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Central Bank of India Conducts Agricultural Outreach Programme at Batasingaram



‘SECOND STAGE OF PROTEST’: JHARKHAND STUDENT LEADER DEMANDS LAW THAT GUARANTEES LEAK-PROOF EXAMINATION



Ranchi: Following the conclusion of his hunger strike after the Jharkhand government announced the cancellation of all examinations conducted by the Jharkhand Staff Selection Com-

mission (JSSC) and TDPL, student leader Devendra Nath Mahto said that the protesters will now seek the implementation of a law that guarantees leak-proof examinations as the “second stage of the agitation”. He emphasised that the movement’s objective is not merely to get specific exams cancelled but to transform Jharkhand’s entire recruitment and examination system into one that is transparent and free from corruption. Speaking to IANS, Mahto said: “The CGL examination that was cancelled yesterday had also been cancelled on January 28, 2024, due to a paper leak. The pa-

per leak took place even during the re-examination, due to which the exam was again cancelled. So, the 14 exams which have now been cancelled, what is the guarantee that paper leaks won’t happen again?” He stated that the government accepting their demand of taking action over exam irregularities marks the success of only the first stage of their agitation. “We would thank the government, students and all our supporters for this,” he added while claiming that probes by various agencies over exam irregularities have been taking place “even since the formation of Jharkhand but students

Sports

1st Test: Suthar, Jadeja star as India bowl out SL for 284, take 178-run lead despite Dinusha’s ton



REVANTH REDDY TO VISIT DELHI FOR 76TH TIME, SET TO LEAVE ON FOREIGN TOUR

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to leave for New Delhi tonight, marking what is being described as his 76th visit to the national capital since assuming office. According to the information available, the Chief Minister is expected to depart from Delhi on Wednesday for an overseas tour.

His foreign visit is scheduled to continue until August 30. The Delhi visit is expected to precede his international tour, during which he is likely to attend official meetings and programmes. However, detailed information regarding the countries to be visited and his official schedule has not yet been disclosed. Revanth Reddy’s frequent visits to New Delhi have remained a major topic of political dis-



cussion in Telangana, with opposition parties often criticising his repeated trips to the national capital. The Chief Minister is expected to return to Telangana after completing his foreign tour on or around August 30.

NO STATE SHOULD INTERFERE IN ANOTHER’S AFFAIRS: KARNATAKA CM HITS BACK AT TN CM OVER REMARKS ON DEATHS IN CHAMARAJANAGAR RESERVE



Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar, on Tuesday hit out at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, over his remarks condemning the killing of three alleged poachers in Chamarajanagar reserve forest by Forest Department officials, asserting that no state should interfere in the internal affairs of another. Reacting to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister’s statement, Chief Minister Shivakumar said Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have their own issues and that

each state should focus on its administration and law and order. “This is a federal structure. No state should interfere in the internal matters of another state. I have never interfered in the affairs of Tamil Nadu, and I don’t want to comment on their administration,” CM Shivakumar said. He said Tamil Nadu leaders should also understand that every state has its own challenges and should refrain from commenting on the law and order situation in Karnataka. “Be it Panneer-

selvam or anyone else, they should have basic common sense. I cannot involve myself in Tamil Nadu’s law and order problems. They should also know that all states have their own problems,” he said. CM Shivakumar asserted that the Karnataka government knows how to protect the interests of the state and would discharge its responsibilities accordingly. “We know how to protect our state. Let them do their job and we will do our job. They should not interfere in administration and law and order matters,” he said. The Chief Minister also stressed the need to protect the sanctity of the state’s administration and said he did not wish to engage in a political exchange over statements made by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. The remarks come amid a political controversy over the killing of three alleged poachers

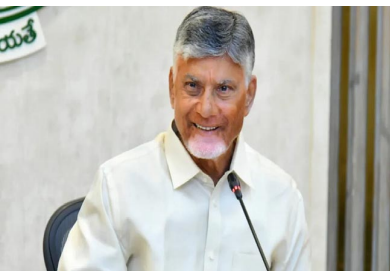
Health Minister JP Nadda undergoes angioplasty at AIIMS Delhi, currently stable

