, dignity and the hope of living peacefully with loved ones. However, rising land prices, construction material costs, labour charges and other expenses are making this dream increasingly difficult to achieve. With savings often falling short, many households depend on housing loans and private borrowings, committing a significant portion of their earnings to repayments

long-term financial stability. Before purchasing land or beginning construction, families should prepare a realistic budget covering all expected expenses and allow for unexpected costs. They should compare interest rates, processing charges and repayment conditions before selecting a lender. Monthly instalments should leave sufficient money for household expenses, savings and emergencies.

Maintaining an emergency fund is equally important. Families should avoid relying heavily on high-interest private loans to complete construction.



for years. The actual cost of building a house frequently exceeds initial estimates. Expenses involving foundations, cement, steel, electrical work, plumbing, flooring, doors, windows and finishing can push budgets beyond expectations. Unexpected expenditure may force families to borrow additional money or leave construction unfinished. Even when construction stops, loan repayments and interest obligations continue, increasing financial pressure.

The burden extends beyond monthly instalments. When a large share of household income goes towards loan repayments, families may struggle to afford children's education, healthcare, daily necessities and savings. Unexpected medical expenses, job loss or reduced income can make repayment even more difficult. A house intended to provide comfort and security may instead become a source of continuous anxiety. Taking a housing loan is not necessarily a bad decision. However, borrowing beyond one's repayment capacity can threaten

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from filing nominations in 19 locations and that incidents of violence had occurred in some places. Hearing the petition, the bench emphasised the importance of maintaining a free, fair and impartial environment during elections. It observed that constitutional courts could not remain silent when the democratic electoral process was allegedly obstructed. The court stressed that candidates seeking to contest elections must be given a fair opportunity to file their nominations in accordance with the applicable rules.

However, the bench declined to grant a statewide extension of the nomination deadline, deciding instead to restrict the inquiry to the specific locations where complaints had been lodged. The approach places the responsibility on the State Election Commission to verify the allegations and determine whether any candidates were unlawfully prevented from submitting their nomination papers.

The Supreme Court directed the SEC to examine the circumstances in the complaint-affected areas and decide by October 22 whether

the candidates concerned should be given an opportunity to file their nominations. If the inquiry establishes that candidates were prevented from filing their papers, the Commission must take appropriate action. The court also asked the SEC to consider, wherever necessary, allowing the concerned candidates to submit their nominations before the

respective district collectors.

The directions underline the Commission's responsibility to examine complaints on their merits rather than dis-

of its investigation into the complaints and the decisions reached. The bench indicated that the matter would be taken up for further hearing on the same day. Meanwhile, the postponement of the final candidate list announcement to October 25 has added significance to the next stage of the election process. Political parties and prospective candidates are closely watching the SEC's response, particularly in the locations where allegations of obstruction have been raised.

With the court-mandated deadlines approaching, the Commission's inquiry and subsequent decisions will be crucial in determining whether the affected candidates receive an opportunity to contest. The implementation of the Supreme Court's directions, the resolution of nomination-related complaints and the timely completion of the remaining election procedures are expected to remain central issues in the coming days.

Indian Army Troops Undergo Rigorous
High-Altitude Training in Sikkim

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: Indian Army personnel of the Trishakti Corps are undergoing rigorous training in the high-altitude mountainous regions of Sikkim to strengthen their operational readiness in challenging terrain and adverse weather conditions. The training is designed to prepare troops to operate effectively in areas characterised by thin air, low oxygen availability and difficult geographical conditions. Particular emphasis is being placed on rapid movement, timely responses and the ability to carry out assigned tasks under demanding circumstances.

Operating at high altitudes presents significant physical challenges because reduced oxygen availability can affect endurance, mobility and overall performance. Through intensive exercises, soldiers are working to improve their ability to adapt to these conditions, manage their physical effort and complete assigned tasks within specified timeframes. Maintaining alertness, discipline and concentration despite harsh environmental conditions is also an important part of the training.

The programme further

focuses on strengthening soldiers' ability to respond quickly during emergencies. Personnel are being trained to assess situations, make timely decisions and navigate difficult terrain while carrying out their responsibilities. Since mountain landscapes can restrict movement and limit available routes, familiarity with the terrain and the ability to respond effectively to changing circumstances are essential elements of high-altitude operations.

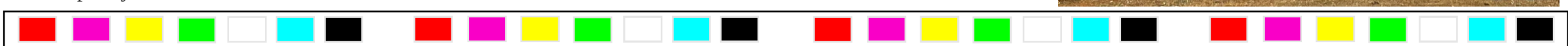
Teamwork and coordination among military personnel form another key component of the exercises. Soldiers are practising how to move in coordination with their colleagues, respond to team movements and support one another during demanding tasks. In mountainous environments, individual physical capability must be complemented by effective communication, mutual un-

derstanding and coordinated action to achieve operational objectives.

The training of Trishakti

paredness in the eastern Himalayan region. By strengthening endurance, mobility, rapid response and collective

operational skills, the exercises aim to improve the troops' ability to function in difficult mountain environments. The focus remains on enhancing combat readiness, discipline and teamwork so that personnel can carry out their duties effectively under challenging conditions.



Telangana Government Stands Firmly with Families of Police Martyrs: CM Revanth

memoration Day, describing it as an emotional day to remember those who sacrificed their lives to protect society. He said the sacrifices



of police personnel in maintaining law and order would never be forgotten and assured the families of the martyrs that the Telangana government and the police department would continue to stand by them.

