



Article 370 is Buried Forever: Amit Shah

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Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday ridiculed the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Jammu and Kashmir's two main regional parties, for promising to restore the erstwhile state's special status if voted into power in the Assembly elections. He said that Articles 370 and 35A are now history, and talk of restoring them in the Indian Constitution is a "pipe dream."

He sought an explanation from Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, asking if the Congress, which has entered into a pre-poll alliance with the



NC, endorses the party's manifesto "which promises the restoration of Article 370 and the release of stone pelters and other prisoners involved in propagating secessionism and unleashing terrorism in J&K." While addressing a press conference in Jammu, Shah said, "I have gone through the NC manifesto. It states that the party will restore Article 370 in J&K. Let

me tell you, Article 370 has been buried forever, and it won't come back." He added, "Until 2019, J&K was plagued by separatism and terrorism. We also saw Hurriyat-backed governments in J&K prior to that. Post-August 2019, a new chapter of peace and prosperity began here under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

He said, "I want to ask Rahul if he and his party want the revival of terrorism and separatism in J&K? Does he support the return of two flags and Articles 370 and 35A here? He won't answer, but I want to state here that Rahul very much supports the NC manifesto." The home minister, who arrived in Jammu earlier in the day for a two-day visit, asserted, "Since Independence, J&K has been special to us. We have always worked towards keeping it an integral part of India. From 2014 to 2024, these 10 years will be remembered in history for the peace, increased tourism, and decline in terrorism that we have witnessed in J&K."

T'gana CM Seeks Central Assistance for Flood Relief

CM Reddy Requests Equitable Relief Measures and Flexibility in Disaster Fund Utilization Amidst Estimated RS 5,438 Crore in Flood Damages

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elangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urgently appealed to the Union Government for immediate support following severe flooding that has devastated parts of the state. In a detailed briefing to Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, CM Reddy highlighted preliminary damage estimates of approximately ₹5,438 crore due to recent torrential rains and flooding.

The Chief Minister's call for assistance comes after he, along with Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Bandi Sanjay, conducted a meeting at the Secretariat. Prior to this, the union ministers inspected the flood-affected areas. Key figures present at the meeting included Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and other senior officials such as State Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari and Special Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao.

CM Reddy outlined the severity of the situation, emphasizing that Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Suryapet, and other districts received up to 40 cm of rainfall in a single day. He reported significant damage to national highways, roads,



houses, and bridges, with many areas experiencing halted vehicular traffic and severely affected railway services.

In his presentation, the Chief Minister showcased the extensive impact on infrastructure and agriculture, including damaged crops and disrupted train services. The state government has already provided ₹10,000 in immediate relief to each flood-affected family.

Reddy has urged the Union Government to approve immediate repairs for breached lakes, damaged roads, and bridges, and to allocate adequate funds for permanent restoration.

AICC appoints Mahesh Kumar Goud as TPCC president

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The Congress high command on Friday appointed Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, a Backward Class leader, as president of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), to replace Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who led the state unit from despair to victory during his three-year tenure. The announce-



ment was officially made by the All India Congress Committee (AICC), marking the culmination of a two-month long process to finalise the new leadership for the Telangana

unit. Revanth Reddy's tenure had ended in July. Goud is his close associate. Reacting to his appointment, Goud thanked the leadership and expressed his deep gratitude for placing their trust in him. "I will work on these great responsibilities entrusted by the party with sincerity and dedication, and I am committed to further strengthening the party," Goud stated.

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Suspected Maoist from Haryana arrested in Bengaluru

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A suspected Maoist from Haryana was arrested from a lodge here, said police sources on Friday, adding that he had come to Bengaluru to meet his girlfriend. The police recovered two bags, pen drives, and a tablet from the accused, identified as Aniruddh. According to the sources, Aniruddh was working for the CPI Maoists and was involved in subversive activities. Acting on a tip-off, the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) attached to the Central City Crime Branch (CCB) nabbed him when he was about to leave for Chennai by an RTC bus.

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Asifabad violence: AIMIM meets TG DGP over arson of Muslim

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An All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) delegation led by party floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi met Telangana director general of police (DGP) Dr Jitender on Friday and demanded action against those who attacked properties and mosques of Muslims in Jainoor of Kumaram Bheem Asifabad district when violence had erupted against the community over an attempted rape attempt of a tribal woman. AIMIM MLA



Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala, who spoke to media after the visit, said party leaders met the DGP and asked him to initiate action against those who set fire to 60 shops belonging to Muslims and five mosques in Jainoor. "We had told the DGP that if the person who attempted to rape and kill the tribal woman

should be given strict punishment. At the same time, the people who attacked Muslim properties and mosques should be identified and strict action taken against them. We have given all the details to the DGP and asked him to take action," said Ahmed Balala.

Time to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Water: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the urgent need for water conservation by adopting the "reduce, reuse, recharge, and recycle" approach to secure India's water future. During the launch of the "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" initiative in Gujarat, Modi highlighted India's limited freshwater resources, with only 4 per cent of the global supply. He stressed the impact of water scarcity and climate change on people's lives and urged innovative water-saving technologies and practices like drip irrigation. "Water can only be saved when its misuse ends, consumption is re-



duced, water is reused, water sources are recharged and contaminated water is recycled," he said. Modi also praised state efforts to incentivise water-efficient crops and called for nationwide collaboration on water conservation. He pointed to the success of initiatives like the Jal Jeevan Mission, which has brought piped water to millions of households, and the creation of 60,000 Amrit Sarovars under the Jalshakti Abhiyan. He

underscored the importance of public participation and local initiatives in ensuring a water-secure future. "Water conservation is not just a matter of policies but also social commitment," he said and added, "We must promote traditional knowledge, like creating ponds near fields and recharge wells, alongside new technologies." Explaining the strength of public participation, Modi underlined that the work on Amrit Sarovar started in every district during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and has resulted in construction of more than 60,000 Amrit Sarovars in the country today. "Similarly, the Atal Bhujal Yojana also involved the responsibility of villag-

ers in managing water resources for recharging groundwater. Further, the 'Catch the Rain' campaign, started in 2021, has a large number of stakeholders involved today," he said. Speaking of the "Namami Gange" initiative, Modi underlined that it had become an emotional resolution for citizens and people are giving up old traditions and irrelevant customs to ensure the cleanliness of rivers. The Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative seeks to conserve water with a strong emphasis on community partnership and ownership. It is driven by a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.

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PM Modi returns to Delhi after three-day visit to Singapore, Brunei



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Delhi after concluding his three-day visit to Singapore and Brunei. PM Modi shared a video of his Singapore visit on X and said, "My visit to Singapore has been a very fruitful one. It will certainly add vigour to bilateral ties and benefit the people of our nations. I thank the government and people of Singapore for their warmth. Earlier on Thursday, PM Modi and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong met at the Parliament House in Singapore. The two leaders, along with their delegations, held the bilateral meeting. At their talks, both leaders reviewed the progress of India-Singapore bilateral relations. Following this, the two sides exchanged four MoUs in the areas of digital technology, semi-conductors, skill development, and healthcare.

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Amidst heavy police presence, Asifabad peaceful after violence

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The situation in the violence affected Jainoor mandal in Kumaram Bheem Asifabad district of Telangana remained peaceful on Friday. Heavy police presence has still remained in neighbouring towns in view of the violence that occurred during a protest rally held to condemn the

alleged rape attempt and attack on a tribal woman last month. The Kumaram Bheem Asifabad police arrested an auto rickshaw driver in the case and have remanded him. On Wednesday, September 4, a 5000-strong mob entered into residential colonies after attacking shops belonging to Muslims and set ablaze vehicles and shops. The mob outnumbered the policemen who could

not control the arsonists. It was only after reinforcements arrived that the police managed to chase away the mob, but not before a lot of damage was done to Muslim properties. Senior police officials from Kumaram Bheem Asifabad district including ADG (law and order) Mahesh M Bhagwat on Thursday visited the violence affected area and held meetings with both

the communities. The police deployed 2000 personnel including Rapid Action Force to control the situation. Heavy deployment was done on Friday in Asifabad, Adilabad, Nirmal and other communally sensitive areas for prayers. The bandobast and prohibitory orders will continue in view of Vinaya Chaturthi on Saturday. The police so far registered four cases in regard to the

violence that took place on Wednesday. The Asifabad district administration in Jainoor clamped prohibitory orders under section 163 of the BNSS in Jainoor in view of protests and attacks on houses and business establishments of the Muslim community. The police appealed to people not to believe in rumours being spread about communal incidents.

