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Rahul Gandhi alleges 'vote theft' after Maharashtra SIR draft roll



New Delhi: With more than 2.06 crore electors excluded from Maharashtra's draft electoral roll after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that the BJP and the "Vote Chori Aayog" keep changing their tactics and will continue to do so, as their goal remains to ensure the BJP's victory at any cost. Gandhi said that, for a government built on "vote chori", the people are not important, and that is why the BJP neither listens to the people nor obeys their command. "The BJP and the 'Vote Chori Aayog' keep changing their tactics, and they will continue to do so — the goal remains just one: BJP's victory at any cost, and the end of India's democracy," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said in a post in Hindi on X. More than 2.06 crore electors, accounting for 21.14 per cent of Maharashtra's previous voter base, have not figured in the draft electoral roll following a Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the Chief Electoral Officer said on Monday. The draft roll currently has more than 7.71 crore voters, or 78.86 per cent of the previous electorate, comprising 3.95 crore men, 3.75 crore women and 3.87 third-gender voters, according to state election authorities. As many as 2,06,88,487 people have not been included, as their enumeration forms could not be collected

PM Modi, Chinese President Xi interaction marks SCO opening in Bishkek

Bishkek: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping shook hands and interacted while walking together as they arrived to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek on Tuesday. The two leaders were seen having a conversation after they posed for a group photograph with other leaders. They then walked side by side and shook hands as both proceeded towards the event venue. PM Modi and President Xi last met on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tianjin in August 2025. Earlier, PM Modi arrived at the Summit venue in Bishkek, where he received a warm welcome.

The SCO comprises 10 member states — Belarus, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. It has two observer states — Azerbaijan and Armenia and 15 dialogue partners Azerbaijan, Armenia, Egypt, Cambodia, Qatar, Kuwait, Laos, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Sri Lanka. On Monday, PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov, Russian Presi-



dent Vladimir Putin and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan. PM Modi also attended the opening ceremony of the World Nomad Games in Bishkek on Monday and wished the participating Indian contingent the best. PM Modi arrived in Bishkek on Sunday after concluding his engagements in Uzbekistan. PM Modi received a warm welcome from members of

the Indian community in Bishkek. Members of the Indian diaspora welcomed the Prime Minister by chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram". In his departure statement before leaving for his two-nation tour of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan on Saturday, PM Modi said India had been an "active and constructive member" of the SCO since 2017. He said he

looked forward to advancing India's vision for the region, centred on "Security, Connectivity and Opportunity", and working with fellow SCO members towards a region free from terrorism, separatism and extremism. The Prime Minister's participation in the summit comes amid India's continued engagement with Central Asia

Nadda says FIRs against July protest participants to be withdrawn

New Delhi: All FIRs lodged against those who took part in the Cockroach Janta Party-led protests in July will be withdrawn, and no stringent action will be taken against any of them, Union Health Minister J P Nadda said on Tuesday. The government has also decided to pay adequate compensation to the next of kin of those who committed suicide following the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak within 90 days, sources said. Nadda's remarks came shortly after the Supreme Court quashed all the FIRs registered against students who participated in the CJP-led protests from July 20-25 across the country, prompting the outfit to call off its September 5 march in the national capital. Nadda said that on July 25, he and his colleague Jitendra Singh held talks with representatives of students protesting at the Jantar Mantar and assured them that the cases registered against the agitators would be withdrawn and no stringent action would be taken in the matter. "On behalf of the government of India, we had assured the students, keeping their future in mind, that the cases registered

Kharge accuses EC of enabling 'vote chori', questions voter deletions



New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused

the Election Commission of acting like a "Save BJP's Chair Commission" instead of the guardian of fair elections and said the ruling party's conspiracy to "hollow out" India's democracy through "vote chori" has come out in the open. He said the people have understood the BJP's conspiracy; they are now uniting against the theft of votes and will punish those behind it. In an X post in Hindi, Kharge claimed that the BJP adds votes where it suits them and splits the votes where it does not. "The BJP's conspiracy to

hollow out Indian democracy through 'vote chori' is coming out in the open. Where it suits the BJP, voters are added; where it does not suit them, votes are split," the Congress chief alleged. "Instead of acting as the guardian of fair elections, the Election Commission is functioning like the 'Save BJP's Chair Commission,'" he added. In Maharashtra, Kharge said, 39 lakh voters increased suddenly between the Lok Sabha and assembly elections, but now 2.07 crore voters are out of the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) draft

