

Steps should be taken to strengthen SC, ST, BC and minority residential educational institutions in the state and ensure that all kinds of facilities are provided to students:-State Government Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju orders district collectors

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. September 29):- State Government Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has instructed district collectors to take steps to ensure that all kinds of facilities are provided to students by strictly monitoring the residential educational institutions under the purview of the School Education, SC, ST, BC and Minority Welfare departments in the state. “On Monday, State Government Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju along with senior officials from Hyderabad held a review meeting with all district collectors through video conference on the management of residential educational institutions and the facilities provided to students. On this occasion, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District In-charge Collector Bhaskar Rao attended the video conference from the video conference hall in the district integrated collector's office. In this context, the Chief Secretary of the state government said that the collectors should pay special attention to the safety, health and education of students in residential educational institutions as well as the infrastructure provided to them. Collectors should regularly conduct surprise inspections of residential educational institutions and directly observe the field conditions. The Chief Minister mentioned that despite the government taking many steps, the CS expressed concern over incidents like food poisoning, rats and snake bites in some places. He ordered that strict preventive measures be taken to prevent such incidents from recurring. He said that the prescribed standard operating procedures should be followed in the preparation, storage and consumption of food in residential educational institutions. The quality of food provided to students, sanitation management, attendance of teachers and students, defects in infrastructure, etc. should be constantly monitored. He advised that the work should be taken up as soon as possible where there is a possibility of modernizing the kitchens.”He said that the collectors should regularly check the dashboard designed to monitor the field conditions in residential educational institutions at a high level. The details of the facilities, defects and remedial measures taken in the educational institutions should be recorded in the integrated portal from time to time. He said

that this would enable the high-level officials to continuously monitor the changes taken at the field level.”He advised that when negative reports are received regarding residential educational institutions in the district, the officials should immediately conduct an inquiry at the field level. If any information is found to be false, action should be taken as per the rules, and if there is a real problem, it should be resolved immediately. He said that the government is increasing and implementing diet charges and cosmetic charges, and cosmetic charges are being provided through DBT.”Keeping in mind the upcoming winter, he ordered that steps should be taken to ensure that students have access to warm water for bathing and necessary blankets should be provided in advance..Collectors have met with the building owners of residential educational institutions operating in rented buildings and have been advised to take steps to make necessary changes and repairs. He said that steps should be taken to ensure that every teacher receives the necessary training. As per the orders of the Chief Minister, steps should be taken to sew one lakh uniforms every day, and the collectors

should pay special attention to ensure that every student gets two pairs of sewn uniforms by Dussehra. Since the uniform cloth has already reached the districts, the sewing process should be expedited.”He ordered to comprehensively monitor all aspects related to the management of residential educational institutions and regularly update the details of the steps taken at the field level and the resolution of problems on the integrated portal. He clarified that there should be no negligence in issues related to the health, safety, nutrition and mental well-being of students. He suggested that FRS attendance should be implemented in all educational institutions and there should be continuous monitoring of the punctuality and performance of duties of the staff. He ordered to inspect the kitchen sanitation daily to ensure that the food served to the students is of good quality and hygienic. He said that steps should be taken to ensure that the kitchen, utensils, food storage rooms and surroundings are kept clean. He suggested that a nodal officer should be appointed for each educational institution and that the welfare, attendance, sanitation, food quality, drinking water facilities, secu-

urity, etc. should be continuously monitored. He said that the nodal officers should visit the institutions regularly and submit reports.”He ordered that a woman officer should be appointed in girls' educational institutions. The woman officer should specifically monitor issues such as girls' safety, health, personal problems, hygiene and counseling. He said that the mental health of students is the most important aspect. Stress, personal problems, emotional difficulties should be identified and necessary counseling should be provided, and mental health awareness programs should be organized frequently with students in every educational institution. After this video conference, District Collector Bhaskar Rao spoke to the concerned officials. He instructed the officials to make it mandatory to record the FRS attendance of students and teachers in all welfare, Gurukul and residential educational institutions in the district, and to pay special attention to hygiene, food quality and safety of girls along with regular monitoring in every educational institution.”District Education Officer Bikshapati, other concerned officials, and others participated in this video conference.