The Chief Minister said 154 police personnel across the country had lost their lives in the line of duty during the year. Among them were Telangana personnel Assistant Sub-Inspector Dev Singh and constables M. Pramod Kumar and Sheelam Kamalakar. He also paid tribute to Gajula Soumya of the Excise Department, who died while performing her duties. He stressed that peace and security were essential for the state's develop-



ment and said his government was giving top priority to strengthening the police department. Revanth Reddy announced that steps had been initiated to recruit another 5,000 personnel into the police force and assured that all vacancies in the department would be filled by 2027. He noted that 112 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) had been appointed, marking a significant recruitment initiative. He also highlighted the appointment of transgender persons as traffic assistants, describing the move as an effort to promote dignity, inclusion and equal opportunities.

Enhanced Compensation for Police Martyrs' Families

The Chief Minister said the government



had substantially increased ex-gratia compensation for police personnel who die in the line of duty. Compensation for constables has been raised from Rs40 lakh to Rs1 crore, while that for head constables and assistant sub-inspectors has increased from Rs45 lakh to Rs1 crore. Compensation for sub-inspectors has been raised from Rs45 lakh to Rs1.25 crore, and that for inspectors from Rs50 lakh to Rs1.25 crore. For DSPs and Additional Superintendents of Police, the amount has increased from Rs50 lakh to Rs1.50 crore. Compensation for Superintendents of Police and IPS officers has been raised from Rs1 crore to Rs2 crore. He said these measures represented more than financial assistance, reflecting the government's respect for the sacrifices



made by police personnel and the families they leave behind. The government had also established the Young India Police School to provide educational opportunities for the children of police personnel, from Home Guards to Director General of Police-level officers.

The Chief Minister said families of Home Guards who die while on duty currently receive Rs5 lakh in ex-gratia assistance. He directed the DGP to take steps to increase the amount to Rs10 lakh.

Modernisation and New Challenges

Revanth Reddy said the nature of crime was changing rapidly and that the police department needed to modernise to address emerging challenges. He emphasised the use of advanced technology while cautioning that technological progress must not come at the cost of a humane approach to policing. He described the spread of drugs and cannabis as a serious threat, particularly to young people, and praised the DGP and the Eagle Force for their efforts to curb narcotics. He said the government had introduced TG SAFE to take strict action against food adulteration. The government was also continuing the services of SHE Teams to strengthen women's safety.

The Chief Minister highlighted the Stand With Her initiative, launched in March to encourage social responsibility towards women's safety, and the Spandana rapid-response teams, launched in April to provide immediate protection to women and children in emergencies. He directed police personnel to handle cases involving women and children with greater sensitivity and ensure that justice was not delayed. He added that women's safety was not solely the respon-

sibility of the police but a collective responsibility of society.



Addressing the families of police martyrs, Revanth Reddy acknowledged that no one could replace the loved ones they had lost or completely fill the void left behind. However, he assured them that they were not alone and that the Telangana government, the police department and society would support them. He urged police personnel to uphold discipline, honesty and public trust, saying that their greatest recognition came from the confidence and security they provided to citizens. He called upon the force to honour the sacrifices of the martyrs by continuing their mission and building a peaceful, safe and developed Telangana.

DGP C.V. Anand: Police Martyrs' Sacrifices Ensure Peace and Security

Police Welfare Remains a Priority; Personnel Must Upgrade Skills to Tackle Emerging Crimes

Honest Service to the Public Is the Greatest Tribute to Martyrs: DGP

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post: Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand said the sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect citizens would remain unforgettable. Speaking at the Police Commemoration Day programme held at the Goshamahal Police Stadium, he paid tribute to personnel who died while fighting terrorism, Naxalism, Maoism and other anti-social forces. He also expressed his condolences to the families of the martyrs.

The DGP described Telangana as a land shaped by people's movements and recalled that hundreds of police personnel had sacrificed their lives while confronting Naxalite violence. Their courage and dedication, he said, had contributed significantly to improving law and order and creating conditions for development. He cited the hoisting of the national flag in remote areas such as Karregutta as evidence of the police force's determination and commitment. Recalling his tenure as Nizamabad Superintendent of Police in 1997, Anand referred to the difficult period in which police personnel lost their lives in landmine blasts, gunfire and attacks on security forces. He said the sacrifices made by generations of police personnel had strengthened the state's security framework. Of the 154 police personnel who died in the line of duty across India this year, he identified Telangana's ASI Dev Singh and constables M. Pramod Kumar and Sheelam Kamalakar among those who made

the supreme sacrifice.

Welfare and Education for Police Families

Anand said the government was accord- ing priority to police welfare and stressed that ex-gratia payments and other benefits must reach the families of martyrs without delay. He noted that police personnel continued to serve the public even during festivals and holi- days, often sacrificing time with their own families to ensure public safety. He thanked the Chief Minister for establishing the Young India Police School to provide quality educa- tion to the children of police personnel. Ap- proximately 350 students were studying at the school at the time of the programme. Once the permanent campus at Manchirevula is com- pleted, expected by April, the institution would be able to accommodate around 720 students, he said. He urged the government to acceler- ate police welfare initiatives and ensure that the families of serving personnel and martyrs received continued support.

Training and Technology to Counter Emerging Crimes

The DGP warned that drug trafficking, cybercrime, food adulteration, road accidents and organised crime were creating new chal- lenges for law enforcement. He urged police personnel to continuously upgrade their skills and give greater importance to in-service train- ing to keep pace with changing criminal methods. While stressing the need to control modern forms of crime, Anand said basic and visible policing must remain equally important. He outlined several initiatives being pursued to address emerging threats, including the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau to combat cybercrime, the Eagle Force to tackle narcot- ics, T-MARS to address traffic-related issues

and the state's food safety department to curb food adulteration. Anand ob- served that only around 0.3 per cent of Telangana's population

had the opportunity to wear the police uni- form and serve the public. He described this responsibility as a privilege that demanded in- tegrity, discipline and dedication. Police per- sonnel, he said, must resolve public grievances in accordance with the law, act honestly and perform their duties with a strong sense of service. Concluding his address, the DGP said the most meaningful tribute to police martyrs was to uphold the values for which they had sacrificed their lives. He called upon every police officer and member of the force to en- force the law effectively, serve citizens with commitment and maintain public confidence in the police department.