Telangana auto driver fills potholes with bricks, mud amid govt inaction

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An autorickshaw driver took matters into his own hands to repair a damaged road in Kamareddy town over the government's lack of apathy over issues faced by commuters. The railway gate leading from Ashok Nagar Colony to the collector's office had been severely impacted by recent rains, leaving deep potholes that made travel difficult. Despite repeated



complaints, local administration failed to address the issue, prompting the auto driver to take action. Using his resources, he filled the potholes with bricks and mud, providing temporary

relief to commuters. The auto driver's initiative has been met with widespread praise from the local community, who have commended his dedication and resourcefulness.

Standing crops in 2,000 acres damaged by heavy rains in Adilabad

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Various standing crops being raised in nearly 2,000 acres were damaged by torrential rains in the district, causing losses to farmers.

Officials of the agriculture department said that standing paddy, red gram, soya and maize crops to the extent of 1,961 acres were affected by heavy rains that lashed the district recently. The crops were being raised in Jainath, Bela, Boath, Thamsi, Bheempur, Gadiguda and Utnoor mandals, as per a primary assessment. Cotton crop grown in



1,609 acres stood at the top, followed by the soya crop being raised in 234 acres submerged. The crop was damaged by the downpours and backwater of the Penganga river. Significantly, the

cotton crop reached the flowering stage. Consequently, the growers suffered huge losses. They requested the government to extend compensation for crop damage at the earliest. Mohammad Rafeeq,

a farmer from Anandapur village in Jainath mandal said that he raised the cotton crop in two acres, but was completely inundated by backwater of Penganga river. Goli Vittal of Arli (T) village in Bheempur mandal said that he had registered losses in farming with his cotton crop grown in three acres getting damaged by heavy rains.

Officials said that a comprehensive survey was being carried out to estimate the crop damage. They stated that details of farmers were being gathered and damaged crops by visiting the field. A re-

port would be submitted to the government, which would extend compensation to the farmers soon, the officials explained. Adilabad sees excess rainfall. Incidentally, the actual rainfall of Adilabad district was measured to be 1,012 mm as against the normal rainfall of 869 mm from June 1 to September 6, posting an excess by 16 percent. Indervelli, Gudihathnoor, Adilabad Rural, Tamsi, Adilabad Urban, Ichoda and Utnoor mandals received excess rainfall ranging from 20 percent to 50 percent.

Centre announces Rs 3,448 cr flood relief for AP, Telangana

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Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday announced an immediate assistance of Rs 3,448 crore to mitigate the impact of floods in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Chouhan, who is in Telangana today after reviewing the flood situation in Andhra Pradesh, said: "No one needs to be disappointed. We are working to provide immediate help".

Presently, the arrangement is being made to provide immediate assistance of Rs 3,448 crore under the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF), which also includes the central government's share, he said.

After providing immediate assistance, the government will think about making available fertilisers and seeds to farmers for the next crop, he added.

The minister also assured the farming community that the Centre will provide appropriate compensation after



the assessment of the crop damage.

"We will ask the banks not to recover loans from farmers in times of crisis," he added. Chouhan conducted an aerial survey of crop damage in flood-hit areas of Meenavalu, Peddagopavaram, Mannur, and Kattleru, of Telangana. He also met people in Khammam and discussed their problems, an official statement said.

The minister mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is concerned about the flood situation in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

TGEJAC puts forward 39 demands before government



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Telangana Employees Joint Action Committee (TGEJAC) has put forward 39 demands before the State government and wanted immediate steps to address them.

A delegation comprising TGEJAC chairman Maram Jagdeeswar, its secretary Eluri Srinivasa Rao, Telangana JAC steering committee member Devarakonda Saidulu and other key leaders called on

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka in Hyderabad recently and discussed their problems with him. Immediate release of four pending DAs was among the demands put forward besides seeking of Pay Revision Commission report and implementing 51 percent fitment to the employees. The JAC also wanted health cards issued to the employees, clearing of pending bills of the employees and abolishing the e-Kuber system.

The JAC leaders asked Vikramarka to send the employees transferred during the elections back to their old station of work, to abolish the contributory pension system, to resolve the issues related to GO 317 and restore the Employees Joint Staff Council. The Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka took note of the petition and responded positively to solve the problems, Saidulu said here on Friday.

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In a heartfelt note at the end of his TPCC tenure, Revanth Reddy said he felt blessed at having the complete trust of party leader Sonia Gandhi and said Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra had transformed the mood in the country, "removing the aura of darkness and bringing love and hope to every Indian." The decision to appoint 58-year old Mahesh Kumar Goud, MLC and TPCC working president since June 2021, was influenced by his extensive experience and longstanding dedication to the Congress. A native of Rahatnagar in Bheemgal mandal of Nizamabad district, Goud started his political career as the state general secretary of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) during his time at Giriraj College in Nizamabad. Over the years, he has held various key positions, including as the Nizamabad district



president, Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress, and chairman of the erstwhile AP State Warehousing Corporation. Goud contested multiple elections unsuccessfully, but has handled several roles in the Congress as PCC secretary, official spokesperson, and general secretary. He has also been a key figure in the party's election strategies, serving as convener of the Congress manifesto committee and member of the TPCC Election Committee. His appointment as the TPCC chief is seen as a strategic move by the Congress high command to strengthen the party's organisational structure in Telangana, especially

in the context of the upcoming local bodies elections. Goud's close relationship with Revanth Reddy and his strong connections with the Congress high command in Delhi have also played a crucial role in his selection. The new TPCC chief will be responsible for steering the party's efforts in Telangana as it prepares for the electoral challenges ahead. With his deep roots in the party and a focus on balancing regional and caste dynamics, party leaders and cadre were confident that Mahesh Kumar Goud's leadership of the party unit would be pivotal in shaping the Congress's future in the state. In his message, Goud said

he would always be available to party activists and leaders and vowed to serve as a crucial link between the party and the government, and to work tirelessly for the development of the state and the party's growth. He also expressed his gratitude to everyone who supported him, pledging to uphold the trust placed in him and to lead the TPCC with determination and integrity. Goud specifically thanked AICC leader Sonia Gandhi, party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal, AICC incharge Deepadas Munshi, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. He also expressed his appreciation to the ministers, MPs, MLCs, MLAs, DCC presidents, leaders, and party workers who have been working tirelessly to strengthen the Congress party in Telangana.

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Scan QR code, enroll as voter: Telangana chief electoral officer

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Telangana chief electoral officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy on Friday, September 6 said that efforts are on by the Election Commission to make voter enrollment citizen friendly. He said that citizens can now scan a QR code to easily sign up as a voter. By scanning a QR code from the Election Commission, anyone can quickly and easily sign up as a voter. The Telangana CEO said that the Election Commission of India's new system

is "hassle-free." He also advised residents to use the Voter Helpline App and the website <https://voters.eci.gov.in> which allow people to access voter services from their mobile phones. The Telangana CEO said that the voter helpline app also made voter registration, updating personal details, and searching for names on the voter list much easier.

Para-Olympic medalist Deepthi Jeevanji welcomed home



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The Para-Olympic Bronze medal winner from Telangana, Deepthi Jeevanji returned from Paris, and was given a warm welcome by well-wishers and the sporting fraternity at Hyderabad airport on Friday, September 6. The 2003-born para-athlete is a native of Warangal, Telangana, finished third place in the women's 400 metres, T20 classification final, at the Stade de France in Paris on September 3, winning India's second medal in the Paris Para-Olympics. At the race, the runner came behind only Ukraine's Yulia Shuliar and Turkey's Ayser Onder, by clocking a speed of 55.82 seconds in the 400-metre race.

Deepthi Jeevanji was born with intellectual disability, to daily wage labourer parents Jeevanji Yadhagiri and Jeevanji Dhanalaxmi in Kalle

village, in Warangal district. The athlete had to face multiple hurdles while paving her path to the top. Deepthi Jeevanji had to face body-shaming and social exclusion from her villagers and some relatives, during her childhood, because of the cognitive disability she was born with. Her ability to run fast was discovered by her physical education teacher at school. She was later supported by Pallela Gopichand in her transformation into an elite-level para-athlete. Before her Para-Olympic feat, Deepthi had proven herself by winning gold at the World Para Athletic Grand Prix-Morocco in September 2022, 400 metres, T20 classification race, clocking the speed of 57.66 seconds. Later, at the Para Athletic World Championship held in Kobe, Japan on May 20, 2024, she won gold and set an unbeaten world record with a timing of 55.06 seconds.