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY TO SET UP OFFSHORE CAMPUSES IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad, Sep 1 : The University of London, UK, and Northeastern University, Boston, are set to establish offshore campuses in Hyderabad, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced here on Tuesday. Taking to X, the Chief Minister said the development marks a significant step towards the state's vision of transforming Hyderabad into a global knowledge hub. He also revealed that Harvard University and some of its constituent schools have shown keen interest in offering select academic programmes and courses in Telangana. He also revealed that Harvard University and some of its schools are keen to offer select programmes and courses in Telangana. He exuded confidence that, with educational courses, certification programs,

shared research, setting up centres of excellence, and offering programs for professionals of different walks of life, the state government's pioneering efforts will make Hyderabad a global educational powerhouse. "I wish to share my sense of pride and happiness with the people of Telangana, especially youth, that our vision to create a Global Knowledge Hub in Hyderabad has been endorsed, supported and will be partnered with the world's greatest educational institutions," the Chief Minister said. He stated that his biggest passion and contribution to youth will be skills, sports and education, making them highly qualified for any global challenge. "Our meetings with Oxford University, Cambridge University, SOAS (London), Imperial Col-



lege, London Business School (LBS), London School of Economics have all yielded positive outcomes," said the Chief Minister, who led a delegation to the UK last month. "Similarly, our meetings with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and several other Ivy League and American schools have been positive, and our youth will all be able to get education

Economic empowerment of poor is our primary objective, says Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati, Sep 1 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu said on Tuesday that the coalition government is giving priority to welfare, development and good governance, with the economic empowerment of the poor as its primary objective. Participating in the distribution of NTR Bharosa pensions at Mogalthur in West Godavari district, the Chief Minister said enhanced pensions were being provided to senior citizens, widows, persons with disabilities and other sections. So far, Rs 73,507 crore had been distributed to the poor through pensions, while Rs 1.50 lakh crore had been spent on welfare programmes over the past two years. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief recalled that 31 years ago, on September 1, he was sworn in as the Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh for the first time.



Since then, several reforms had been initiated and numerous programmes implemented to promote public awareness and people's participation in governance. Chandrababu Naidu said the NDA alliance would remain unbeatable whenever elections were held in the State. He said rural development was possible only when local bodies were strong. He said ward members and sarpanches, along with MLAs and MPs, should become active partners in governance. Only then

would there be greater opportunities to secure funds from the Centre for rural development, he said. The Chief Minister alleged that attempts were being made to prevent the conduct of local body elections. He alleged that some people were attempting to obstruct the development taking place in the State. Chandrababu Naidu said the savings movement launched through DWCRAs groups had laid the foundation for women's empowerment.

CJP calls off Sept 5 protest after Supreme Court quashes all FIRs

New Delhi: The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Tuesday, September 1, told the Supreme Court that it has called off its September 5 protest after the apex court quashed all first information reports (FIRs) registered against students who participated in the CJP-led protests. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant also directed the Centre to provide, within three months, compensation to families of students who ended their lives over the NEET paper leak. Closing the criminal proceedings against the protestors, the bench said, "Keeping in view the future prospects of the young protestors, we invoke our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to do complete justice." Article 142 empowers the apex court to pass any orders to do complete

BJP SET TO LAUNCH 10-DAY PROTEST MARCH AGAINST KARNATAKA GOVT TODAY

New Delhi, Sep 1 : The Karnataka Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will undertake a protest march through nine Assembly constituencies from Tuesday (September 1 to September 10). Former minister and BJP leader B. Sriramulu said on Saturday, as he unveiled the logo for the padayatra at the party's state office, Jagannath Bhavan, in Bengaluru. The march, which will begin with a massive public meeting at Lingasugur, will culminate in Ballari on September 10. Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and H.D. Kumaraswamy, Karnataka BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra, Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and several other party leaders are expected to participate in the inaugural programme, Sriramulu said. The BJP has been targeting the Congress-led Karnataka government over the alleged irregularities and the political fallout



involving former minister B. Nagendra. The padayatra will pass through nine Assembly constituencies: Lingasugur, Maski, Sindhanur, Karatagi, Gangavathi, Kampli, Sandur, Ballari Rural and Ballari City. Sriramulu said the BJP had fought in the Assembly and outside it for the resignation of former minister B. Nagendra over the

alleged Valmiki Corporation scam and thanked Vijayendra, opposition leaders and legislators for raising the issue. He said Nagendra had resigned twice over the same issue, calling it unusual. He claimed that the then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had acknowledged that irregularities had taken place in the Valmiki Corporation. Sriramulu al-