Indian Army and ITBP Hold Coordination Meeting in Eastern Ladakh

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: The Indian Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) held a coordination meeting in the Chushul region of eastern Ladakh to discuss border management and matters of mutual



interest. The meeting focused on strengthening border security, improving co-operation between the two forces and enhancing coordination in the discharge of their respective responsibilities. During the meeting, officials reviewed key aspects of border management and stressed the importance of effective communication, timely information sharing and mutual understanding among personnel deployed in border areas. They discussed the need for both forces to work in close coordination to address operational challenges and respond effectively to changing regional conditions.

The Indian Army and the ITBP play important roles in safeguarding India's borders, particularly in high-altitude regions characterised by difficult

terrain and extreme weather conditions. Effective coordination between the forces is essential to ensure smooth operations and strengthen security arrangements in such challenging environments. The discussions also high-

lighted the importance of joint operational planning and cooperation in addressing common challenges. Officials emphasised that improved coordination and regular exchanges of information could help personnel carry out their duties more efficiently and support a stronger border management framework.

The meeting in Chushul provided an opportunity for representatives of the two forces to exchange views on border-related responsibilities and identify areas where cooperation could be further strengthened. The discussions reaffirmed the importance of coordinated efforts between the Indian Army and the ITBP in maintaining border security and protecting the country's territorial interests.

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty Reviews Naval Operational Readiness in Andaman and Nicobar Islands



where he assessed operational preparedness, measures to enhance capabilities and arrangements for ensuring uninterrupted logistical support to personnel deployed at distant defence establishments.

The visit focused on evaluating the functioning of naval installations in geographically challenging areas and reviewing their preparedness to meet operational requirements. The islands' remote locations, transportation limitations and logistical challenges make the timely availability of essential supplies and resources particularly important. During the tour, Vice Admiral McCarty examined measures being undertaken to sustain operational activities, improve existing capabilities and ensure that personnel have the necessary support to carry out their duties effec-

tively. He reviewed the operational preparedness of personnel deployed at the various locations and assessed arrangements to maintain the continuous functioning of naval establishments. Discussions covered the availability of essential resources, the management of supplies and efforts to strengthen operational capabilities in line with requirements. The review also provided an opportunity to understand the challenges faced by personnel serving in isolated and demanding environments.

Commends Personnel for Dedication and Professionalism

Vice Admiral McCarty interacted with personnel serving under the Andaman and Nicobar Command and heard about their experiences while operating in difficult conditions. He ap-

preciated their professionalism, discipline and unwavering commitment to duty, acknowledging the dedication required to maintain operational effectiveness in remote island locations. He commended the personnel for carrying out their responsibilities with a high degree of commitment despite geographical and logistical constraints. Their alertness, coordination and sustained efforts, he noted, were essential to the effective functioning of defence establishments and the maintenance of operational readiness across the islands.

The interaction also highlighted the importance of providing personnel with adequate institutional support and ensuring that operational requirements are addressed promptly. Maintaining morale, strengthening coordination and ensuring the availability of essential facilities remain important elements in sustaining the effectiveness of forces deployed in remote locations.

Focus on Sustained Operational Capabilities

The visit also included a review of initiatives aimed at enhancing opera-

tional capabilities and improving the infrastructure and facilities required to support naval establishments. Particular attention was given to ensuring the uninterrupted movement of equipment, essential materials and other supplies to distant locations. The review examined measures to maintain readiness, improve the use of available resources and ensure that naval activities continue without disruption. The emphasis remained on strengthening the overall preparedness of installations while providing the necessary support to personnel deployed in demanding operational environments.

The visit to Landfall Island, East Island and INS Kohassa underscored the importance of sustained readiness, effective logistical management and professional commitment in maintaining naval operations across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Vice Admiral McCarty's interactions with personnel and assessment of key installations formed part of the broader effort to review operational requirements and support the effective functioning of the command.

India, Brazil and South Africa Conclude 9th IBSAMAR Naval Exercise



New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: The ninth edition of IBSAMAR, a joint naval exercise involving India, Brazil and South Africa, concluded after five days of maritime operations conducted from October 15 to 19. The exercise brought together the three countries' naval forces to strengthen maritime security, improve operational

coordination and enhance their ability to work together during joint missions. During the exercise, personnel from the three navies participated in a range of operational drills designed to improve their response to different maritime situations. The activities provided an opportunity to exchange professional experi-

ences, develop a better understanding of each other's procedures and strengthen cooperation in addressing shared maritime challenges. "Anti-submarine warfare drills formed a key part of the exercise, with participating forces practising procedures to detect and respond to potential underwater threats. The navies also conducted firing exercises against

surface targets, allowing personnel to practise operational procedures and assess their ability to respond effectively to different situations at sea. Aircraft and helicopters were also integrated into the joint activities. The participating forces practised coordination between naval ships and airborne assets, while manoeuvring drills involving changes in ship movements and formations helped improve coordination during combined operations. These activities focused on strengthening operational understanding and improving the ability of the three navies to function together in complex maritime

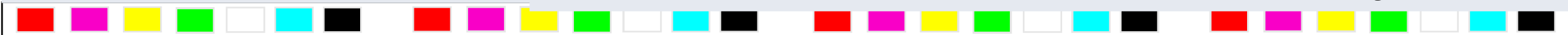
environments.