Jampanna Pratap Urges Immediate Action for Vinayaka Chavithi Preparations



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Jampanna Pratap, the former vice-president of the board, has called for urgent attention to the upcoming Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations, highlighting several pressing issues that need immediate



resolution. Pratap expressed concerns about the poor condition of roads throughout the cantonment area, noting that potholes are causing significant difficulties for the public, particularly in the transportation of Vinayaka idols. In light of these issues, Pratap has urged CEO Mad-

hukar Naik to initiate a special cleanup drive involving sanitation staff to address the problems promptly. Pratap also conducted a visit to Boinpally to assess the situation at Vinayaka Mandapala and ensure that all preparations are in order for the festival.

BJP's Rakesh distributed clay Ganesh idols and urged people protect the environment



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BJP's senior leader and Jambagh division corporator Rakesh Jaiswal, on Friday September 6 Distributed Eco Friendly Ganesh Idols, Which Are Made By Clay, At Hindi Nagar Temple, He urged all people use the clay Ganesh idols to celebrate Vinayaka chaturthi. That will protect our environment and

also demonstrated that colours will harmful to the environment that is the cause for pollution colours idols will destroy the environment. And also conveyed his wishes to all Hindus brothers and sisters Vinayaka chavithi greetings In this distribution Programme along with corporator BJP's key leaders Raghunath, Ramkrishna, Sandeep, Vijay And Bjp party cadre Attended The programme.

Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi Distributes Pooja Materials for Ganesh Chaturthi

Preparations for Festival Include Daily Communal Aartis and Blessings Invocation



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In preparation for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi has organized a distribution of Pooja Samagri and laddus to

local Ganesh pandal organizers in Secunderabad Cantonment. The festival, which runs from September 7 to September 17, 2024, will see daily communal aartis performed at 9 p.m. across Hyderabad. During today's

meeting with pandal organizers, Samithi members, including Kapil Barabari, Sharad Thakur, Buchi Reddy, J. Ramakrishna, Nagabhushanam Reddy, and Sachin Khanke, ensured that each pandal was equipped with the

necessary materials for the rituals.

The event was marked by traditional prayers invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesha, with attendees reciting:

"Vakra-Tunnda Maha-Kaaya Suurya-Kotti Samaprabha | Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva Sarva-Kaaryessu Sarvadaa ||"

These verses, praising Ganesha's great stature and divine radiance, ask for the removal of obstacles and blessings in all endeavors. The Samithi encourages all residents to join in the celebrations and seek Lord Ganesha's blessings for health, happiness, and prosperity.

Rajya Sabha Member Anil Kumar Yadav Participates in Check Distribution Event at MP Office



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In a notable community engagement, Rajya Sabha member Anil Kumar Yadav attended an event held at the Member of Parliament's office where checks were distributed to beneficiaries. The event, aimed at providing financial support to individuals in need, saw a significant turnout of local residents and officials.

D. Mallaikarjun, identified as the Ramgopal Pet Division President, played a key role in the organization of the event. His involvement underscores the impor-

tance of local leadership in coordinating such initiatives, which often require meticulous planning and execution to ensure their success.

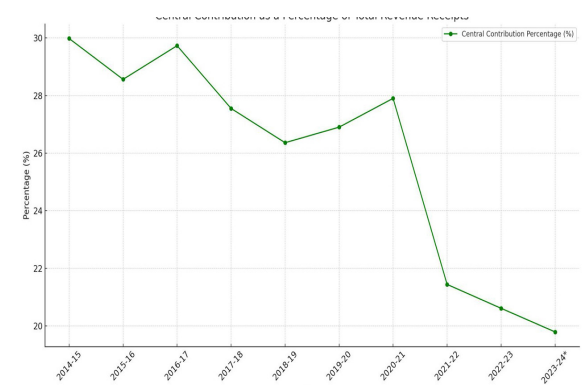
The distribution of checks was part of a broader effort to provide assistance and support to constituents, reflecting a commitment to addressing community needs through direct and tangible measures. Events like these typically involve collaboration between various local leaders and officials to manage logistics and facilitate smooth operations, highlighting the collaborative spirit essential for effective community service.

Centre's contribution to Telangana's revenue receipts declines over the years

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The union government's contribution to Telangana's revenue receipts has been steadily declining over the past 10 years, from 29.98 per cent as per actual revenue receipts in 2014-15 to just 19.79 per cent in the revised budget estimates for 2023-24. The significant drop in the Central contribution, which comprises the State's share in Central taxes and grants-in-aid,

is raising serious concerns about the State's fiscal autonomy. Telangana's total revenue receipts grew from Rs 51,041.79 crore in 2014-15 to an estimated Rs 1,69,089.59 crore in 2023-24. However, during the same period, the Centre's contribution increased at a much slower pace, resulting in its percentage share declining each year, impacting the total revenue receipts. In 2014-15, the Centre contributed Rs 15,306.59 crore,



which accounted for nearly 30 per cent of the State's revenue. By 2023-24, despite the absolute contribution rising to Rs 33,471.95 crore, its share in the total revenue receipts had fallen to 19.79 per cent.

Over the past de-

cade, the State's own tax revenue (SOTR) witnessed a significant increase from Rs 29,288.38 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 1,11,798.14 crore in 2023-24. The State's share in Central taxes has also been slower, increasing from Rs 8,188.5 crore

in 2014-15 to Rs 23,742.04 in 2023-24. However, the more alarming trend is the decrease in grants-in-aid, which are critical for funding state-specific projects and welfare programmes. This decline suggests a shift in the union government's partisan approach, prioritising other States. In 2014-15, grants-in-aid stood at Rs 7,118.09 crore, reaching a peak of Rs 15,471.13 crore in 2020-21 during the post-Covid era. However, this figure

sharply declined to Rs 9,729.91 crore in 2023-24.

The downward trend raises questions about the sustainability of Telangana's financial planning and may compel the State to seek alternative revenue sources or increase its borrowings, which would impact its overall fiscal health in the long run. The officials fear that the decreasing Central support may impact Telangana's ability to fund its developmental projects and welfare schemes

Vinesh Phogat resigns from Railways post



Former wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Friday tendered her resignation from Northern Railways, where she was working as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Sports in level 7. "Serving Indian Railways has been a memorable and proud time of my life. At this point in my life, I have decided to separate myself from the railway service and have submitted my resignation to the competent authorities of the Indian Railways. "I will always be grateful to the Indian Railway family for this opportunity given to me by the Railways in the service of the nation," Vinesh wrote on X. Vinesh is expected to join the Indian National Congress on Friday. She is likely to contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections. On Wednesday, Vinesh along with Bajrang Punia met the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. The meeting comes a day after the Congress' Central Election Committee (CEC) convened to finalise the list of candidates for the October 5 elections. It is learnt that Congress may offer either the Charkhi Dadri or Julana seat to Vinesh. The ace wrestler missed the opportunity to win a gold medal in the women's freestyle 50kg category in the Paris Olympics after getting disqualified from the final for being 100gm overweight. Following the major heartbreak at the grand sporting arena, Vinesh took to social media to announce her decision to retire from wrestling.

Policy expert slams Centre for co-hosting awareness session with seed industry on IPR

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The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) has been slammed for ignoring farmers, farmers' organizations and organizations working to protect farmers' rights, in the "special awareness session on enforcement of the intellectual property rights in seeds" they co-hosted in Hyderabad on Friday.

In a letter addressed to Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority, Government of India, Dr B Gopi, Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of Telangana, M Raghunandan Rao, APC & Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of India on Friday; Dr Suman Sahai, Founding Director, Gene Campaign, has warned that "any dilution of the Plant Varieties and



Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act 2001 will not be tolerated by the Indian people."

"There is a notable exclusion from this program of most of the major players involved in over ten years of debates and discussions that contributed to the framing of India's unique sui generis legislation," Dr Sahai observed.

She reminded that he has been a member of the 'Expert Committee' constituted to frame India's sui generis legislation after India had categorically rejected the patent option offered by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

She stated that the issue of patents on genetic material, under the Patents Act, in its

de facto unlawful application to seeds (cotton seed in particular), was under adjudication in the Supreme Court of India. That was in the context of Indian seed companies entering into litigation with multi-national companies (MNCs) like Monsanto, which in January 2019, sent the matter back to the Delhi High Court without pronounc-

ing any judgement on the question of patentability of genetic material in India. "It appears from confidential proceedings of an arbitration tribunal that the matter between the contesting companies is probably settled, leaving the question of patentability unresolved. Is it possible that this industry sponsored awareness program on Enforcement of IPR on Seeds is an attempt to gather industry favorable opinion for seed patents?" Dr Sahai wondered. She questioned whether the awareness session was organised against the backdrop of the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) being negotiated by countries in the developed world with India, the undisclosed FTA texts which contained provisions that sought to push India towards a International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) regime.