Special Recruitment Drive for the Disabled – Inspection of Roster Registers:-District Welfare Officer, Women, Child, Disabled and Elderly Welfare Officer C. H. Srinivas

“As part of the Special Recruitment Drive undertaken by the government to effectively implement the reservation opportunities available to the disabled in government jobs, the roster registers of various government departments in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district were inspected under the auspices of a district level committee. “On this occasion, the committee members inspected the roster reg-



isters of various departments in the district, the backlog vacancies allocated to the disabled and the relevant reservation details. It was suggested that necessary steps be taken to identify the vacancies allocated to the disabled in accordance with the government guidelines and fill them through a special recruitment drive. In this inspection program, the District Welfare Officer, Women, Child, Disabled and Elderly Welfare Officer C. H. Srinivas, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Padma, District Employment Officer, Collectorate Administrative Officer (A.O.), as well as representatives of the disabled participated. He advised the officials of the concerned departments to maintain the roster registers as per the rules without any errors in the implementation of reservation in government jobs for the disabled and to submit the details of the identified backlog vacancies in the prescribed proforma. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Welfare Officer, Women, Child, Disabled and Elderly Welfare Department, CH. Srinivas, informed that steps are being taken to effectively implement the job reservation rights provided to the disabled as per the constitution and to fill the backlog vacancies through a special recruitment drive.

Train accident... 350 sheep died.

. Bonagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy went to the scene.. Financial assistance of 1 lakh to the victim shepherd ““(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. September 29):- Krishnayya, a shepherd from Juluru village of Pochampally mandal.. About 350 sheep died when a train ran over the sheep near K. Pal Kondamadugu in Bibinagar mandal area of ??Bhuvanagiri constituency. As soon as he came to know about this, Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy responded and reached the scene of the incident and visited the victim Krishnayya, immediately supporting the victim's family.. Immediately provided financial assistance of Rs. 1,00,000/-. On this occasion, the MLA spoke to the local collector on the phone. Similarly, he spoke to the State Animal Husbandry Minister Vakiti Srihari and the



Chairman of the Sheep and Goat Federation over the phone and urged the government to stand by the affected shepherd and provide financial assistance to him. He assured that he would extend his full support to the farmer's family and would cooperate in every way to provide financial assistance to the government.

Arrangements should be completed for the purchase of paddy in the Kharif season in a systematic manner and as per the plan:- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Revenue Additional Collector Venka Reddy

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. September 29):- District Revenue Additional Collector Venka Reddy said that arrangements should be completed for the purchase of paddy in the Kharif season in a systematic manner and as per the plan. “On Tuesday, Revenue Additional Collector Venka Reddy, Civil Supply Officers, Agriculture and other concerned officers participated in a meeting of preparatory training classes for the purchase of paddy with regard to the establishment and management of paddy purchase centers in the 2026-2027 Kharif season at the Collectorate Conference Hall. “Speaking on this occasion, the Additional Collector said that arrangements should be made to purchase about 3,00,000 metric tons of fine and coarse type paddy as per the estimate of the Agriculture Department officials. It was suggested that all arrangements should be made in a proper manner to start paddy purchase centers. “According to the advance plan for the upcoming Kharif season, it was suggested that the officers of all the departments concerned should coordinate with each other to set up paddy purchase centers in the district and take appropriate measures without any problems for the farmers. “Permission for OPM S tabs will be given only after answering 16 questions in the PCSAP app. It can be completed by the 15th of next month. “All farmers should keep tarpaulin covers in abundance. He said that the purchase center has been set up by women's groups. “He said that approximately (325) centers will be set up by IKP, members of Sama Bhavana Sangams, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, and other organizations, and 7 types of fine grain will be purchased, and a bonus of Rs. 500/- per quintal will be given to fine paddy. For this, the government will proceed as per the instructions of the district level grain procurement center committee, he said. “The details of grain procurement should be received by the agriculture department and the complete details of the



grain coming to the centers should be included in the data entry. Purchase and transportation, dry machines, paddy cleaners, weighing machines, matchmakers, automatic threshing machines should be kept ready in advance. He said that the number of bags should be kept ready in advance in the centers as per the requirement. He said that the minimum facilities like fresh water should be available in the grain procurement center so that the farmers do not face any problem. He said that the paddy centers should be kept clean. Tab entry should be done every day. “He ordered that steps be taken to keep lorries and porters ready as per the plan to send the purchased grain to the rice mills immediately, steps be taken to ensure that the donation money related to the purchases is immediately deposited in the farmers' accounts, and that all facilities be provided as per the rules at the centers in coordination with all the departments to move forward as per the plan. He said that the government has announced a support price of Rs. 2461/- per quintal for A grade of paddy and Rs. 2441/- for a quintal of common type. Special Deputy Collector Kritika, District Civil Supplies Manager Harikrishna, DAO Ramana Reddy, Civil Supply Rojarani, Dco Murali, Legal Metrology Additional Drda and others participated in this meeting.