New Delhi, Aug 18 : Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda underwent an angioplasty at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the national capital and is currently in stable condition, said the medical officials on Tuesday. The Union Health Minister is currently under observation at the Cardiology Department at the AIIMS hospital, one of the country’s topmost medical university as well as hospital. “Shri JP Nadda, Hon’ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare underwent angioplasty on 17th August 2026 and is stable and under observation in the Dept of Cardiology, AIIMS, New Delhi,” the AIIMS said in an official statement. Angioplasty, also known as percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), is a safe, minimally invasive medical procedure used to open blocked or narrowed heart

ANDHRA PRADESH ENHANCES BACKWARD CLASS RESERVATION IN LOCAL BODIES TO 34 PC

Amaravati, Aug 18 : The TDP-led NDA government in Andhra Pradesh has decided to provide 34 per cent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies, fulfilling a key promise made in the 2024 elections. The State Cabinet on Tuesday approved 34 per cent reservation for BCs in rural local bodies and 33.33 per cent in urban local bodies. Currently, BCs enjoy 24.15 per cent reservation in local bodies. The decision also cleared the way for the upcoming local body elections. Announcing the decision in the State Assembly, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said they have once again proved their commitment to the welfare and development of BCs. Stating that the coalition government stands firmly with the BCs, he said this decision will go down in history. A 34 per cent reservation signifies a share in decision-making power and reflects the NDA government’s commitment to social justice and fairness. The Chief

Minister said the Cabinet approved three major measures aimed at socio-political upliftment of the BCs. Naidu said it was also decided to conduct direct elections for the posts of Mayors and Municipal Chairpersons in urban local bodies. He stated that this will foster stable governance and prevent the “Aaya Ram Gaya Ram” (frequent political defections) culture. The Cabinet also decided to establish 28 District Praja Parishads across the State. CM Naidu alleged that the previous government of YSRCP mocked democracy and failed to safeguard BC reservations. “We had promised during the elections to provide reservations for BCs in nominated posts. Now we are turning that promise into reality,” he said. He claimed that it is the BC communities that have sustained Andhra Pradesh’s economy, rural infrastructure, agriculture, and traditional artisan sectors. “It was the TDP back then, and now the coalition



government, that has truly supported the BC communities,” he said. Naidu recalled that after founding the TDP, NTR (N. T. Rama Rao) had decided to empower the BC communities with political authority. All NDA parties are working together for the welfare of BCs; there is an inseparable bond between the BC communities and the Telugu Desam Party. He stated that the credit for introducing reservations for BCs in local bodies in 1984 goes entirely to NTR. Reservations and seats were allocated to BCs in the Mandal Praja Parishads and Zilla Praja Parishads.

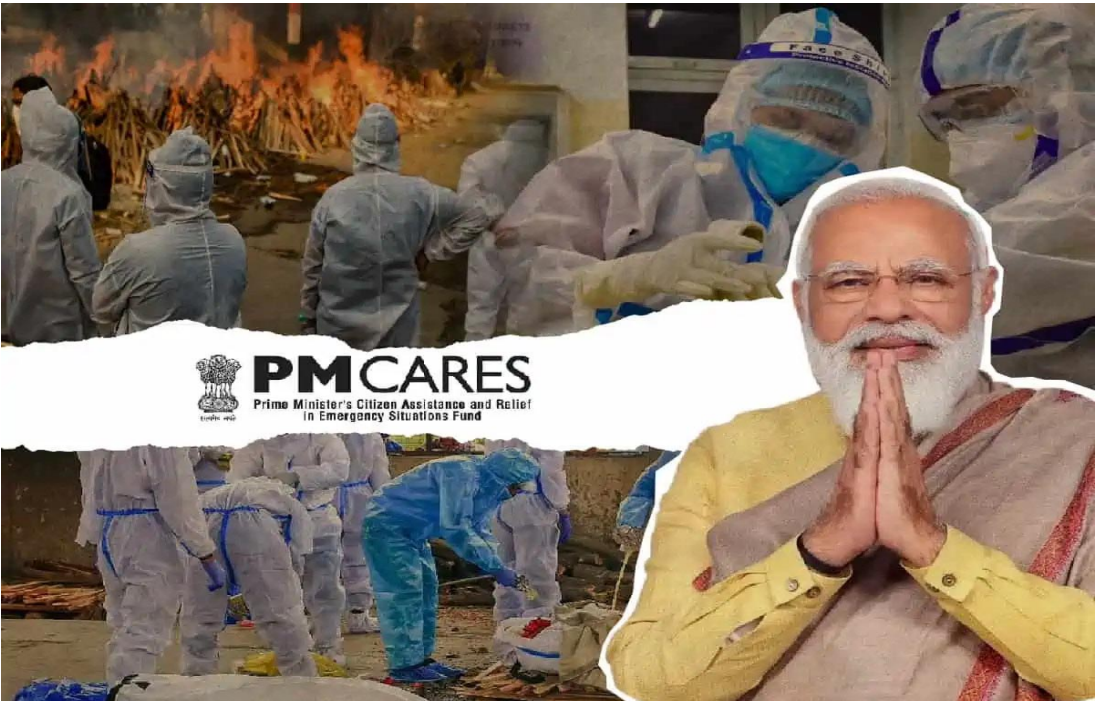
Yogi govt raises duty allowance of PRD personnel to Rs 600, launches cashless healthcare for 31,000 volunteers