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu launches DigiYatra facility at nine more AAI-owned

Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu on Friday launched DigiYatra facility at nine more Airports Authority of India (AAI)-owned airports in the country. These airports include Visakhapatnam, Patna, Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Goa (Dabolim), Indore, Ranchi, Coimbatore, and Bagdogra, an official said. Naidu launched the facility at Visakhapatnam at a physical event, and virtually at eight other airports, it added. Conceived by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the project is aimed to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at airports based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). The Minister said that the DigiYatra is a game-changing technological advancement in the Civil Aviation Industry, and has received widespread acceptance

Ace-wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia join Congress; may contest Haryana polls

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Few minutes after resigning her Railways job, ace-wrestler Vinesh Phogat along with Bajrang Punia joins the Congress Party, ahead of Haryana Assembly elections on October 5. The development comes two days after the wrestlers met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi which fueled the speculation about them entering the poll fray. It is expected that Phogat will contest the election from Julana, the seat held by the Jannayak Janta Party's Amarjeet Dhandha, while Punia is set for the Badli con-



stituency, the Congress seat, where the state BJP has fielded former state unit president Om Prakash Dhankar. Earlier in the day, the duo — Phogat and Punia — met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at his residence. After the meeting, Kharge wrote on social media platform X, "Chak de India, Chak de Haryana! Meeting

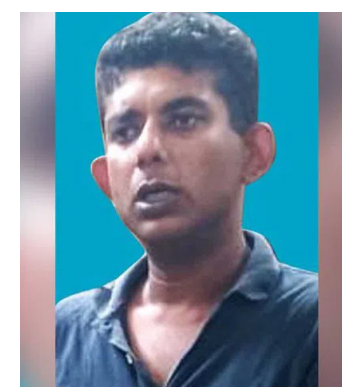
our talented champions Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia who have made India proud in the world at 10 Rajaji Marg. We are proud of both of you." Phogat also shared a copy of her resignation on 'X' from Indian Railways, saying the job has been memorable for life. "Serving Indian Railways has been a memorable and proud time of my life. At this

point in my life, I have decided to separate myself from the railway service and have submitted my resignation to the competent authorities of the Indian Railways," she said. "I will always be grateful to the Indian Railway family for this opportunity given to me by the Railways in the service of the nation," Phogat wrote on X. Both Punia and Phogat, along with wrestler Sakshi Malik, were the prominent faces who protested against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, former BJP MP and then chief of the Wrestling Federation of India, who they accused of harassing young wrestlers.

Suspected Maoist from Haryana arrested in Bengaluru

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A suspected Maoist from Haryana was arrested from a lodge here, said police sources on Friday, adding that he had come to Bengaluru to meet his girlfriend. The police recovered two bags, pen drives, and a tablet from the accused, identified as Aniruddh. According to the sources, Aniruddh was working for the CPI Maoists and was involved in subversive activities. Acting on a tip-off, the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) attached to the Central City Crime Branch (CCB) nabbed him when he was about to leave for Chennai by an RTC bus. After arriving from Haryana, Aniruddh was staying at a lodge within the Upparpet police station limits in Bengaluru's Central Business District. He was arrested at the Majestic KSRTC bus stand while preparing to leave for Chennai on Thursday morning, police sources revealed. The suspect was involved in circulating banned literature and had managed to evade the police until now. He was actively involved in Maoist activities and was a member of a banned organisation. Aniruddh had been collecting and raising funds for the banned outfit he worked for and had held secret meetings across the



country, according to the police. Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect had arrived in Bengaluru three to four days ago to meet his girlfriend. The accused was found with a fake Aadhaar identity card in the name of Vikas Ghadge. A case has been registered at the Upparpet police station in this regard. The police have charged the accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and have taken him into custody for further investigation. The Karnataka Police have shared this information with their counterparts in Haryana, and a team from Haryana is expected to arrive to question the accused, sources stated. However, the official statement is yet to come from the Karnataka Police Department. Police sources maintained that they will conduct a thorough investigation as the Maoist network is active in hilly and coastal districts of Karnataka. The police had earlier detected satellite phone communication from these regions to abroad.

ED raids houses of ex-principal of RG Kar hospital, 3 aides

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Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers on Friday conducted simultaneous search operations at the residences of Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, and three of his associates in connection with alleged financial irregularities at the institute, an officer said. The raids were carried out at Ghosh's residence in Beliaghata and at two locations in Howrah and Subhasgram. All the four are already in CBI custody. "We reached these places around 6.15 am and started our raids," the officer said. The ED has filed



an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) against Ghosh, which is analogous to a First Information Report (FIR) in criminal cases. On August 23, the Calcutta

High Court ordered the transfer of the investigation into the alleged financial irregularities at the state-run hospital from a state-constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT) to the CBI.

This decision followed a petition by Dr Akhtar Ali, the former deputy superintendent of the facility, who sought an investigation by the ED into multiple allegations of financial misconduct during Ghosh's tenure as principal.

Ghosh served as principal from February 2021 to September 2023. He was briefly transferred from RG Kar in October 2023 but was reinstated within a month.

Dr Ali had raised concerns that the corruption at RG Kar hospital might be linked to the doctor's death, suggesting that the victim was aware of the misconduct and might have threatened to expose it.

Editorial

Buoyant year for banks

Much of how the banks shape their growth strategies in 2023 will depend upon the evolving macroeconomic dynamics whose roots lie in 2022. Banks face domestic and external sector risks in an integrated world order. It can be recalled that when Covid was receding in early 2022, major central banks in the world were on a binge to normalise easy money policies that were aligned to fight the pandemic ills. But the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022 overturned the global economic landscape. Sanctions against Russia, surge in energy and commodity prices, continued supply-side disruptions, aftermath of 'Zero Covid policy' in China and increasing polarisation of economies exacerbated geopolitical risks. Inflation made a galloping rise, interest rates soared and volatility became the watchword on markets ranging from stocks and bonds to cryptocurrencies and Chinese real estate. The appreciation of the US dollar against domestic currencies and the flight of overseas funds back to developed economies exacerbated exchange rate challenges. While the fears of the resurgence of Covid19 in many parts of the world now cannot be ignored, India is said to be better placed with its strong immunisation campaign and wider exposure of society to the virus, forming hybrid immunity.

RBI Strategies

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) joined the policy normalisation along with its global peers while customising it to domestic needs. It opted for a tectonic shift in monetary policy beginning in May 2022 steeply raising the repo rate by 225 basis points to fight inflation. It was coupled with absorbing excess liquidity using the variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) tool and retained low fixed rate reverse repo intact at 3.35%. Banks quickly needed to fine-tune liquidity risk management as the cost of funds soared and resource inflows slowed. At the same time, the RBI continued its innovative strategies by introducing Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) on April 8 at an interest rate of 3.75%, which now stands at 6%, for absorbing excess liquidity. As the impact of fiscal and monetary policy actions of 2022 and external sector dynamics work their way to shape the challenges and opportunities in the economy, the banking industry is set to enter another aggressive growth orbit in 2023. Banks will have to sync their functional barometer in line with the evolving macroeconomic ecosystem to make the most out of it. Influenced by the demand for credit from reviving trade and industry, bank credit growth rose fast during 2022 to reach 17.5% while deposits were sluggish at 9.9% as on December 2, 2022. The incremental credit deposit (CD) ratio has been staying above 100% since August 2022. Even the flow of funds to the commercial sector has been expanding at a faster pace which should work to stimulate growth. Due to changed resources, banks plunged into stiff liquidity mismatches that needed heightened resource augmentation strategies. While the cost of resources has gone up due to the rise in interest rates on deposits, loans had to wait to get repriced until their Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rates (MCLR) were reset. The excess investment made in SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio) securities beyond the statutory limit of 18% during pandemic times when demand for credit nosedived also helped. Such excess liquidity could be now used to meet expanding credit. But going forward, 2023 will definitely be the year of depositors who may enjoy positive real rates of interest with inflation plunging and deposit rates going up. The stiff competition for deposits will further heighten rates.