EDITORIAL

Modi at SCO:
A Balancing Act

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Bishkek has once again placed India at the centre of a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation, his interactions with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and his strong message on terrorism and regional connectivity have demonstrated that India is determined to engage with competing powers without becoming captive to any one bloc. The significance of the summit goes far beyond diplomatic photographs. The SCO represents a substantial part of the world's population and economy, bringing together countries whose interests often converge but whose political priorities can be sharply different. Its 25th anniversary therefore offered an opportunity not merely to celebrate its past but to question what kind of organisation it should become in the next 25 years. Modi's emphasis on "Security, Connectivity and Opportunity" points towards a more practical agenda. For India, security remains the most immediate concern. Modi's warning that terrorism cannot be used as an instrument of state policy was particularly significant because Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was present at the summit. Without naming Pakistan, Modi made India's position unmistakable: terrorism cannot be selectively condemned, and countries that provide support or sanctuary to terrorist networks must face collective pressure. Such a message is important, but words alone cannot defeat terrorism. The SCO must convert declarations into effective intelligence sharing, coordinated action and accountability. The more complicated challenge is China. Modi's interaction with Xi Jinping carries symbolic importance at a time when India-China relations remain shaped by strategic competition, economic interdependence and unresolved security concerns. Engagement is necessary, but engagement should not be confused with accommodation. India must continue dialogue with Beijing while firmly protecting its sovereignty, territorial interests and strategic autonomy. Connectivity is another area where India must remain vigilant. Infrastructure corridors can transform trade and create prosperity, but connectivity cannot come at the cost of sovereignty. India's concerns over projects passing through disputed territories must therefore remain part of its diplomatic position. Regional connectivity should be transparent, inclusive and based on mutual respect rather than geopolitical pressure. Russia adds another dimension to India's balancing act. Moscow remains an important partner in defence, energy and other strategic sectors, while Russia's increasingly close relationship with China has altered the traditional equation. At the same time, the continuing Ukraine conflict demonstrates why India needs an independent foreign policy capable of speaking to all sides.

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Bandi Sanjay Urges Students to Excel

Karimnagar: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited SR Digi School in Ashok Nagar during the launch of road widening works in the city. Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao, local Corporator Uma Ramana and others were present. SR Educational Institutions DGM Sachin and Principal Manasa warmly welcomed Bandi Sanjay and felicitated him with a bouquet. Addressing the students, Bandi Sanjay appreciated the management and teachers for their efforts towards the overall development of students. He urged students to study hard with discipline, achieve greater heights and dedicate themselves to the service of the nation. DGM Sachin said the institution focuses on quality education beyond textbooks, while encouraging creativity and leadership among students. He said the Minister's visit inspired and motivated the students. Principal Manasa thanked Bandi Sanjay for visiting the school and motivating the students. Teachers, students, staff and local leaders attended the programme.

UTTARAKHAND MEDIA DELEGATION UNDERTAKES HYDERABAD PRESS TOUR

Hyderabad, 1 September 2026: A 15-member media delegation from Uttarakhand, led by Shri Sanjeev Sundriyal, Assistant Director PIB Dehradun, is on a Hyderabad Press Tour from 31 August to 4 September 2026. The tour is aimed at providing journalists with first-hand exposure to key development activities & initiatives of the Central Government in Telangana. As part of the tour, on the first day the delegation visited the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Hyderabad, and interacted with Smt Shruti Patil, ADG, PIB Hyderabad, Dr Manas Krishnakanth, Joint Director, PIB Hyderabad, and other officials. During the interaction, Smt Shruti Patil briefed the delegation on the evolving media landscape in Telangana and the publicity, communication and outreach activities undertaken by Press Information Bureau (PIB) and the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) to disseminate information on Government policies, programmes and flagship initiatives. Further she highlighted the importance of journalists’ participation in PIB programmes and press tours in facilitating development-oriented .She also encouraged the journalists to share their experiences from the Hyderabad Press Tour with the people of Uttarakhand, contributing to greater awareness about Telangana. Earlier, the delegation visited the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry



of Earth Sciences. The journalists were briefed on India’s capabilities in ocean information services, including ocean monitoring, the Tsunami Early Warning System, forecasting and dissemination of alerts. During the remaining days of the tour, the delegation is scheduled to visit the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and an ESIC Hospital under the Ministry of Labour and Employment. The visits will provide insights into nutrition research, public health interventions and healthcare services under the Employees’ State Insurance Scheme. The delegation will also visit an exhibition showcasing Telangana’s handlooms

and handicrafts under the Ministry of Textiles. The visit will provide an opportunity to understand the State’s traditional crafts and the role of the sector in supporting artisans. As part of the cultural itinerary, the delegation will visit the Salar Jung Museum, Charminar and Laad Bazaar to gain an understanding of Hyderabad’s rich cultural and historical legacy.The tour will continue until 4 September 2026, covering various Central Government institutions and cultural landmarks. The visit is intended to provide journalists with first-hand insights into key development initiatives of the Central Government in Telangana while highlighting Hyderabad’s rich cultural heritage and historical legacy.

OU VICE-CHANCELLOR SENIOR .PROFESSORS. M. KUMAR SELECTED FOR DR. SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026

Osmania University Vice-Chancellor, intellectual, eminent educationist, Professor and Administer Prof. M. Kumar Mulugam has been selected for the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Excellence Award 2026, instituted in connection with National Teachers’ Day and the birth anniversary of former President of India and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Dr. Raj Narayan Mudiraj, State President of the Telangana Intellectuals Forum, Telangana State Branch, announced this in a press release today. He stated that Prof. Kumar Mulugam has been selected as the one recipient from the State of Telangana for this year’s prestigious award. The award will be presented at a special felicitation programme to be held at 10:00 AM on September 4, 2026, at the VC Lodge Hall, Osmania University. Prof. Kumar will be felicitated in the presence of professors and educationists with a shawl, memento, floral garland, and certificate of appreciation. Prof. Kumar, who is serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, is widely recognised as an eminent civil engineering educationist and researcher. He has rendered more than 30 years of dedicated service in the field of education, particularly in higher education. At present, he is serving as a senior Professor in the Civil Engineering Department of the University College of Engineering, Osmania University, and has made



significant contributions to both teaching and research. Prof. Kumar has authored more than 100 research papers in international and national journals. He has also been associated with more than 90 OER registrations and has guided several Ph.D. theses. He has received several prestigious awards and recognitions, including the Best Teacher State Award from the Government of Telangana in 2018, the Telangana Government Engineering Award for the year 2018, and the Visvesvaraya Best Faculty Award in 2019 from the Smart Infra Trust of India, among others. Prof. Kumar obtained his Bachelor’s degree from Osmania University, his Master’s degree from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), and his Ph.D. from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay.

His outstanding research papers received recognition at the national and international levels during 2010 and 2014. From 2018 to 2021, he served as the Principal of the prestigious University College of Engineering. During his tenure, he led several technological reforms, including the automation of college activities and academic and administrative processes. Dr. Raj Narayan Mudiraj further stated that Prof. Kumar has earned respect and recognition through his dedicated service in various academic and administrative positions and through his significant contributions to higher education, teaching, research, and institutional development. This version is suitable for use as an English press release, with the language polished for newspaper/media publication.

EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO EXTEND GADDAR AND NANDI AWARDS TO TV ARTISTS. --DIL RAJU & BHARAT BHUSHAN

ACR, PRAGATI EXPRESS, SEPI: Telangana Film Development Corporation (FDC) Chairman Dil Raju attended the oath-taking ceremony of the TV Federation as the chief guest at Prasad Labs on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Dil Raju said that efforts are being made to extend the prestigious Gaddar Awards, instituted by the Telangana government to honour cinema artists, to television artists as well. He said that discussions had been held with the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Telangana, A. Revanth Reddy, regarding the proposal to recognise and honour TV artists through the Gaddar Awards. Another chief guest at the event, Andhra Pradesh FDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, said that discussions had also been held with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on the proposal to confer Nandi Awards on television artists. The Federation also announced the “Apadbandhu” welfare scheme on the occasion. Under the scheme, if any union member under the Federation’s jurisdiction dies unexpectedly, the Federation will provide ₹1 lakh in cash to the bereaved family within three hours of receiving the information, the Federation representatives said. They further announced that



arrangements are being made to provide every member with ₹5 lakh worth of accident insurance and up to ₹10 lakh towards hospitalisation expenses. The Federation also stated that scholarships will be provided to the children of union members affiliated with the Federation. In addition, efforts are underway to establish a special school for the children of Cin-

ema and TV Federation union members. FDC Director Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao, Telugu Cinema Federation President Vallabhaneni Anil, Telangana Movie, TV & Digital Artists Union President Rajasekhara, General Secretary Nookaraju, Treasurer SRS Prasad, Joint Secretary K.Ram Mohan, and several others participated in the programme.