Gorakhpur: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday announced an increase in the daily duty allowance of Provincial Rakshak Dal (PRD) volunteers from Rs 500 to Rs 600 and launched a cashless healthcare facility for more than 31,000 PRD volunteers and their families across the state. Addressing the PRD volunteers’ conference and the launch of cashless medical scheme in Gorakhpur, CM Yogi said the new healthcare facility would provide treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh at government and empanelled hospitals. He described the initiative as an important step towards supporting PRD volunteers and their families. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said that the state government had introduced the facility in recognition of the services, discipline and commitment demonstrated by PRD volunteers. He said they have contributed to the successful conduct of various events across Uttar Pradesh and assisted the police and administration in revenue-related matters. Their responsibilities have also included traffic management, election duties and other assignments. CM Yogi said the duty allowance had been increased several times since his government came to power. “Until 2019, PRD volunteers received Rs 250 per day, his government increased it to Rs 375 in 2019

PM CARES Fund had Rs 8,452 crore, used only 0.01 pc in 2024-25

New Delhi: The PM CARES Fund, a ‘public charitable trust for having a dedicated fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like that posed by the COVID-19 pandemic’ in 2020, logged Rs 8,452 crore in receipts in the financial year 2024-25, as per its audit report. However, it used a little over Rs 87 lakh in payments. That is less than 1 per cent of the total funds. Available on the PM CARES website, the report shows that fixed deposits of Rs 7,846 crore accounted for the lion’s share of the closing balance. Interest from these fixed deposits earned the fund Rs 469 crore during the year, making it its largest source of income. The sizeable deposits allowed the fund to generate substantial returns even as donations declined. Meanwhile, there was a drop in domestic donations; from Rs 681.8 crore in FY25, it was down to Rs 479.05 crore in FY25. Foreign donations also added up to Rs 92.8 lakh in this period, as against Rs 1.13 crore in FY24. The overall picture is still a promising one for the Trust, as total receipts were



still higher in this period in comparison to the last financial year. The figures show that while total receipts increased during FY25, donations from both domestic and foreign sources declined, while interest from fixed deposits accounted for the largest share of the fund’s income. If one looks at the

payments, they also dropped drastically to Rs 87 lakh in FY25 from Rs 15.59 crore in FY24. What the public says Meanwhile, social media has been in a tizzy ever since the reports were made public. As an X user pointed out, the Trust utilised barely .01 per cent of the total funds available. “Why is the

PM CARES Fund keeping such large sums of money idle?” a user asked. “A fund set up to help citizens during disasters, which has accumulated thousands of crores (including from foreign sources), is shrouded in secrecy. Still, no information is available on the sources of funds.

UIDAI completes over 2 crore biometric updates for schoolchildren under Aadhaar drive

New Delhi : The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has completed more than 2 crore (20 million) mandatory biometric updates (MBUs) for schoolchildren nationwide under a special campaign aimed at ensuring Aadhaar records remain updated, an official statement said on Tuesday. According to the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), the initiative has been supported by UIDAI’s integration with the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), enabling schools and authorities to track the biometric update status of students. Launched in September 2025, the drive has so far covered more than 1.56 lakh schools across the country, it added. Moreover, UIDAI has brought Aadhaar biometric update services directly to students through dedicated school-level camps and coordinated efforts with state and Union Territory education departments, making the process more accessible. Under Aadhaar enrolment rules, children below the age of five are enrolled using demographic details and photographs, while fingerprints and iris scans are not collected

EDITORIAL

NTA Reform: Can India Restore Trust in Competitive Exams?