The exercise also in-



cluded boarding and inspection drills involving the search and examination of suspicious vessels and procedures for taking control of vessels when required. Commonly referred to as visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) operations, these drills help naval personnel practise pro-

cedures used in maritime security missions. Such activities place particular emphasis on communication, coordination and the consistent application of operational procedures. The conclusion of the ninth IBSAMAR exercise underscored the importance of maritime cooperation among India, Brazil and South Africa. By practising anti-submarine warfare, surface firing, air-sea coordination, ship manoeuvres and vessel-inspection procedures, the participating navies had an opportunity to improve interoperability and share operational experience. The exercise forms part of broader efforts to promote cooperation, professional engagement and maritime security among the three countries.



7th World Agrivoltaics Conference Opens in New Delhi

while expanding solar power generation, with the broader objectives of strengthening food security, promoting energy self-reliance and advancing sustainable development. The event is being held for the first time in a country in the Southern Hemisphere, according to the information provided for the conference. It offers an interna-



tional platform for discussing how agrivoltaics can support both farmers and the renewable energy sector. Agrivoltaics involves combining agricultural activities with solar photovoltaic installations on the same land, potentially allowing land to serve both food production and energy generation needs.

Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Pralhad Joshi are participating in the opening programme. Discussions at the conference are expected to address priorities related to agricultural development, the expansion of renewable energy and the efficient use of available resources. A key area of focus is how solar power generation can be developed alongside farming without unnecessarily disrupting agricultural productivity. More than 1,200 del-



legates from around the world are attending the conference, including over 150 international participants. The gathering brings together experts, policymakers, researchers, industry representatives, innovators, start-ups and development partners. Participants are expected to exchange research findings, share practical experiences and examine technological solutions being developed in different countries to integrate solar energy with agricultural production.

Cooperation among governments, industry and research institutions is another important theme of the meeting. Through discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions, participants can explore approaches suited to different agricultural conditions, energy requirements and local environments. Research into agrivoltaic systems may also help identify ways to improve land-use efficiency while supporting farmers' livelihoods and increasing access to clean electricity. As global demand for both food and energy continues to grow, balancing agricultural land use with renewable energy development has become increasingly important. The conference provides an opportunity to examine the potential benefits and practical challenges of agrivoltaics, including the need to maintain crop productivity while generating solar power. The discussions at Bharat Mandapam are expected to contribute to international knowledge-sharing and encourage stronger collaboration between the agriculture and clean-energy sectors.

Niranjan Reddy Accepts Minister Jupally's Challenge on Palamuru-Rangareddy Project

Yellur under the Palamuru-Rangareddy project, Edula to Buddaram through a canal, and the Vattam Reservoir to the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation canal. He said these measures were intended to correct shortcomings inherited from earlier administrations and improve irrigation access.

Niranjan Reddy maintained that water was still available in the Srisailem project and challenged the Congress government to demonstrate its commitment by removing the accumulated earth obstructing the flow of water at Package 3. He asserted that the existing pumps could be operated without major difficulty, although running all ten pumps simultaneously could create operational challenges. According to him, pumps at Edula and Vattam were ready, and water could be taken up to Karivena if the remaining obstacles were cleared. He further claimed that each reservoir could be filled with approximately five TMC of water and that the remaining works could be completed during the coming year. Removing the soil obstructing the water flow at Package 3, he said, would help facilitate the movement of water through the system.

Questions Congress Over Delayed Works

The former minister raised a series of questions about the project's progress under the Congress government. He asked who was responsible for stopping the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation works over the past three years and why canal tenders awarded during the BRS government's tenure had been cancelled. He also questioned why fresh tenders for the canals had not been invited again during this period. Niranjan Reddy further questioned why the Congress government had

Malkajgiri Police Organise Mega Blood Donation Camp in Memory of Martyrs

Malkajgiri, The Journalist Post, October 21: The Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate organised a mega blood donation camp at the CAR Headquarters as part of Police Commemoration Day, paying tribute to police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while protecting



the nation and its people. The initiative aimed to honour the martyrs' sacrifice through a humanitarian service and spread awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation in saving lives during medical emergencies.

Organisers highlighted that blood donation is a valuable contribution to society, particularly in emergencies involving road accidents, surgeries and other critical medical conditions. Timely availability of blood can make a significant difference for patients requiring transfusions. They encouraged eligible individuals to come forward voluntarily and contribute to this life-saving cause, emphasising that blood donation should be viewed as an important social responsibility.

— Malkajigiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi participated in the programme and donated blood. Several other police officers also volunteered, demonstrating their commitment to public service beyond their regular law-and-order responsibilities. The participation of senior officers served as an example for other personnel and members of the public, reinforcing the message that community welfare and humanitarian service are important aspects of policing. The camp also sought to promote awareness about voluntary blood donation and encourage more people to participate in such initiatives. Organisers stressed that remembering police martyrs should extend beyond paying trib-



the importance of cooperation between the police and the public in promoting humanitarian causes.

Malkajgiri Police Conduct Security Mock Drill at HP Gas Facility in Cherlapally

Cherlapally, The Journalist Post,
October 21: Malkajgiri Police conducted a security mock drill at the HP Gas facility in Cherlapally on Tuesday morning to assess security arrangements at a critical industrial installation and evaluate preparedness for potential threats. The exercise aimed to review the effectiveness of existing security measures, strengthen vigilance and assess how personnel would respond to unexpected security situations. As part of the exercise, the premises of

the HP Gas facility and surrounding areas were thoroughly inspected. Officials examined the security arrangements at the installation and assessed whether appropriate vigilance was being maintained in nearby areas. The inspections focused on identifying potential security gaps, reinforcing preventive measures and ensuring that suspicious circumstances could be detected promptly.