VEERAYYA CONDEMNS REMARKS BY KOPPULA ESHWAR AND VASUDEVA REDDY

Hyderabad, Sept. 1 (Khaja Moinnuddin): Telangana State Vikalanga Corporation Chairman Muthineni Veerayya strongly condemned the remarks made by former minister Koppula Eshwar and former corporation chairman Vasudeva Reddy against Minister for Welfare of Persons with Disabilities Adluri Laxman. Veerayya said the Congress government had provided more advanced welfare equipment to persons with disabilities, including BS-VI motorised scooters, laptops, tablets, 5G smartphones and business empowerment carts. He claimed that while the previous government spent about ₹54 crore on assistive devices over 10 years, the present government had spent ₹37.5 crore in one year and distributed motorised scooters to 1,749 beneficiaries. He said the Congress government had relaxed several eligibility conditions, extending benefits to persons with 40 per cent disability, and had introduced measures for em-



ployment, higher education, reservations, promotions and economic empowerment. He also highlighted the implementation of PRC benefits for Corporation employees, additional ₹2 lakh under Kalyana Lakshmi for marriages between two persons with disabilities and special grievance programmes at the Corporation and district level. Veerayya alleged that the previous BRS government had failed to fulfil several promises made to persons with disabilities, including health cards,

marriage assistance and district-level study circles. He also criticised alleged derogatory remarks made by BRS leaders against persons with disabilities and questioned why cases were not registered under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. Veerayya urged the opposition to play a constructive role and refrain from making personal or derogatory remarks. He said persons with disabilities should respect one another and work together for the welfare and dignity of the community.

SC DEPARTMENT SEEKS ACTION UNDER SC/ST ATROCITIES ACT OVER ALLEGED PURIFICATION PROGRAMME

MAHABUBNAGAR :The Town SC Department of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), under the leadership of District SC Department Chairman Pasula Rajanna and as per the directions of Manakondur MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana, submitted a complaint at the Mahabubnagar II Town Police Station seeking legal action against those allegedly involved in a purification programme conducted in Uttarakhand. The SC Department leaders stated that Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge was invited to a public meeting at Alwas in Uttarakhand on August 8, 2026. They alleged that after the meeting, a purification programme was conducted at the same place on August 10, 2026, in the presence of Uttarakhand BJP State President



and Rajya Sabha member Mahendra Bhatt and others. The leaders alleged

that the purification programme was objectionable and sought registration

CITIZEN STAGES UNIQUE PROTEST OVER BAD ROADS, LIES DOWN IN POTHOLE TO PROTEST AGAINST GHMC



Hyderabad, Aug. 31 (Khaja Moinuddin): A citizen staged a unique protest against the poor condition of roads in several parts of Hyderabad by lying down in a pothole to draw the attention of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) authorities.

The protest was held in response to the deteriorating condition of roads in areas including Patny Bowli, Koti, Abids and Chaderghat, where several stretches have developed deep potholes and damaged surfaces. The resident expressed his frustration over the civic authorities' failure to address the road problems despite the inconvenience being faced by the public. By lying down in one of the potholes, he sought to highlight the seriousness of the

issue and demonstrate the risks posed to commuters. The damaged roads have reportedly been causing difficulties for motorists, two-wheeler riders and pedestrians on a daily basis. Deep potholes and uneven surfaces increase the risk of accidents, particularly during peak traffic hours and at night. The protester urged the GHMC to take immediate steps to repair the damaged roads and fill the potholes to ensure the safety of commuters. He also called for regular monitoring and maintenance of roads to prevent similar problems from recurring. The unusual form of protest drew attention to the growing concerns among residents over road maintenance and the need for civic authorities to respond promptly to public grievances.