Competitive examinations are supposed to be the great equaliser of Indian education. A student from a modest family and one from an affluent background should, at least on examination day, stand on the same ground. But repeated paper-leak allegations, errors, cancellations and administrative failures have steadily damaged that promise. The latest overhaul of the National Testing Agency (NTA) is therefore not merely an administrative exercise—it is a test of whether India can restore faith in merit itself. The urgency is evident. The NTA has recently ordered a fresh examination for three UGC-NET subjects after serious errors were identified, while more than 50 staff members have reportedly been removed as part of a wider restructuring. The agency is also introducing stronger scrutiny and security mechanisms. The government deserves credit for acknowledging that the problem requires structural correction. A high-powered reform panel led by technology expert Nandan Nilekani has already been tasked with examining technology, logistics and institutional reforms. The Supreme Court, meanwhile, has sought a clear roadmap for reforms, including computer-based testing and stronger cybersecurity. But reform cannot end with replacing officials or introducing another layer of technology. The fundamental question is accountability. Who is responsible when a student spends years preparing for an examination only to discover that the question paper contained errors or that its security was compromised? A system in which students bear the consequences while institutions merely issue explanations cannot command public confidence. Technology can certainly make examinations safer. Encrypted question papers, biometric verification, secure digital transmission, artificial intelligence-based anomaly detection and real-time monitoring can reduce human interference. But technology is only as reliable as the people and institutions operating it. A secure system also requires trained personnel, independent audits, transparent procedures and swift punishment for deliberate malpractice. There is another issue India must confront: the excessive dependence on a single high-stakes examination. When one test determines a young person's medical, engineering or academic future, every failure becomes disproportionately damaging. Multiple examination opportunities, robust grievance mechanisms and carefully designed alternatives could reduce the pressure without compromising merit. Most importantly, examination reform must be student-centric. Candidates should receive timely information, transparent evaluation, accessible grievance redressal and clear explanations whenever an examination is cancelled, corrected or repeated. The official NTA system already provides mechanisms such as answer-sheet access and notices on examination integrity, but these measures must translate into genuine institutional transparency.



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PERSONALITY RIGHTS – WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP AND WITH WHOM? Subhajit Saha, CEO, Resolute IP Services and Founder, Resolute4IP

The recent observations of the Delhi High Court in the 2023 Aaradhya Bachchan personality rights matter have opened a debate extending beyond celebrity rights: Can the reputation of a celebrated family name automatically extend across generations? There is little disagreement that individuals must be protected from deepfakes, defamatory content, false endorsements and digital impersonation. In an AI-driven world, personality rights are an essential shield against unauthorized exploitation of a person's name, likeness, voice and identity. The deeper question, however, is whether personality rights can become hereditary. Can accumulated family reputation receive protection akin to a trademark, and if so, how far can such protection extend? In my view, personality rights are fundamentally personal. They arise from an individual's own public recogni-

tion, commercial goodwill and distinct identity—not merely from being born into a famous family. A celebrated surname may attract attention, but attention alone should not create an automatically enforceable persona. At the same time, minors deserve strong protection against false and harmful information. Such protection should flow from privacy, dignity, defamation and child-protection laws, rather than automatically from inherited celebrity status. The law must therefore distinguish identity from inheritance. Yet where false news deliberately exploits a prominent family name, damages reputation, or falsely associates family members with controversies, the principles of passing off and broader reputation protection may become relevant. As AI and digital media increasingly blur the boundaries of identity, courts must strengthen safeguards while maintaining clear limits.



Personality rights cannot become an inheritable monopoly over a surname. Ultimately, the buck must stop where falsehood causes demonstrable harm to an identifiable individual or protectable reputation—not merely because a famous surname is involved.