Angan Milan Service Programme Held in Habsiguda as Part of Seva Sampark Abhiyan

Anganwadi Teachers, ASHA Workers and Parents Honoured

“HABSIGUDA, SEPTEMBER 29 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): As part of the Seva Sampark Abhiyan being organised to mark the birth anniversary of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an Angan Milan Service Programme was held on a grand scale in Habsiguda Division. The programme was organised under the leadership of Habsiguda Mahila Morcha leader Geetha Sadineni, during which Anganwadi teachers, ASHA workers and parents were honoured in recognition of their valuable services.” Telangana State BJP Mahila Morcha president Mekala Shilpa Reddy



and former Ramanthapur corporator Bandaru Sridevi/Srivani attended the programme as chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, they stated that the services rendered by women, Anganwadi teachers, ASHA workers and other front-line service personnel are highly valuable to society. They called for strengthening the spirit of service by organising welfare activities and remaining closely connected with the public. “The organisers stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s birth anniversary was being observed not merely as a celebration, but through various service-oriented programmes aimed at reaching out to the people. They said that the objective of the Seva Sampark Abhiyan was to connect with the public, extend assistance to those in need and contribute to the welfare of society.” Mahila Morcha Division president Latha Reddy, Sravanthi, Neethu Singh, Division General Secretary Praveen Chintakindi, OBC Morcha Division president Alakapuri Suresh, Kanavath Raju, Ranga Ravi and others participated in the programme. BJP leaders, Mahila Morcha leaders and activists, Anganwadi staff, parents and a large number of local residents participated in the programme and contributed to its success.

Teachers' services are the foundation of building society:- Government Whip Aleru MLA..Birla Ayilaiah

“Government Whip Birla Ayilaiah presented awards to the best teachers at the Mandal level” (Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. September 29):- Teachers' Day celebrations were held grandly at the Mandal Praja Parishad office in Yadagirigutta town of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishna. On this occasion, an award distribution program was organized for teachers who are providing excellent education and distinguished services to students at the Yadagirigutta Mandal level. The Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilayya attended the program as the chief guest and presented awards to the teachers of the Mandal and felicitated them. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Beerla Ayilayya said that celebrating the birth anniversary of former President of India, renowned philosopher and educationist Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as Teachers' Day is a testament to the greatness of teachers. He said that the role of teachers is very crucial in not only teaching the students the curriculum, but also in developing qualities like discipline, moral values, social responsibility and patriotism in them. He said that along with parents, teachers also play a key role in shaping the future of a student. He praised the services of teachers as invaluable in preparing the best citizens needed by the society. He said that it is everyone's responsibility to recognize the efforts made by teachers in the field of education and encourage them. The MLA said that by honoring the teachers who have provided the best services at the Mandal level, their services will be recognized and other teachers will also be more enthusiastic. He congratulated every teacher who is working with dedication keeping in mind the future of the students. On this occasion, MLA Beerla Ayilayya specially congratulated the teachers who received the awards and wished them to work with more dedication for the betterment of the students in the future. Education officials, Mandal public representatives, teachers, staff and others participated in this program.



Yashoda Hospitals' '1-Minute Heart Challenge' Receives Overwhelming Response Across Hyderabad



“Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, September 29: “On the occasion of World Heart Day, Yashoda Hospitals organised the “1-Minute Heart Challenge” across Hyderabad to raise awareness about heart health and highlight the importance of making physical activity a part of daily life. “The programme was conducted at KBR Park, Botanical Gardens, Tank Bund, various community centres, Secunderabad Club, several gyms and all four units of Yashoda Hospitals. Thousands of people, from children to senior citizens, enthusiastically participated in the initiative. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, participated in the programme and extended their support. “Participants took part in activities including treadmill workouts, stationary cycling, skipping and push-ups. Their performance was monitored by a medical team comprising cardiologists, doctors, physiotherapists, nurses and EMTs. Special prizes were presented to participants who burned the highest number of calories in one minute in various categories. “Yashoda Hospitals Director Dr. Pavan Gorukanti said that many people are unable to devote sufficient time to exercise due to family, professional and other responsibilities associated with modern lifestyles. However, he said that short-duration physical activity, carried out safely according to an individual’s health condition and fitness level, can be incorporated into daily routines. “He suggested simple lifestyle changes such as using stairs instead of lifts, taking short walks during long periods of computer work and standing up at regular intervals instead of sitting continuously. Regular physical activity, he said, plays a key role in improving heart health as well as overall physical well-being. “Dr. Pavan Gorukanti said the primary objective of the “1-Minute Heart Challenge” was to convey the message that exercise need not require a significant amount of time. He said the programme received an encouraging response across the city, with doctors, experts, officials, fitness trainers, employees, homemakers, children and senior citizens participating enthusiastically.