“A HEALTHY CHILD MAKES A HEALTHY NATION”: DR. K. LAXMAN RAJYA SABHA MP INAUGURATES ICOP ON POSHAN MAAH-2026 ORGANISED BY CENTRAL BUREAU OF COMMUNICATION

Hyderabad, September 1, 2026: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Dr. K. Laxman today inaugurated the Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) on POSHAN MAAH-2026, organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, at AV College Grounds, Gagan Mahal, Hyderabad. Dr. Laxman appreciated the CBC for organising the nutrition awareness exhibition, describing it as informative and thought-provoking. He said the exhibition was also a learning experience for him and highlighted the importance of nutrition in nation building. “Nation building does not mean merely building with bricks, cement, sand and all the material used for construction. Nation building means making a child healthy and fit. A fit child makes a fit India and a healthy India,” Dr. Laxman said. He called upon students and youth to become active volunteers in the nutrition awareness campaign, taking the message of proper nutrition to parents, children and particularly disadvantaged sections of society. He urged the college management to encourage students to take up such outreach as a project and create awareness about challenges including anaemia, underweight, overweight, obesity and underdevelopment. He referred to the digital tracking of Anganwadi Centres and said that around 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres and nearly 9 crore children are being covered through the system. He also stated that around 12 crore children receive hot cooked meals every day across more than 11 lakh schools and referred to government expenditure towards strengthening Anganwadi Centres. Speaking about Telangana, Dr. Laxman said that



the proportion of children falling behind in growth had declined from 33 per cent to 27 per cent, attributing the improvement to the efforts of frontline and Anganwadi workers and government support. Dr. Laxman stressed the importance of promoting millets and traditional dietary practices. Referring to the declaration of 2023 as the International Year of Millets, he highlighted their nutritional value and relevance to small and rain-fed farmers. He appreciated a nutritious millet-based food product showcased during the exhibition and encouraged students to explore innovation and entrepreneurship. Referring to India's growing startup ecosystem, Dr. Laxman urged young people not merely to seek employment but also to consider becoming job creators. Dr. Laxman said that nutrition should be complemented by physical fitness. He urged students to participate in sports and physical activities and referred to initiatives such as Khelo India. He also highlighted the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being and encouraged young people to adopt healthy

dietary practices, physical activity and yoga as part of their daily lives. Smt. Shruti Patil, ADG, PIB/CBC, in her inaugural address said that nutrition is not merely about food but is closely linked to health, productivity, learning and quality of life. She highlighted the role of the Central Bureau of Communication in taking credible nutrition messages to the grassroots through exhibitions and traditional folk-art forms such as Oggukatha and Yakshaganam. She said the initiative aims to turn awareness into healthy practices and contribute to a healthier and stronger India. Sri Achyut Prasad Reddy, Secretary, A.V. Educational Society; Dr. Padma, Principal, A.V. College; and officers and staff of PIB and CBC attended the event. The five-day ICOP, being held from September 1 to 5, features an exhibition of around 40 nutrition panels, expert talks, IEC stalls and demonstrations. The programme also includes traditional folk-art performances such as Oggukatha, Street Play/Kolatam and Yakshagana, conveying messages on nutritious diets and healthy dietary practices.

Government calls for Accelerated Clean Energy Action as BRE Summit 2026 Roadshow Reaches Hyderabad

Hyderabad:: Building on the momentum generated in Jaipur and Mumbai, leading voices from Government, industry and the renewable energy sector gathered today in Hyderabad for the third in a series of regional roadshows for the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRE Summit) 2026, India's largest renewable energy summit and expo. As India accelerates toward its target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, the Hyderabad edition brought Telangana's formidable clean energy ecosystem into the national spotlight. The Hyderabad edition brought the diverse clean energy strengths and investment opportunities of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu into the national spotlight. The three southern States represent important and complementary strengths in India's clean energy transition, spanning renewable energy deployment, technology, manufacturing, industrial development, infrastructure, innovation and investment. With progressive policies and a growing pipeline of clean energy projects and opportunities, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are well positioned to contribute to the next phase of India's renewable energy growth. Hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the roadshow brought together leaders from the Governments of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu, the Sustainable Projects Developers Association (SPDA) and the Indian Solar Manufacturers Association (ISMA). Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 will be held alongside the 9th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH), bringing together global leaders, policymakers, industry, investors and innovators on a common platform. Shri Ravi Verma, Member-Governing Council, Sustainable Projects Developers Association gave the welcome remarks and set the context for the Roadshow. Strengthening Industry Collaboration

Gangaputhras should be allowed in the fish ponds to be constructed under the Jalsiri scheme. TGS state secretary Tunguturi Rajesh Khanna Gangaputra