Collector Directs Officials to Resolve Public Grievances Promptly

Karimnagar :: District Collector Garim Agrawal has directed officials to ensure the speedy disposal of petitions submitted by citizens through the Prajavani grievance redressal programme. She received petitions from the public at the Prajavani programme held at the auditorium of the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) here on Monday. The Collector instructed officials of the concerned departments to examine each petition and take necessary action within the stipulated time. She emphasised that officials should act responsibly and ensure that grievances are addressed promptly without unnecessary pendency. A total of nine petitions were received at the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) offices in the district. While two petitions were received at the Sircilla RDO office, seven were submitted at the Vemulawada RDO office. The petitions were forwarded to the concerned officials for necessary action. As per the state government's directions, Prajavani was conducted at all Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) offices in the



district from 10am to 1pm on Monday. Mandal-wise, Boipalli received 11 petitions, Chandurthi 2, Illanthakunta 7, Gambhiraopet 7, Konaraopet 15, Mustabad 18, Rudrangi nil, Thangallapalli 20, Veernapalli 8, Vemulawada Urban 7, Vemulawada Rural 5 and Yellareddypet 7. A total of 107 petitions were received at the MPDO offices. Collector Garim Agrawal urged citizens to make use of the Prajavani programme conducted every Monday at

the IDOC, the Sircilla and Vemulawada RDO offices and all MPDO offices. She said people could submit their grievances locally for speedy redressal. All petitions received would be uploaded online and monitored for disposal, she added. District Revenue Officer Jayashree, ZP CEO Venkat Madhava Rao and Probationary Deputy Collector Nikhitha were among those present.

Program on the Role of Arya Samaj in the Freedom Struggle Concluded Swami Dayanand was the source of inspiration for India's independence : Swami Aryavesh

Ghaziabad. A program on the topic "Role of Arya Samaj in the Freedom Struggle" was organized by Shambhu Dayal Dayanand Vedic Sannyas Ashram, Dayanand Nagar. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Brahmacharis of the Gurukul with Vedic mantras. Bhajanopadeshak Naresh Chandra, along with Peehu, Anjali and Tanvi Mehta, presented songs in praise of Rishi Dayanand and patriotic songs. Reception Committee Chairman Ved Vyas Ji welcomed the Chief Guest Lalit Jaiswal, Distinguished Guest Praveen Chaudhary and Subhash Garg by draping them with angavastr (shawls). Swami Aryavesh (President of Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi) said that Swami Dayanand Saraswati was the source of inspiration for India's independence. Arya Samaj played an important role in the freedom struggle. Swami Dayanand had supported the country's independence and Swadeshi even before the formation of the Congress.



He had stated that no matter how good foreign rule may be, it cannot be accepted. The British destroyed the Gurukul education system and looted India economically. Inspired by Swami Dayanand, a revolutionary movement was carried out under the leadership of Shyamji Krishna Verma at India House in London. He described the Gayatri Mantra as the Vaitarni of life, whose regular chanting makes the intellect sattvic (pure and elevated).

Among the dignitaries present were Vijay Pal Kasana, Narendra Panchal, K.K. Yadav, Satyendra Yadav, Mangal Singh Chaudhary, Subhash Sharma, Rakesh Mittal, Baleswar Tyagi, Praveen Arya, Seema Vyas, Dr. Pratibhau Singhal and others. The stage was skillfully conducted by Advocate Satya Ketu Singh. The program concluded with Shanti Path and Rishi Langar.

Praja Vani Grievances Must Be Resolved Promptly: Collector Priyanka

NARAYANPET. :: District Collector C.H. Priyanka directed officials to give priority to grievances received through the Praja Vani programme and resolve them at the earliest. A total of 15 grievances were received during the Praja Vani programme held at the Praja Vani meeting hall at the District Collector's office on Monday. People from various parts of the district submitted petitions to the Collector, bringing their problems and concerns to her notice. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Priyanka

instructed officials not to keep Praja Vani petitions pending and to take prompt action to resolve them. She directed department-wise officials to examine the petitions regularly and ensure that appropriate solutions are provided without delay. Revenue Additional Collector S Sreenu



Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp Held at Laxmipur Block in Koraput District; Koraput District Collector Hears Public Grievances

Laxmipur, 17/08/2026 Bharat Samachar, B Srinibas patro, correspondent, Odisha, A Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp was held at the Laxmipur Panchayat Samiti Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Koraput District Collector Manoj Satyaban Mahajan. A total of 67 grievances were received during the hearing, comprising 43 individual grievances and 24 community grievances. The District Collector directed the concerned departmental officers to take immediate necessary action on the pending grievances. The District Collector was accompanied by Additional District Magistrate Prem Lal Hial and Block Chairperson Swai Kulesika, who were present on the dais. Laxmipur BDO Sabyasachi Behera and Tahasildar Naibedya Kumar Bhoi, along with all district-level officials, Laxmipur Block officials, and representatives of the media, were present at the grievance hearing camp.