The mock drill also aimed to assess the ability of the personnel concerned to respond effectively during emergencies. Maintaining continuous surveillance at critical installations and ensuring readiness for a timely response were among the key areas of focus. Such exercises help au-

thorities evaluate the functioning of security arrangements and improve awareness of the procedures to be followed when a potential threat arises. Security at major industrial installations is closely linked to public safety, making preparedness and vigilance essential. Any unexpected incident at such facilities may require swift coordination and appropriate action. Regular security exercises provide an opportunity to review existing procedures, identify areas that may require improvement and strengthen the ability of personnel to respond to challenging situations.



The exercise was conducted under the jurisdiction of the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate, which shared details of the security initiative. However, the information released did not specify the particular threat

scenario simulated, the number of teams involved or whether any security shortcomings were identified during the drill. The mock drill at Cherlapally highlights the importance of periodically assessing security preparedness at critical installations. Through inspections and emergency-response exercises, authorities aim to strengthen vigilance, improve readiness and support the safety of both industrial facilities and the surrounding public.



LB Nagar MLA Sudheer Reddy Extends Vijayadashami Greetings to KTR

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy met Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) on the occasion of the Dussehra festival and extended his Vijayadashami greetings. The meeting was a courtesy visit marking the festive occasion, during which Sudheer Reddy conveyed his wishes to KTR. Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, is celebrated across the country as a symbol of the victory of good over evil. The festival is marked by traditional rituals, celebrations and the exchange of greetings among families, friends and public representatives.

The meeting brought together the two BRS leaders for the festive occasion. No further details about discussions on political or organisational matters were provided in the information shared about the meeting.



Two Arrested for Snatching Gold Ornament from Elderly Woman in Vanasthalipuram

Vanasthalipuram, The Journalist Post, October 21: Vanasthalipuram Police under the Malkajgiri Commissionerate have arrested a man and a woman for allegedly snatching a gold pusthelathadu weighing approximately 30 grams from a 66-year-old woman at Raja Rajeshwari Temple in Venkata Ramana Colony, Hasthinapuram. Police also recovered the stolen ornament and two mobile phones. According to police, the incident occurred on October 18 while the victim, Andugula Ramulamma, was cleaning the temple. The accused allegedly restrained her and forcibly removed the gold ornament before fleeing on an Activa scooter. They reportedly attempted to sell the stolen gold but failed to find a buyer, later leaving the scooter at Nadikudi Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh before returning to Hyderabad by train.

The accused were identified as Annapu Reddy Durga Ramana Reddy, 23, and Tenka Varalakshmi, 24. Police apprehended them near a jewellery shop in Kamala Nagar, Vanasthalipuram,



at around 9 am on October 21. The seized property includes the gold ornament, a Realme mobile phone belonging to the male accused and a Vivo

Y31 phone belonging to the female accused. Police said the accused allegedly targeted elderly women who were alone in isolated locations. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and supervised by LB Nagar Zone DCP B. Anuradha, IPS, with officers from Vanasthalipuram Division and the crime team participating.

Dussehra Celebrations Held with Grandeur at Karmanghat

Karmanghat, The Journalist Post, October 21: Kranthi Yuvarajana Sangam organised grand Dussehra celebrations at Ramlila Ground in Karmanghat. Special pujas and Ravana Dahan marked the occasion, attracting large numbers of local residents, devotees, women and youth. The organisers thanked everyone for their participation and support.



BC Leadership Will Get Its Opportunity in the Future: TPCC Chief

no fixed deadline for a leader from the Backward Classes (BCs) to become Chief Minister of Telangana, expressing confidence that the opportunity would eventually come through the Congress party. He said there was no need to rush the issue, adding that leadership decisions would depend on the party's political circumstances and future developments. Observing that it was difficult to predict when and how decisions would be taken within the Congress, he indicated that providing an opportunity for BC leadership remained part of the party's broader political considerations.

Goud praised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's administration and the implementation of welfare schemes, expressing confidence that the Congress government could remain in power until 2039 if its performance continued at the current pace. He said Revanth Reddy's assertion that he would remain Chief Minister until 2034 was intended to instil confidence among party workers and that there was nothing wrong with such a statement. Goud added that he would have no objection if Revanth Reddy continued as Chief Minister during the next term, while reiterating his belief that a BC leader would get an opportunity in the future.

The TPCC chief said the idea of a BC Chief Minister was part of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's vision. He emphasised that the party was committed to social justice and improving the political representation of historically disadvantaged communities. According to Goud, the Congress had given importance to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Backward Classes in appointments to corporation posts as well as in the selection of candidates for local body elections. He said



the party would continue to explore opportunities to strengthen the political participation of these communities. Reiterating his position, Goud said no specific timeline had been fixed for a BC leader to become Chief Minister. He maintained that such decisions would be taken in accordance with the party's priorities and political developments rather than under pressure to meet a predetermined deadline.

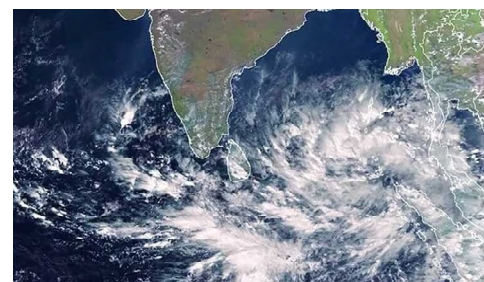
Taking aim at the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Goud questioned whether it could appoint a leader from the BC community as Chief Minister. He also dismissed the prospects of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Telangana, claiming that the Congress enjoyed strong grassroots support and remained firmly positioned in the state. His remarks

reflected the Congress leadership's political assessment, while the positions of the opposition parties were not detailed in the statement.