Stronger Headwinds When the economy is strong, sectors grow well and banks can unleash their potential. It is noteworthy that the macroeconomic fundamentals are getting stronger against the backdrop of GDP in Q1 growing at 13.5% and in Q2 at 6.3%. The trend reflects a strong sequential momentum where private final consumption expenditure and gross fixed capital expenditure are looking up. The fiscal is expected to end GDP at 6.8% with Q3 and Q4 at 4.4% and 4.2%, respectively, providing strong impetus to banks. While the global GDP and cross-border trade are on descent, the growth data of the domestic economy resonates with optimism. The external spillover risks to inflation continue to haunt and that could potentially add imported inflation to it. Tapering of crude oil prices, now close to \$80 a barrel, is a significant positive development that could provide a speedy revival of the economy. Despite the innate resilience of the Indian economy, sensitivity towards emerging global risks in articulating a forward pathway of growth-inflation dynamics is the right way to be pragmatic.

Green Addition

In addition to diminishing inflation and stable growth headwinds, the findings from the RBI surveys of households, businesses and professional forecasters provide ample optimism for growth prospects. Banks while bracing to meet stiff challenges of liquidity risk management due to increased demand for credit will have to, in addition, work out strategies to finance green projects to reduce carbon footprints and achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Financing such projects will need different wherewithal, including risk assessment and risk management systems. National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID), now fully equipped, will be able to provide support to banks in infrastructure lending, including green projects. National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd - Bad bank - should also ease the burden of toxic loans of banks to create space for fresh lending.



News Channels, Chasing TRPs, Ignore The Necessary

In the new year, Television Rating Points (TRPs) should be renamed by media networks. To reflect the content being churned out every evening, the abbreviation could just as easily stand for Third Rate Programming (TRP)! Controversial, cynical statements that polarize are a prime time favorite. A Chief Minister of a BJP state will try and outdo a woman MP from his party to spew communal venom. An easy way to earn points in the Modi-Shah era. Ninety per cent of the narrative on Indian television today lingers on these contrived, divisive issues. When was the last time you saw a TV programme discussing the plight of manual scavengers risking their lives or the importance of safe drinking water for all? Sadly, the same illness affects the quality of the output in Parliament - but that's a story for another day in 2023. Prime time news is now a cacophony of triviality, a chorus of anchors turned cheerleaders. In all this madness, there have been worthy exceptions - a credible network or two, built over decades of trust and following the rules of good old-fashioned journalism. One such gem is NDTV. Which is why I am writing this piece here - not to garner 'Likes' or re-tweets or 'Views'. Instead, allow me to draw attention at the beginning of the new year to an issue that will - God forbid - cause national and international strife. Not oil, nor gold, nor data. This is about safe drinking water. Safe drinking water is not only crucial to human health and well-being but access to it is also a fundamental right protected under the ambit of the Right to Life (Article 21) in the Constitution. India has about 18 per cent of the world's total population, but only 4 per cent of the water resources. This makes us one of the most water-stressed countries in the world. Many Indians face high to extreme water stress caused by lack of availability and poor quality of available water, according to the NITI Aayog as well. On top of that, chemical pollution of water remains a health bur-

den, whether natural in origin or anthropogenic. It affects livelihood, school attendance, standard of living, people's dignity and the environment. More than 60 per cent households do not treat their water before drinking. According to UNICEF, only 1/4th of the total population in the country has drinking water in their households and approximately three-quarters of all illnesses in India are caused by impurities in the water supply. About 38 per cent children under the age of five are stunted, and 50 per cent of malnutrition cases are linked to diarrhoea. Around 30 diseases are a consequence of unsafe water, poor sanitation, and hygiene. According to the National Family Health Survey 5, diarrhoea was prevalent in 7.3 per cent children under five years of age. The existing sources of data for tracking water and its safety are the Census, National Family Health Survey and Integrated Management Information System. The first two do not dwell upon the quality and reliability of water and the third lacks data on sufficiency of water and is not standardised and comprehensive for rural areas. Delay in the Census and data gaps such as these provide a big lacunae in handling water resources to the optimal level. There is an urgent need to strengthen, standardise existing reporting and expand the scope of surveys to cover more indicators of safely managing the drinking water services. This is critical to good policy-making and planning of welfare schemes. All individuals should be entitled to clean water and sanitation without any discrimination. Marginalised populations, including women, children, refugees are frequently disregarded by and excluded from access to supply of safe drinking water, based on their societal positioning. Article 14(2)(h) of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) provides: "States parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in rural

areas in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, that they participate in and benefit from rural development." But the burden of water collection often falls on women who have to travel long distances and stand in long queues to fetch water. This makes them lag behind in school attendance, work, childcare etc, and positions at the front of verbal, sexual and physical violence and discrimination by societies. The denial of access to safe drinking water in public spaces is a big manifestation of the existence of discrimination. Caste plays an important role in the same. More than 20 percent of Dalits lack access to safe drinking water and often face violence for trying to access these resources. Harmful concepts of purity and contamination govern the thinking of individuals in affected areas even after untouchability had been abolished. The Union government controls the regulation and development of inter-state rivers which are a major source of water in India. Making these channels safe for drinking needs to be prioritised. The Jal Jeevan Mission that targets providing tap water in every household too misses out on making this water safe for drinking. Such weak systems and lack of funding from the Union have hindered the reach in India. India's water sector has faced an investment gap of 21 lakh crores between 2015-2030 according to the G20 Infrastructure Outlook. Hence there is a need to make the sector more attractive for investment, along with increasing the budgetary allocation specifically for making drinking water safe so states can make a bigger difference. The issue of access to clean drinking water cannot be looked at in isolation. It is dependent on other factors of gender, class, caste, education among others. Involvement of stakeholders in the making of policies at each level is imperative in minimising the discrimination in such access.

LETTERS

The editor,

The TS govt's education minister took the decision to conduct Inter 1st year board exam in near future, then what is the meaning of PROMOTED? It seems the education ministry will definitely conduct the exams for those classes to which it promoted. If not so the made announcement should be revoked. Thus the Inter 1st year students will sigh relief and will give full attention in the study of 2nd year in which they are sitting after promoted by TS govt.

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City of God, 20 years on

It has been 20 years since the Brazilian crime epic, City of God, hit theatres for the first time and put Brazilian favelas and their unique structures of power, race and class under the global spotlight. Set in Rio's infamous Cidade de Deus (City of God) suburb between the end of 1960s and the beginning of 1980s, the film tells the stories of several interconnected characters struggling to escape violence and poverty from the point of view of a dark-skinned favela dweller

nicknamed "Rocket". KEEP READING list of 4 items list 1 of 4 Pakistani film to release in India after 11 years amid blowback list 2 of 4 Communion with creatives: Literary events flourish in Nigerian list 3 of 4 An unexpected friendship: A lighthouse across the year list 4 of 4 A story of love, loss and lobster tend of list Directed by Fernando Meirelles and Kátia Lund, the film received widespread critical acclaim as soon as it was released and secured four Oscar

nominations in 2003. In the years that followed, it came to be seen by many as the definitive motion picture of modern Brazil and one of the greatest films of the 21st century. City of God won hearts and minds in Brazil and abroad alike for many different reasons. First of all, the story, adapted from the 1997 novel of the same name written by Afro-Brazilian author Paulo Lins, allowed for a realistic depiction of favela life. It presented those living in the City of

God neither as blameless "victims of society" nor as senseless thugs who chose violence, but as real people trying to navigate their difficult circumstances as best as they can. It allowed moviegoers to glimpse at the narrow alleyways and poorly constructed homes of the City of God, and the extreme violence and poverty that defines them, through the eyes of people actually living there. While the movie looks much like a Hollywood blockbuster and is highly stylised, it still

feels authentic, perhaps due to most of its cast being comprised of modern-day residents of the favela depicted in the movie. In the 20 years since its release, City of God not only aged well but remained very current - the issues it depicts are still as salient as ever before. Indeed, poverty and extreme inequality are still chief problems in Rio de Janeiro. In favelas like City of God, the many struggles caused by poverty are exacerbated by police brutality and corruption,

addiction, racism and - as it was very subtly depicted in the film - the condescending attitudes of the liberal white middle class towards the poor. The film depicts a favela in the grip of organised crime in the 1970s and underlines the role corrupt police officers played in transforming this suburban neighbourhood (purpose-built to try and keep the poor outside the centre) into a place where laws do not apply, justice is never achieved and no one can ever truly feel safe.