Nirmal: The district police have arrested a gang that has been terrorizing people by committing a series of thefts in Nirmal district for some time. The five-member gang will be produced in court, said the Bainsa ASP. The accused were presented at a press conference organized at the district police office today and their details were given. According to the details given by the Bainsa ASP... A gang of five members, including three people from Bagulawada Colony in Nirmal town, another person from Chityala village, and another youth from Narsapur, has been robbing locked houses for some time and has targeted temples and robbed several temples. Preliminary investigation revealed that the gang has been carrying out thefts in several temples. They were involved in a total of 25 cases, and three two-wheelers, five mobile phones, 7.5 grams of gold and 300 grams of silver items were seized from the accused. The Nirmal Tigers Task Force teams formed by District SP Janaki Sharmila acted cleverly based on modern technology and caught the accused, and the five accused will be produced in court, Bainsa ASP Sai Kiran revealed...

Serious attention paid to public grievances; Rajkaran Nayyar issues directives for time-bound resolution

Ghaziabad. Police officials are making continuous efforts to ensure the prompt and high-quality resolution of public grievances. In this context, Additional Police Commissioner (Law & Order/Traffic) Rajkaran Nayyar met with various individuals who had come to his office with complaints and listened to their issues with serious attention. During the meeting, complainants presented details regarding their specific problems and cases to the Additional Police Commissioner. Rajkaran Nayyar listened carefully to each complaint, gathered necessary information from the concerned officers and staff, and issued specific directives regarding the resolution of the grievances. The Additional Police Commissioner clearly instructed the concerned officers that the resolution of complaints should not be a mere formality; instead, each case must be investigated impartially and seriously, ensuring action that is of high quality, transparent, and timely. He emphasized that resolving public grievances is a primary responsibility of the police and that special care



must be taken to ensure complainants are not subjected to unnecessary harassment. He further instructed officers to avoid any negligence or unnecessary delay in resolving complaints. Concerned officers were directed to conduct on-site inspections based on the nature of the complaint and ensure effective action in accordance with the rules. People visiting the office expressed satisfaction at having the opportunity

to present their issues directly to a senior police official. Police officers assured the public that their grievances would be resolved appropriately. The objective of the Ghaziabad Police Commissionerate is to hear public grievances on a priority basis and ensure their impartial, high-quality, and time-bound resolution, thereby further strengthening public trust and the sense of security regarding the police.

Additional Police Commissioner Keshav Kumar Chaudhary Meets Complainants; Emphasizes Timely Resolution

Ghaziabad. Prioritizing the resolution of public grievances alongside crime control, Additional Police Commissioner (Headquarters and Crime) Keshav Kumar Chaudhary held a public hearing at his office on Monday. Citizens visiting the office presented their issues to the Additional Police Commissioner. Keshav Kumar Chaudhary listened to every complaint seriously and issued on-the-spot instructions to the concerned officials for their resolution. He stated that the police's role is not merely to prevent crime but also to ensure justice for victims. Therefore, every complaint must be treated seriously and acted upon promptly. Substandard investigations or dilly-dallying will not be tolerated. Officials present during the hearing were also instructed to treat the public courteously and to avoid keeping cases



pending.

DCC PRESIDENT NIRMALA JAGGAREDDY PAYS TRIBUTE TO SARDAR SARVAI PAPANNA GOUD

Hyderabad, August 18 (Khaja Moinuddin): Sangareddy District Congress Committee (DCC) President Nirmala Jaggareddy paid rich tributes to Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud on the occasion of his birth anniversary. Nirmala Jaggareddy garlanded the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud located opposite the Collectorate in Sangareddy town and remembered his contributions. Leaders of the Goud community honoured her with a shawl on

the occasion. Speaking at the programme, Nirmala Jaggareddy said Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud holds a special place in history for his courage and his struggle for social justice. She hailed him as a great leader who fought for the rights of weaker and oppressed sections of society. She said the path shown by Papanna Goud in promoting equality, self-respect and social justice continues to inspire the present generation. She called upon everyone to work towards

carrying forward his ideals and stressed the need to educate the younger generation about his life and fighting spirit. Congress State General Secretary Topaji Ananta Kishan, Municipal Chairperson Kuna Vanitha Santosh, Town President Kiran Goud, Kuna Santosh, party workers, public representatives and Goud community leaders were among those who participated in the programme and paid tributes to Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud.