Goud also commented on the issue involving Minister Konda Surekha and her daughter Sushmitha, expressing the view that Sushmitha had acted in haste. The remarks added another dimension to discussions surrounding internal developments within the state Congress. His statements have drawn attention to the balance between the Congress leadership's continued support for Revanth Reddy and its stated commitment to providing greater political representation to BC communities. While Goud expressed confidence in the party's prospects of remaining in power until 2039, his comments on a future BC Chief Minister indicated that the question of leadership succession remains open-ended, with no formal timeline announced.

Low-Pressure System Likely Over Bay of Bengal; Coastal Andhra May See Heavy Rain

Amaravati, The Journalist Post, October 21: A low-pressure system is likely to form over the southeastern and east-central Bay of Bengal by Friday, raising the possibility of heavy rainfall across coastal Andhra Pradesh next week. Coastal residents and fishermen have been advised to remain alert as weather conditions over the sea may deteriorate.



Fishermen have been urged not to venture into the sea from Sunday as a precautionary measure. Those already at sea have been advised to return to shore without delay to avoid potential risks from changing weather conditions. Authorities have also

urged fishing boat owners and local fishermen's associations to communicate the warnings to crews at sea. Residents in coastal areas should monitor official weather bulletins for updates on the system's movement, intensity and likely rainfall impact.

Rs25 Lakh Robbery in the Name of Cryptocurrency; Five Arrested

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Hyderabad police have arrested five people in connection with a robbery in which a gang allegedly stole ₹25 lakh from victims by promising to convert their cash into cryptocurrency. According to the investigation, the eight-member gang lured the victims to an office in Bazaarghat, sprayed pepper spray into their eyes and fled with the cash. Police traced the suspects using phone records and other technical evidence.

The accused allegedly persuaded Amarendra, who wanted to convert ₹25 lakh into cryptocurrency, to visit the office with two friends. Taking advantage of the office premises and the fact that it was a Sunday, the gang allegedly carried out the robbery on the 11th of the month. After escaping, the gang members reportedly met near Mir Alam Tank in the Old City and divided the stolen money.



The arrested accused have been identified as Syed Ajaz, Zakaria, Sumair Khan, Guguloth Vijesh Kumar and MD Faraz Hussain.

Police said Syed Ajaz has a rowdy sheet at Mehdipatnam Police Station and is linked to eight cases, including three murder cases. Zakaria also reportedly has a rowdy sheet at Attapur Police Station. Police recovered Rs11.50 lakh in cash and three mobile phones from the accused. Efforts are underway to trace the remaining suspects, who are still absconding.

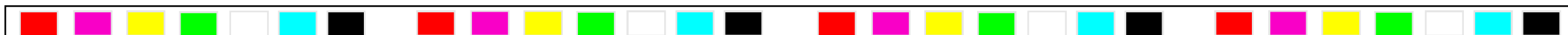
Heavy Traffic on Hyderabad–Vijayawada Highway as Holidaymakers Return

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, The Journalist Post,
October 21: Traffic congestion increased on the
Hyderabad–Vijayawada National Highway as



people returned to Hyderabad after the Dasara holidays. Vehicles reportedly queued for nearly

two kilometres from Gundrampalli to Pantangi Toll Plaza, slowing travel towards the city. To ease congestion, authorities opened ten toll booths on the Hyderabad-bound side at Pantangi. However, heavy traffic continued around the plaza as families returned from their hometowns after celebrating the festival.



Defence Ministry Signs Rs770-Crore Radar Deal with Bharat Electronics

radar systems, in a move aimed at strengthening India's air surveillance and defence capabilities. The agreement was signed in New Delhi on October 21 in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. The radar systems are designed to detect and track a range of aerial threats, including fighter-sized targets as well as small and very small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

The new radar systems are expected to enhance the armed forces' ability to monitor low-altitude airspace and identify potential threats. Their capability to detect targets of different sizes, particularly micro and mini drones, is significant amid the increasing use of unmanned aerial platforms in modern warfare. Such systems can support surveillance operations by providing information about aerial movements and helping security forces improve their situational awareness. With the growing deployment of small unmanned aircraft for surveil-

lance and other military purposes, detecting low-signature aerial targets has become an important operational requirement. The advanced radars are expected to strengthen monitoring capabilities and contribute to efforts to counter potential threats posed by hostile unmanned systems. Their deployment will add to the technological resources available to the armed forces for air-space surveillance and threat detection.

Boost to Indigenous Defence Manufacturing

The contract awarded to Bharat Electronics Limited highlights the government's continued emphasis on domestic defence manufacturing and technological self-reliance. BEL, a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, plays a significant role in developing and supplying electronic systems for India's armed forces. The Rs770-crore agreement is expected to support domestic defence production by creating demand for advanced radar equipment manufactured by an Indian

company. Promoting indigenous defence technology is a key part of the government's strategy to reduce dependence on foreign suppliers and strengthen the country's capacity to develop, manufacture and maintain critical military equipment. The procurement also aligns with the broader objectives of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, which seeks to expand domestic manufacturing and encourage Indian companies to develop advanced technologies for national security. By placing greater emphasis on locally produced defence systems, the government aims to strengthen the domestic industrial base while ensuring that the armed forces have access to modern equipment.

Strengthening India's Long-Term Defence Preparedness

The agreement represents another step in India's efforts to modernise its defence infrastructure and improve preparedness against evolving aerial threats. The

ability to detect and track both fighter-sized aircraft and smaller unmanned platforms is becoming increasingly important as military technology advances and the nature of aerial threats changes. The procurement is also consistent with the government's broader objective of building a technologically capable and self-reliant defence sector as part of its vision for a developed India by 2047. Investments in advanced surveillance equipment are intended to strengthen national security while creating opportunities for domestic defence manufacturers.