SHORT TAKES

Linkin Park reunite 7 years after Chester Bennington's death, with new music



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Linkin Park is back with a new lineup and debuting their first new music since the 2017 death of lead singer Chester Bennington. On Thursday, the band kicked off a livestream showcasing new singer Emily Armstrong and drummer Colin Brittain, who will join returning members Mike Shinoda, Brad Delson, Phoenix and Joe Hahn in Linkin Park's new lineup. Shinoda and Armstrong share vocal duties. The new lineup launched into a new single, "The Emptiness Machine", at the top of the stream. Armstrong's performance style comfortably continues the band's legacy: Her full-throated vocals recall Bennington without attempting parody, immediately evidenced on the second song of the set: "Somewhere I Belong". "This is a very special day for us," Shinoda said as he led introductions, mentioning that guitarist Alex Feder was filling in Delson for the night. "In the role of Chester Bennington this afternoon is each of you," Shinoda addressed the crowd. The new Linkin Park also announced a new album, "From Zero". It releases November 15. The rock-rap band is one of the most commercially successful acts of the 2000s, aided by Bennington's vocals. At 41, he died by suicide shortly after the release of the group's last album, "One More Light". In the years since, Linkin Park has dropped a number of re-releases, including 20th anniversary editions of "Hybrid Theory", "Metora" and this year, the career-spanning greatest hits collection, "Papercuts". "Before Linkin Park, our first band name was Xero. This album title refers to both this humble beginning and the journey we're currently undertaking," Shinoda said in a statement announcing the upcoming release. Armstrong comes from alt-rock band Dead Sara and Brittain is a songwriter and producer who has worked with Papa Roach, One OK Rock and All Time Low, among others. He replaces original drummer Rob Bourdon, who "has decided to step away", a band representative told The Associated Press. "The more we worked with Emily and Colin, the more we enjoyed their world-class talents, their company, and the things we created," Shinoda said. "We feel really empowered with this new lineup and the vibrant and energised new music we've made together. We're weaving together the sonic touchpoints we've been known for and still exploring new ones." The band also announced the "From Zero World Tour", featuring five arena shows in Los Angeles; New York; Hamburg, Germany; London and Seoul this month, and a sixth in November in Bogota, Colombia.

Thought for the Day

"O Alaaah, i haven't worshiped you because of lusting of heaven or fearing of hill. I've worshiped you because you deserve to be worshiped."

PathCare Labs Launches LifeSciences Division to Revolutionize Specialty Diagnostics

New Division to Focus on Advanced Genomic, Molecular Testing, and Specialized Diagnostics for Enhanced Patient Care

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PathCare Labs Private Limited, a leading diagnostics company with over 50 labs nationwide, has officially launched its new division, PathCare LifeSciences. This cutting-edge unit is set to transform the specialty diagnostics sector by advancing preventive and specialized diagnostic testing through innovative technology and methodologies. With more than two decades of excellence in healthcare, PathCare is now expanding its capabilities to integrate genomic and molecular testing with com-



prehensive clinical analysis, enhancing diagnostic precision and patient care. Key Focus Areas of PathCare LifeSciences: Prenatal and Postnatal Testing: Offering advanced prenatal and postnatal diagnostics, PathCare's tests cover a wide range of conditions

including aneuploidy, microdeletions, and single-gene disorders using screening and confirmatory tools such as cytogenetics, microarray, and next-generation sequencing (NGS). Infectious Disease Testing: PathCare provides rapid and accurate diagnoses for bacterial, viral,

and fungal infections using advanced RT-PCR methods, addressing issues such as ICU sepsis, pulmonary diseases, and meningitis with fast turnaround times. Oncology Testing: Offering personalized cancer care solutions through advanced molecu-

lar and cytogenetic testing, including cancer immunology and NGS for precise detection. Transplant Diagnostics: Specialized testing aimed at improving organ transplantation outcomes. Other Specialty Verticals: Targeted solutions for areas like allergy profiling, lifestyle genomics, pharmacogenomics, and various medical specialties including neurology, cardiology, and nephrology. This new division is the brainchild of Dr. G.V. Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director of PathCare Labs, whose vision has been instrumental in shaping Path-

Care's success in routine diagnostics. His leadership continues to drive the company's growth into the specialty diagnostics arena. To lead the expansion of PathCare LifeSciences, Dr. V. Deepak has been appointed as the Strategic Business Head. With his extensive experience in healthcare management, Dr. Deepak is set to oversee the division's growth and execution of business strategies. For more information on PathCare LifeSciences and its comprehensive range of services, visit the PathCare website.

IN 2019, OVER 35 EXPERTS GATHERED IN CAMBRIDGE UK TO IDENTIFY THE MOST IMPACTFUL, EMERGING ISSUES IN BIOENGINEERING. DR. SARAH GOMEZ IS PAINTING A FUTURE SHAPED BY JUST A FEW OF THESE.

"BIOENGINEERING" HAS A LOT MORE IN COMMON WITH SCIENCE FICTION THAN MOST PEOPLE REALISE. BOTH SUGGEST SCENARIOS THAT, AS IT TURNS OUT, ARE NOT AS FAR-FETCHED AS WE'D LIKE TO THINK.

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE A DNA TEST YOU TOOK YEARS IN THE PAST COULD BE THE REASON YOU ARE DENIED PERSONALISED TREATMENT FOR A CONDITION YOU MIGHT GET IN THE FUTURE.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S BOOTH, YEAR 2025

I AM SORRY, BUT YOUR APPLICATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FELL THROUGH.

I THOUGHT MY RECORDS WERE CLEAR.

WELL, BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE DNA TEST YOU TOOK BACK IN 2017, THERE IS A PROBABILITY FOR (GASTROINTESTINAL CONDITIONS), WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PERSONALISED TREATMENT DOWN THE ROAD.

THAT'S ILLEGAL!

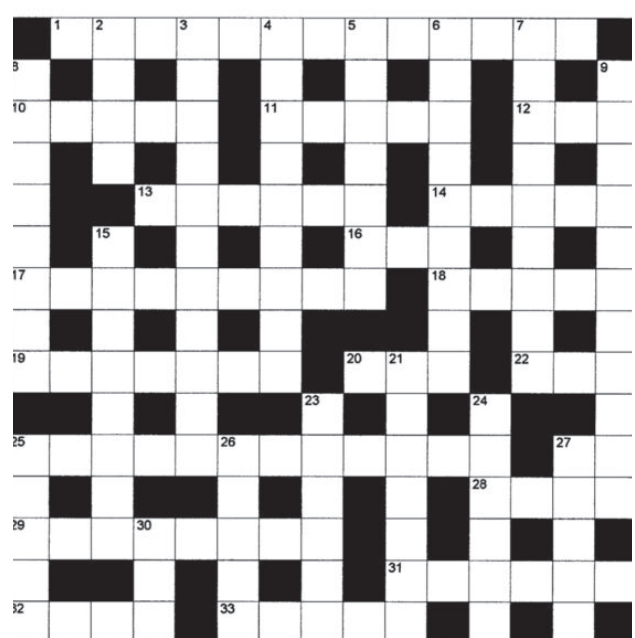
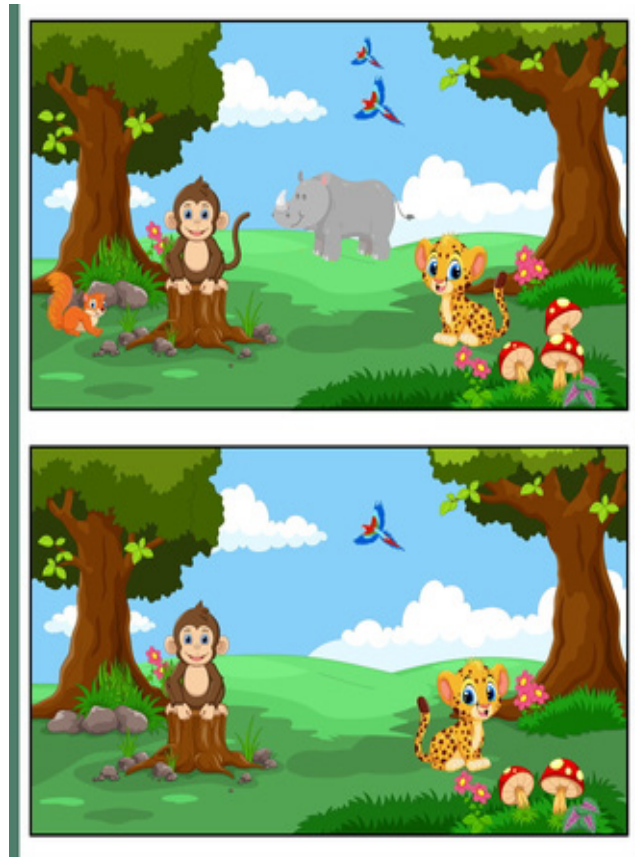
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IT WAS A 2% PROBABILITY!

YOU WOULD NEED TO TAKE A FEW MORE TESTS THOUGH.