LEGAL AWARENESS AND MEDICAL CAMP AT NAMPALLY CRIMINAL COURT COMPLEX

18/8/26 PRAGATHI EXPRESS AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BUREAU CHEIF A legal awareness and medical camp was organized at the Nampally Court Complex, Hyderabad, under the joint auspices of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sessions Division (Nampally, Hyderabad), the Metropolitan Criminal Court Bar Association, and Vijaya Diagnostic Centre, Hyderabad. Smt. K. Sai Ramadevi, Sessions Division Judge and Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority, attended the event as the chief guest. Sri Pattabhiram, Judge of the CBI Chief Court, and Smt. P. Aruna Kumari, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), also participated in the event and inaugurated the camp. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. K. Sai Ramadevi advised lawyers, court staff, litigants, and the general public to pay special attention to their health. She emphasized that health should not be neglected due to daily work stress or a busy lifestyle; instead, regular health check-ups can help detect and prevent various health issues at an early stage. She urged everyone to maintain a balanced diet



and adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes adequate exercise and sleep. She highlighted the importance of regularly monitoring common health conditions such as blood pressure and diabetes. She further stated that the Legal Services Authority is striving to provide comprehensive services to the public by organizing health awareness programs alongside legal awareness initiatives. The event

was attended by Mr. Balaraju (President, Metropolitan Criminal Court Bar Association), Mr. Venugopal (General Secretary), judges, other judicial officers, advocates, court staff, medical personnel from Vijaya Diagnostic Centre, litigants, and many others. This event, organized to raise awareness about both legal matters and healthcare, was a success.

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AZMATULLAH HUSSAIN MEETS TOP CONGRESS LEADERS IN NEW DELHI, DISCUSSES PARTY ORGANISATION IN KARNATAKA

Hyderabad, August 18 (Khaja Moinuddin): Telangana Congress senior leader and Chairman of the Telangana Waqf Board, Syed Azmatullah Hussain, met senior Congress leaders in New Delhi and discussed strengthening the party organisation in Karnataka.

Hussain is serving as an AICC Observer for Karnataka under the Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan (SSA). As part of the organisational exercise, Hussain met AICC General Secretary and In-charge of Organisation K.C. Venugopal and AICC General Secretary and In-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala at Indira Bhavan in New Delhi. During the meeting, discussions focused on strengthening



the Congress organisation in Karnataka's Hubballi-Dharwad Rural and Urban districts, reviewing the progress of the

Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan, and chalking out future organisational activities.

PAPANNA GOUD'S LIFE AN INSPIRATION FOR ALL WARDHANNAPET MLA K.R. NAGARAJU



Warangal, 18 August : The 376th birth anniversary of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud was observed at the Warangal District Collectorate conference hall on Tuesday. District Collector Dr Satya Sharada, IAS, presided over the programme, with Wardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju as the chief guest. Mr Nagaraju and Dr Satya Sharada, along with senior officials and representatives of the Gowda community, paid floral tributes to the portrait of Papanna Goud and inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Speaking on the occasion, Mr

Nagaraju said Papanna Goud's life and struggles were an inspiration to society. He said Papanna Goud had fought for the common people and stood by the weaker and oppressed sections. His ideals and aspirations should be taken to the younger generation, he added. Dr. Satya Sharada said Papanna Goud's life had an important place in history. Born into the Gowda community, he challenged the rulers, fought for the interests of Bahujans and worked towards establishing Swaraj, she said. The Collector said Papanna Goud's struggle for the uplift

of weaker sections continued to inspire people. She called upon the younger generation to draw inspiration from his life and ensure that his ideals and contributions were carried forward. Additional Collectors G. Sandhyarani and Y.V. Ganesh, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, DRO Vijayalakshmi, BC Welfare Officer A. Pushpalatha, Assistant Officer Shankaraiah and Gowda community leaders, including Chirra Raju Goud, Gattu Ramesh Goud, Dr Lakshminarayana, Ananta Ramesh Goud, Laxman and Janagam Srinivas Goud, attended the programme.