The contract between the Ministry of Defence and Bharat Electronics Limited therefore combines two key priorities: improving the armed forces' operational capabilities and expanding India's indigenous defence manufacturing capacity. The advanced radar systems are expected to contribute to air surveillance preparedness while reinforcing the country's long-term pursuit of defence technology self-reliance.

India and Scotland Explore Stronger Economic Ties

New Delhi, The Journalist Post, October 21: Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met Scotland's First Minister John Swinney in New Delhi to discuss opportunities for strengthening economic cooperation between India and Scotland. The meeting covered several areas of mutual interest, including financial services, renewable energy, higher education and tourism. Both leaders exchanged views on expanding partnerships across these sectors and exploring opportunities that could benefit both sides.

Financial services featured prominently in the discussions, with both sides examining the scope for closer cooperation and greater engagement. The exchange provided an opportunity to consider areas of mutual interest, share perspectives and explore ways to strengthen economic links.

According to the information released by the Union government, the discussions focused on potential areas of collaboration; no specific agreement or new initiative in financial services was announced in the details provided. Renewable energy was another important area of discussion. The lead-

able development, collaboration could provide avenues for sharing expertise and examining mutually beneficial opportunities. However, the meeting details did not specify any new projects or formal commitments.

The two leaders also discussed possibilities for coop-

erational partnerships between India and Scotland. No specific institutions, locations or implementation plans were identified in the information released about the meeting.

Tourism was also included in the discussions, with both sides considering ways to expand tourism opportunities and encourage stronger engagement between the two regions. Greater cooperation in tourism, alongside financial services, renewable energy and education, could help broaden the relationship beyond existing areas of engagement.

The meeting reflected a shared interest in exploring wider economic and institutional ties between India and Scotland. While no specific agreements were announced in the details available, the discussions provided a platform for identifying potential areas of cooperation and considering ways to develop mutually beneficial partnerships across key sectors.

beneficial than occasional lengthy sessions. People should avoid forcing difficult postures or advanced breathing techniques without proper guidance.

Those with existing health conditions should seek professional advice. Yoga and meditation complement, but do not replace, medical treatment. Combined with adequate sleep, balanced nutrition and regular walking, they can support a healthier lifestyle.

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Yoga and meditation can support physical fitness and mental well-being. Yoga helps improve flexibility, balance and body awareness, while meditation may help manage stress, improve concentration and regulate emotions. Beginners can start with simple yoga poses and five minutes of meditation daily, focusing on natural breathing. Consistent practice is more

Eggplant

A Nutritious Vegetable That Combines Health and Taste

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21:

Eggplant, commonly known as brinjal or aubergine, is a popular vegetable in Indian households, featuring in dishes such as curries, stews, fries and the traditional stuffed brinjal curry. Available in purple, green and white varieties, eggplant provides dietary fibre, vitamins, minerals and natural plant compounds that can contribute to a balanced diet.

Purple eggplant skin contains anthocyanins, plant pigments with antioxidant properties. These compounds are studied for their potential role in protecting cells against oxidative stress. Eating eggplant with its skin, after washing it thoroughly, can help retain these beneficial



the other foods consumed. How eggplant is prepared also matters. Deep-frying can significantly increase the amount of oil and calories in a dish. Boiling, steaming, baking or cooking with limited oil can be healthier alternatives. Combining eggplant with lentils and other vegetables can add variety to everyday meals. Limiting excessive salt and oil is also advisable.

For safe preparation, fresh eggplants should be washed thoroughly before cutting. Browning inside a cut eggplant can sometimes occur naturally through exposure to air. However, vegetables showing mould, an unpleasant smell or signs of spoilage should be discarded. Although eggplant is suitable for many people, some individuals may experience allergic reactions. Anyone who develops itching, rashes or swelling after eating it should seek medical advice. Difficulty breathing or throat swelling requires emergency medical attention. People following special diets for kidney disease or other medical conditions should follow advice from their healthcare professionals.

Overall, eggplant is an affordable and versatile vegetable that can contribute fibre and beneficial plant compounds to a varied diet. Choosing fresh produce, using healthier cooking methods and eating a wide range of vegetables are practical ways to support overall health.



plant compounds. However, eating eggplant alone cannot prevent or cure diseases such as diabetes or heart disease.

The vegetable's dietary fibre supports normal digestive function and may help promote regular bowel movements. Fibre-rich foods can also contribute to a feeling of fullness, making eggplant a useful addition to meals for people managing their weight. The overall nutritional value of a meal, however, depends on portion sizes, cooking methods and

Henna for Cracked Heels: Does It Really Provide Relief?

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Cracked heels are a common problem caused by dry skin, prolonged standing and unsuitable footwear. Deep cracks can cause pain, bleeding and increase the risk of infection.

if symptoms persist. Regular moisturising is a more established approach to managing dry, cracked heels. Washing the feet gently, drying them thoroughly and applying petroleum jelly or a suitable heel cream before bedtime can help retain moisture. Wearing clean cotton socks may



Many people traditionally apply henna leaves to cracked heels, believing they help the skin heal. However, strong scientific evidence confirming that henna can completely cure cracked heels is limited.

Natural henna may cause allergic reactions, itching or redness in some people. Black henna mixtures may contain harmful chemicals and should not be applied to damaged skin. Anyone experiencing irritation after using henna should wash it off and seek medical advice

also help. People should avoid cutting hardened skin with blades or sharp objects. Proper foot hygiene and comfortable, supportive footwear can prevent cracks from worsening. Medical attention is necessary if cracks become deep or show redness, swelling, pus, bleeding or increasing pain. People with diabetes should be particularly careful because foot wounds may heal slowly and develop serious complications. They should consult a healthcare professional rather than experiment with home remedies.