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Spot The Difference:



Right, and appropriate wise decision appointment of New TPCC chief by AICC: Dr. M.A.Zaman

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Telangana Pradesh Congress committee (TPCC) Secretary and NRI Cell Convenor from Telangana Dr Mohammed Aijaz Uz Zaman congratulated .All Indian Congress Committee (AICC) on Friday appointed B. Mahesh Kumar Goud as the Oresident of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) with immediate effect, according to AICC General Secretary K.C Venugopal statement on Friday August 6 , 2024. He expressed his view High command has wise decision to pick



a B.C community as TPCC Chief. Dr. M.A. Zaman commented about B.Mahesh Kumar Goud he strives hard

in the 2023 assembly elections His track record was an excellent NSUI to MLC to TPCC chief. Always he obeyed the

high command decisions Disciplined party worker. His top priority for party. Dr. M.A. Zaman termed that party has recognised right person has PCC Chief.

M.A.Zaman said the party would appreciate the contributions of the outgoing PCC President and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Goud was elected unanimously as a member of the Telangana Legislative Council under the MLA quota on January 22, 2024. He is also the Working President of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee since 28 June 2021.

Dr. M.A. Zaman said that the party will

strengthen sky rocket speed under his dynamic and vibrant leadership. In the 2028 elections also under the patronage of B. Mahesh Kumar Goud once again the Congress party will register a thumping victory. Dr. M.A. Zaman exuded the confidence

DrM.A.Zaman says thanks overwhelmingly to Congress high command, Hon'bles Smt Sonia Gandhi ji, Shri Mallikarjun kharge ji, Shri Rahul Gandhi ji Smt Priyanka Gandhi Ji. AICC General Secretary K.C Venu Gopal ji , Hon'ble CM Shri A. Revanth Reddy ji.

BRS leader Jitta Balakrishna Reddy passes away

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Telangana activist and BRS leader Jitta Balakrishna Reddy passed away on Friday morning after battling a brain infection for more than two months. He was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Hyderabad, but as his condition deteriorated, the family members decided to shift him to their native town of Bhongir where he wished to breath his last. Balakrishna Reddy's family made arrangements are being made to transport his body to his native town of Bhongir. Following his demise, they have



decided to perform the rites at his farm on Magdumpalli Road in Bhongir outskirts on Saturday. Born on December 14, 1972, in Bommaipalli village of erstwhile Nalgonda district, Balakrishna Reddy was a key figure in the Telangana statehood movement. He served as the State president of the youth wing of the TRS party before leaving the party in 2009 over

seat-sharing disputes. He later joined the Congress and then the YSR Congress before founding own party, Yuva Telangana, during the State's bifurcation. Balakrishna Reddy's efforts in the Telangana movement and his work in setting up purified drinking water plants to combat the fluoride problem in rural areas of erstwhile Nalgonda district are remembered as some of his notable contributions. He contested unsuccessfully for the Bhongir Assembly constituency for four-five times during his political career. He returned to the BRS fold during October last year.

Ministers Distribute Appointment Papers to Lab Technicians at Osmania Medical College



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In a significant development for the healthcare sector, Ministers Damodara Rajanarsimha and Ponnab Prabhakar distributed appointment papers to newly appointed lab technicians at an event held at the Osmania Medical College Auditorium. Minister Ponnab

Prabhakar extended congratulations to the 285 lab technicians receiving their long-awaited recruitment papers. He also noted that a total of 1,284 positions have been notified, with additional appointment papers expected to be distributed soon.

During the ceremony, Minister Prabhakar emphasized the critical role of lab technicians

in the healthcare system. "The quality of patient care relies heavily on the accuracy of your reports. Effective management of your responsibilities is essential for the smooth operation of the hospital," he stated.

On behalf of the government, Minister Prabhakar urged the new appointees to perform their duties with dedication and efficiency. "We wish you all the best as you embark on this important role. Your contribution is vital to the success of our healthcare services," he added.

Former Ministers and Officials Condemn Government's Handling of Recent Rape

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Former Telangana Ministers Harish Rao, Sabita Indra Reddy, Sunitha Lakshmareddy, Thalasan Srinivasa Yadav, and other prominent figures visited a young adivasi child undergoing treatment for rape at Gandhi Hospital in Jainur.

During the visit, Harish Rao condemned the brutal nature of the incident, describing it as one of the most heinous cases of sexual violence. He criticized the state government for its handling of law and order, claiming that rape has become alarmingly routine under its watch.

Rao highlighted several other recent incidents, including attempts to



rape a Chenchu woman in Kurnool, a four-year-old girl in LB Nagar, a six-year-old in Pedpadali, and various other cases throughout the state. He accused the current administration of failing to maintain public safety, citing a significant rise in reported rape cases and violent crimes.

According to Rao,

1,900 rape cases and numerous other crimes were reported within nine months of Congress rule. He criticized the government for its inability to ensure women's safety, accusing it of complacency and poor management.

Rao also pointed out the contradiction between the state's per-

ceived safety and its real condition, noting that despite praise from national leaders and global institutions, Telangana is facing a rising crime rate. He mentioned that 230 smuggled weapons were seized in just nine months, compared to 200 in the previous five years, indicating a surge in illegal activities.

The former ministers demanded immediate action from the central government and the National Commission for Women, urging them to address the worsening situation. They also called for a reassessment of the

state's law enforcement practices, citing recent communal riots and allegations of ineffective police administration.

The BRS party has condemned the attack on the tribal child and demanded an ex-gratia payment of 10 lakh rupees to the victim's family. The ministers criticized Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for his perceived inaction, asserting that he has failed to address the state's law and order issues effectively.

In summary, the ministers urged for improved police autonomy and a more responsive government to prevent such incidents in the future and restore public trust in the state's safety and administrative efficacy.

Government Allocates Funds and Plans for Chakali Ailamma Jayanti Celebrations

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In preparation for the upcoming Chakali Ailamma Jayanti, the Telangana government has directed officials to inspect the site of the Palakurthi Chakali Ailamma memorial building. The BC Welfare Department has earmarked ₹15 lakh for the celebrations, which will honor both the birth and death anniversaries of the renowned Telangana activist.

On September 26, the government will host official celebrations at Rabindra Bharati to mark the birth anniversary of Chakali Ailamma, a key figure in Telangana's land struggles and social development. This marks the third year the Telangana government is organizing the event officially, follow-



ing the initiation in 2022.

A review meeting chaired by Minister Ponnab Prabhakar was held to discuss the arrangements for the Jayanti. Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar and prominent Rajaka leaders from across the state participated in the discussions.

Of the allocated ₹15 lakh, ₹12 lakh will fund the birthday celebrations at Rabindra Bharati, while

₹3 lakh will be used for the death anniversary commemoration scheduled for October 10. A 40-member committee, led by MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, has been formed to oversee the festivities.

Palakurthi MLA Yashaswini Reddy has been instructed to collaborate with authorities to identify appropriate locations for the construction of the Chakali Ailamma memo-

rial building in Palakurthi. Officials have been directed to expedite the completion of construction and related arrangements, including roadworks around the Chakali Ailamma idol.

Minister Ponnab Prabhakar emphasized that the celebrations should not only honor Chakali Ailamma's legacy at the official event but also recognize her contributions in every village across the state.

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Rachakonda police busts fake job racket, arrest three

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The Rachakonda Special Operations Team (SOT) along with the Pocharam IT Corridor police busted a fake job racket and nabbed three persons on Friday. Officials seized cash of Rs 4 lakh, 3 laptops, 3 mobile phones, fake appointment letters and rubber stamps. The arrested persons are Shaik Bade Shaheb from LB Nagar, M Laxmana Chary from Dilsukhnagar, M Rama Swamy from Kothapet.

The absconding suspects are Mohd Malik from Bengaluru and Akash from West Bengal. The suspects were arrested earlier in similar cases for duping job aspirants by promising to offer positions in various government and public sectors, including the FCI, SBI Bank, Court Outsourcing, AG Office, Post Office, Railway, Income Tax Inspector, GST Office, Revenue Department, Electricity Department and software firms. According to the police,

the suspects cheated job aspirants by promising jobs in various sectors. They collected money to the tune of several lakhs from job aspirants and created fake appointment orders too. Praja Palana Tenders: The suspects also created fake agreements claiming they were entitled to collect the applications on behalf of the state government to avail new schemes like Gruha Jyothi, Gruha Laxmi, etc., and collected Rs.33 lakh from people.

MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Distributed Sewing Machine in Tolichowki

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Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) attended Namaz-e-Juma at Masjid-e-Yasmeen in Mehraj Colony, Tolichowki, on Friday. Following the prayers, the MLA participated in a community welfare initiative, distributing sewing machines to women from the local community. The



event, organized by Rayees Iqbal, aims to empower women by enhancing their skills and providing avenues for economic self-reliance. Joined by AIMIM party corporators, the party president, and other workers, MLA

Mohiuddin highlighted the party's commitment to addressing the needs of underprivileged residents. His ongoing efforts focus on uplifting marginalized communities and promoting self-sufficiency within his constituency.

Sirisha Sattor: A Rising Political Star in Telangana

Sirisha Sattor, a rising star in Telangana politics, is making headlines with her impactful leadership and commitment to community welfare in Serilingampally

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Sirisha Sattor Serilingampally Constituency Working President, a prominent figure in Telangana politics, has been making waves with her recent activities and leadership roles. Holding an MCA from Nagarjuna University, Sattor embarked on her political journey in 2016 under the mentorship of Serilingampally Constituency MLA Arekapudu Gandhi.

In 2016, she joined the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and engaged in various social initiatives through her AVANI Charitable Trust. However, in November 2023, she transitioned to the Indian National Congress, joining under the leadership of Jagdishwar Goud, in charge of the Serilingampally constituency. Her role in the Congress party has been notable, especially during the 2023 assembly elections where she played a key role in campaigning.

Following the elections, Sattor was appointed as the Working President of the Congress party in Serilingampally Constituency. Under her leadership,



Sirisha Sattor Serilingampally Constituency Working President



she organized several impactful programs, including a special Women's Day event that drew hundreds of participants. Her efforts have extended to providing assistance to those in need, including health and educational support.



Sattor's dedication to social welfare is reflected in her numerous initiatives, such as: Chalivendram (Water for Needy): An annual water distribution program since 2017. Social Welfare Activities: Involvement in Swach

Hyderabad and Nala Cleaning (September

Sirisha Sattor assists numerous individuals facing health and financial difficulties

Sirisha Sattor manages Avani NGO

Sattor's dedication to social welfare is reflected in her numerous initiatives

2017). Anti-Plastic Campaign: "Say No to Plastic" (February 2018).

Free Food Donations: At Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital (September 2019).

Medical and Blood Donation Camps: Conducted in October 2019.

COVID-19 Relief: Monthly rice distribution to the poor (April 2020).

Awareness and Assistance Programs: Including gifting irons for women (October 2020) and distributing food and clothes to old age homes (July 2020).

In a recent interview with WakeUp Telangana, Sattor praised Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his efforts in improving government

accessibility and implementing administrative reforms. She highlighted Reddy's initiatives, including the transformation of Pragathi Bhavan into a public grievance redressal center and the launch of HYDRA to address illegal constructions and protect Hyderabad's lakes.

Sattor also emphasized the importance of female representation in politics. She argued that women, constituting 49% of the population, must have a significant role in governance to ensure that their issues are adequately addressed and that diverse perspectives contribute to decision-making processes.

Residents of Serilingampally have expressed their satisfaction with Sattor's work, and many believe she has a strong chance of succeeding as a Congress corporator if given the opportunity. Her family background in politics, with her grandfather Evuru Subba Rao serving as an MLA and her grandmother Evuru Seethamma being a three-term MLA and former Minister for Women and Children's Welfare, further underscores her deep-rooted commitment to public service.

GHMC sets up 73 ponds for Ganesh immersion



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For Ganesh immersion, GHMC has set up 73 ponds citywide, including 27 baby ponds, 24 portable ponds, and 22 escalator ponds. These are designed for immersing idols ranging from 2 to 5 feet. In addition, GHMC has distributed 310,000 clay idols for eco-friendly worship. To facilitate the Shobha Yatra, tree branches have been cleared and potholes filled. GHMC Commissioner Amrapali Kata instructed officials to ensure street lamps are operational and to deploy sanitation teams every kilometre during the procession. Regular garbage removal will be enforced to maintain cleanliness.

Hyderabad Launches Clay Ganesh Idol Distribution Program to Promote Environmental Sustainability

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The Telangana Pollution Control Board, under the Hyderabad District Collector and the Backward Classes Welfare Department, hosted a clay idol distribution program to promote environmental sustainability during the Ganesh Utsav festival.

Ponnam Prabhakar, the In-charge Minister of Hyderabad, served as the Chief Guest for the event. Hyderabad District Collector Anudeep Durishetti and officials from various district departments also attended the program.

Minister Prabhakar distributed clay Ganesh



idols to employees and residents working in the Hyderabad office. During his address, he wished everyone a joyous Ganesh Utsav and urged the community to embrace clay idols over more polluting alternatives.

"Lord Vigneshwar's blessings can help us overcome obstacles," said Minister Prabhakar. He emphasized the impor-

tance of respecting the Supreme Court's ruling on idol immersion and highlighted the environmental benefits of using clay idols.

Prabhakar encouraged citizens to opt for clay idols and prepare in advance to ensure a smooth transition. He also called for a reduction in the use of plastic and synthetic materials,

advocating instead for traditional caste professions and environmentally friendly practices. The Hyderabad Ganesh Utsav Committee has requested that organizers use handloom cloths rather than synthetic shawls for the festival. Prabhakar's appeal extends to Ganesh organizers across Hyderabad, the twin cities, and all of Telangana, stressing that using earthen idols will bring greater blessings and support local craftsmanship.

"Adapting caste professions to modern technology is essential for creating job opportunities and supporting our traditional industries," he concluded.

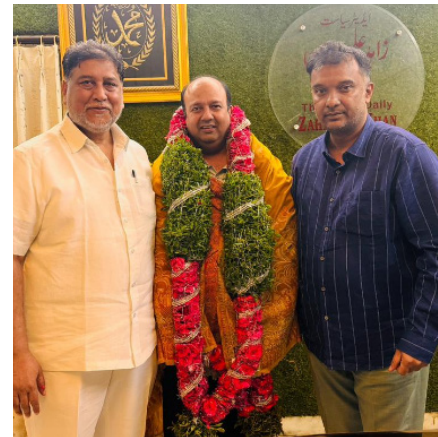
Community Leaders Congratulate Amer Ali Khan on Legislative Council Appointment

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Esteemed community figures Ali Bin Ibrahim Masqati and Omer Khan have extended their warm congratulations to Amer Ali Khan on his recent appointment as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) in Hyderabad.

In their statement, both leaders commended Khan for his dedication and commitment to public service, emphasizing the importance of his new role in the legislative body. They expressed confidence that his appointment will positively impact the community, recognizing the significant responsibilities that come with this prestigious position.

Masqati and Omer Khan highlighted Amer Ali Khan's leadership qualities, praising his integrity, passion, and dedication to advancing the welfare and progress of the people he serves.



They also noted that this achievement is not only a testament to Khan's capabilities but serves as a source of pride and inspiration for the entire community.

Amer Ali Khan's appointment to the Legislative Council has been celebrated as a step forward for the region, with many anticipating the positive contributions he will bring to public service in Hyderabad.

HMWSSB MD asks dept to revive 22mgd Hyder Nagar reservoir

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Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) managing director Ashok Reddy has instructed his officials to bring back into use an old drinking water reservoir having a capacity to store 22 million gallons per

day (mgd) of water in Hyder Nagar section of the board.

During his inspection of various reservoirs for water quality and supply for the third straight day on Friday, Ashok Reddy said that water from Osmansagar (Gandipet) could be stored in the Hyder Nagar section reservoir, from where drink-



ing water could be supplied in that area by the HMWSSB in Hyderabad.

By doing that, the HMWSSB

managing director said that the burden for water supply in other peripheral areas of Hyderabad could be reduced,

and water tankers booked by the people during the summer could fetch and supply drinking water from that reservoir itself.

He expressed his shock over two generators purchased years ago for Golden Heights reservoir and Budwel reservoir were lying in neglect, as electricity connection

was not given to them. He instructed HMWSSB officials to immediately give the connections, and if needed, get the generators repaired.

The HMWSSB managing director asked the officials to build a compound wall around it to prevent private persons from entering the Golden Heights

Section's premises, and to prepare proposals to build a section office there.

He asked HMWSSB officials to explore if there could be a way that whenever chlorine stock depletes in the reservoirs, automated messages could be sent to the cell phones of officials, and asked the officials to record

the chlorine levels in the log books of the reservoirs every hour and upload the data online.

He spoke with the residents of Yadda Reddy Nagar in Upparpalli and asked the locals not to waste water, as HMWSSB has been spending Rs 50 to supply kilo litre of water to the residents.