HYDERABAD: Tunguturi Rajesh Khanna, State secretary of Telangana Gangaputra Sangham, has urged the Gangaputra government to give priority to the poor orthodox traditional fishermen of the Gangaputra caste, who are making a living by fishing and selling fish as a caste vocation, in the fish farming ponds to be constructed across the State under the Jalsiri scheme. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and State Planning Board Vice-Chairman Dr. G. Parameshwara were present at the event. The petition was submitted by Chinna Reddy. Rajesh Khanna said that under the Jalsiri scheme, about 50 thousand ponds / pomponds will be constructed across the state and if the Gangaputras are provided with the necessary opportunities for fish farming in them, they will be able to get employment and additional income through fish production besides continuing their traditional occupation. He said that many of the Gangaputra families who have been dependent on fishing and fish



marketing for generations are economically backward. By providing such families an opportunity for fish farming in ponds and ponds through the Jalsiri scheme, their standard of living can be improved and fish production in the state can also be increased significantly. “The water bodies to be constructed under the Jalsiri scheme should not only be limited to water reserves, but should also be used for

the livelihood of traditional fishermen. We want the government to give priority to fisheries, especially to the poor Gangaputras, and provide them with permanent employment opportunities,” Rajesh Khanna said. Keeping in mind the livelihood and welfare of the Gangaputras, he urged the government to consider their request positively and give due priority to the Gangaputras in the Jalsiri scheme

RAHUL GANDHI CERTAIN TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER IN 2029! CONGRESS WILL REGAIN ITS FORMER GLORY, SAYS TPCC SECRETARY AIJAZ UZ ZAMAN

Hyderabad, September 1: The Congress party is certain to register a resounding victory in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and return to power at the Centre, said Dr. Mohammed Aijaz Uz Zaman, TPCC Secretary and TPCC NRI Cell Convenor. He expressed confidence that senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would become the Prime Minister of India following the elections. Speaking to reporters at Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday, Dr. Aijaz Uz Zaman said he was confident that the Congress party would regain its former glory in national politics. He remarked that the BJP, which has been in power at the Centre for the past three terms, would face defeat in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. According to him, public dissatisfaction with the NDA government is increasing across the country. Recalling the Congress party's role in nation-building after Independence, Aijaz Uz Zaman said that the party had played a crucial role in shaping modern India. Congress governments at the Centre and in the States had consistently worked towards development and public welfare, he said. Decisions such as the Five-Year Plans, major

development projects and the nationalisation of banks had contributed significantly to strengthening the Indian economy, he added. He said Congress governments at the Centre and in the States had played an important role in extending the benefits of development from metropolitan cities to remote villages. The party, he added, had consistently fought for the protection of democracy, social justice and the welfare of the poor. Aijaz Uz Zaman said it was a matter of pride that the Congress, which has the capacity to provide effective governance at the national level, had also been delivering efficient administration in Telangana for the past two-and-a-half years. He said the Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is providing effective governance in the State, giving priority to public welfare and the overall development of Telangana. He also said that the Congress government in neighbouring Karnataka was continuing to provide people-friendly governance. He recalled the sacrifices made by several Congress leaders during India's freedom struggle, saying that many had risked and sacrificed their lives for the coun-



try. He expressed confidence that the Congress party would regain the trust of the people and emerge stronger in the coming years. Dr. Aijaz Uz Zaman said that the people would give a clear mandate to the Congress party in the 2029 elections and that the party would return to power at the Centre. He expressed firm confidence that the victory of the Congress-led INDIA alliance would pave the way for Rahul Gandhi to become the Prime Minister of India.

TRAFFIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOWENPALLY TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

Hyderabad: : A traffic awareness programme was conducted at Delhi Public School, Sikh Road, Bowenpally, on Monday to educate students on road safety, traffic discipline and responsible road-user behaviour. The programme was organised under the guidance of Sri G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, Malkajgiri, along with Sri V. Sardar Naik, Traffic Inspector, Trimulgherry Police Station, and Sri G. Jayakishan, Traffic ASI. Addressing around 500 students, ACP G. Shankar Raju highlighted the importance of strictly following traffic rules and developing safe road habits from an early age. He said students could play an important role in promoting



traffic discipline by becoming ambassadors of road safety within their families and communities. The

ACP urged the students to follow traffic regulations responsibly and encourage their parents, family