Yoga and Meditation: Finding Calmness and Mental Balance



‘Yellamma’

Locks March 5, 2027, for Worldwide Release



rected by Venu Yeldandi, who earned recognition for his acclaimed film Balagam, the movie is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on March 5, 2027. The announcement was made by the filmmakers on the occasion of Dasara, raising expectations among Telugu cinema audiences. The film marks a significant milestone in the career of Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad, who is making his debut as a lead

actor. Known primarily for his work as a music composer, he will take on the central acting role in Yellamma while also composing the film’s music. His dual responsibility as actor and composer has added to the interest surrounding the project. According to the film’s concept, Yellamma is rooted in rural life and aims to bring village culture, traditions and devotional elements to the screen. The narrative is expected to explore the lives and struggles of people in a rural setting, combining emotional storytelling with cultural themes. The makers are positioning the film as a story connected to the traditions and everyday experiences of village communities. Director Venu Yeldandi attracted attention with Balagam, which portrayed family relationships and rural Telangana life. His return with another rural-themed project has created curiosity about the story and cinematic approach of Yellamma. However, further details about the plot, supporting cast and other production aspects have not yet been outlined in the announcement. The film is planned for release in five languages: Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam, reflecting the makers’ pan-India ambitions. With the March 5, 2027, release date now confirmed, audiences will be watching for further updates on the film’s promotional campaign, music and trailer.

The Prompt War

‘Rise of Mahaveer’

Blends Mythology with Future Technology

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Arviha Creations has officially announced its debut film, The Prompt War – Rise of Mahaveer, on the occasion of Dasara. Produced by Naresh Goud and directed by debutant Prasanna Kotwala, the upcoming film aims to create a distinctive cinematic experience by combining Indian mythology, mysterious elements and futuristic technology. The project seeks to introduce audiences to a unique story world where ancient beliefs and mythological themes intersect with modern technological concepts. The film’s title and subtitle, Rise of Mahaveer, have added to the curiosity surrounding its central character and the mysteries that are expected to shape the narrative. The makers are attempting to present familiar mythological influences through a contemporary cinematic approach.

One of the notable aspects of the project is its AI-driven storytelling concept. The team intends to incorporate artificial intelligence-inspired ideas into the narrative, creating a blend of mythology and futuristic imagination. The ap-



proach reflects an effort to explore new storytelling possibilities while retaining elements drawn from Indian cultural traditions. The promotional material released recently has attracted attention and offered an initial glimpse into the film’s concept. However, detailed information about the plot, cast and other major characters has not yet been fully revealed. Further announcements are expected to provide more clarity about the film’s storyline and production. G.C. Shekhar is making his debut as a music director with this project. The film is also being developed with large-scale visuals and three-dimensional technology, indicating the makers’ intention to deliver an expansive visual experience on the big screen. The production team is planning a pan-India release in five languages: Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada. The film is targeted for a worldwide release in summer 2027. With mythology, AI-inspired storytelling and advanced visual techniques forming the core of its concept, The Prompt War – Rise of Mahaveer represents Arviha Creations’ first major step into filmmaking. Audience interest is likely to grow as further details emerge.

Payal Rajput

Speaks Out Against Body Shaming on Social Media

Hyderabad, The Journalist Post, October 21: Telugu actress Payal Rajput has reportedly expressed anger over inappropriate comments about her body and videos targeting her appearance on social media. A post circulating under her name on X states that nobody has the right to make offensive remarks about her body, bringing the issue of body shaming and online harassment into focus. According to the circulating post, the actress objected to people making derogatory comments about her physical appearance and sharing related videos with others. The message reportedly emphasised that her body and appearance are personal matters and urged social media users to respect individual boundaries. However, the authenticity of the post and whether it originated from her official account have not been independently verified. Payal Rajput established her identity in Telugu cinema with the 2018 film RX 100, directed by Ajay Bhupathi and starring Kartikeya in the lead role. She



played the character Indu, a performance that brought her widespread recognition among Telugu audiences and helped her secure further opportunities in the film industry. Before her Telugu breakthrough, Payal made her Punjabi film debut with Channa Mereya, released in 2017. She later reunited with director Ajay Bhupathi for the 2023 film Mangalavaaram, in which her performance attracted audience attention. Apart from her film career, Payal has a substantial social media following. The discussion surrounding the post highlights broader concerns about body shaming, cyberbullying and the scrutiny faced by public figures online. While celebrities often engage with audiences through digital platforms, personal attacks and derogatory comments about physical appearance remain a concern. The episode has once again drawn attention to the importance of responsible online behaviour and respecting personal boundaries, regardless of a person’s public profile.

Simran Sharma Wins

Second Gold at Asian Para Games

Nagoya, The Journalist Post, October 21: Indian para-athlete Simran Sharma continued her impressive run at the Asian Para Games by winning gold in the women’s T12 100-metre sprint, clocking 12.02 seconds. The victory marked her second gold medal at the competition, following her triumph in the 200m T12 event on Tuesday. Simran delivered a strong performance to finish ahead of her rivals in the 100m race. Iran’s Hajar Safarzadeh secured the silver medal with a time of 12.30 seconds, while Indonesia’s Ni Putri claimed bronze in 12.51 seconds. Simran’s latest victory added another gold to India’s medal tally and highlighted her consistency



tency on the international stage. The sprinter has previously demonstrated her ability at major competitions. At the Paris Paralympics, she won a bronze medal in the 100m event. She is currently training under coach Shivam and has continued to perform strongly following the change in her coaching arrangements. At the 2023 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China, Simran won silver medals in both the 100m and 200m events. Her two gold medals this time represent a significant improvement on that performance. Simran competes in the T12 classification, which is intended for athletes with visual impairments. Her consecutive victories have drawn appreciation from Indian sports fans and further strengthened her standing in para-athletics.