Government Whip Beerla Ailaiah participated in development programs in Rajapet Mandal

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. September 29):- Telangana State Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah toured extensively in Rajapet Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. On this occasion, he met people in several villages and learned about their problems and participated in development programs. First, Beerla Ailaiah met people in Singaram village and spoke to the villagers and inquired about the problems prevailing locally. He assured that the problems brought to his attention by the people would be brought to the attention of the concerned authorities and steps would be taken to resolve them. He said that he would be available to the people and continuously work to resolve their problems. Later, Beerla Ailaiah inaugurated the new Gram Panchayat building in Kothajala village. He said that the Gram Panchayat building would be very useful in providing better administrative services to the villagers. He stated



that the government is giving priority to the development of villages and steps are being taken to provide the necessary infrastructure in a phased manner. Next, the foundation stone for the construction of a BT road was laid in Pamukunta village. The MLA said that with the construction of the road, the movement of the villagers will be easier and the transport facilities for farmers to transport their agricultural products to the markets will also improve. He advised the concerned officials to complete the work in accordance with quality standards. “Later, Sri Beerla Ilayya distributed new smart ration cards to the beneficiaries at a program organized at the Rythu Vedika in the Rajapet Mandal Center. He said that the government is taking steps to ensure that every eligible family receives government welfare schemes. He said that through ration cards, poor and middle class families will get essential commodities and will have the opportunity to avail the benefits of various welfare schemes implemented by the government. Speaking at the next PACS Mahajana meeting, Government Whip Beerla Ilayya explained the steps taken by the government for the welfare of farmers and strengthening the cooperative system. He suggested that PACS should work more efficiently so that farmers get the necessary services like loans, fertilizers, seeds and other services on time. He said that they should be vigilant about issues that harm the interests of farmers and give priority to transparency in cooperative societies. He asked them to fully utilize the opportunities provided by the government for the development of villages in Rajapet mandal, solving people's problems and welfare of farmers. Beerla Ailaiah said that they are working to take Aleru constituency forward in all fields by undertaking development works according to the needs of the people.



Kowkoo's Pending Pipeline Works Must Move Faster: Thudimella Mallikarjun

““Kowkoo Pipeline Works Gain Focus: Mallikarjun Urges Speedy Completion”“Alwal September 29(INDIAN CHRONICLE)““Senior Congress Party leader and social activist Thudimella Mallikarjun has urged officials to expedite the pending sewerage and drinking water pipeline works in various localities of Kowkoo under Yapral Division. “Under the leadership of dynamic leader Mynampally



Hanumanth Rao, Mallikarjun raised the issues concerning Reddy Basti, Samala Lakshmi Nagar, Sriram Nagar Colony, Mallikarjun Nagar, Gruhathara Colony, Bangaru Maisamma Temple and other surrounding areas. He met HMWS&SB Sainikpuri Circle Chief General Manager Vasa Satyanarayana and requested the speedy clearance of files related to pending sewerage and drinking water pipeline works. He also urged officials to prepare estimates for newly submitted proposals at the earliest and take steps to commence the works without delay. During the inspection and discussions, Yapral Section Manager Mallikarjun was also present. The focus was placed on expediting essential water and sanitation infrastructure works for residents of the respective localities.

Electricity Issue Resolved in Jyothinagar Former Corporator Raj Jithender Nath Assures Three More Power Poles Soon



““Alwal, September 29 (INDIAN CHRONICLE)““The electricity-related issue faced by residents of Road No. 4 in Jyothinagar Colony, Alwal, was addressed following the intervention of former corporator Raj Jithender Nath. After local residents brought the issue to his notice, he immediately contacted the concerned electricity department officials and urged them to take necessary action. “With the cooperation of the officials, two to three new electricity poles and lines were installed on Road No. 4, providing relief to the residents. The local residents expressed their happiness and thanked Raj Jithender Nath for his prompt intervention. Raj Jithender Nath further assured the residents that three more electricity poles required in the colony would be installed soon. He said he would continue coordinating with the concerned officials to resolve the remaining electricity-related issues in the area.

The Gandak Water Overtops Embankment

Journalist-Ajay Kr Mishra“BETTIAH/BIHAR,SEPTEMBER 29 (INDIAN CHRONICLE)“

““On Tuesday the overflowing Gandak water has overtopped the Champaran Embankment at two places as well as damaged the Embankment and flood water has inundated in several areas of Bariya and Bagha 1st block areas of the district. “

As the DPRO West Champaran Mrs Rochna Madri said that the Gandak water has overtopped on Champaran Embankment near phuliya khad punchayat under Baria Block area of Bettiah Subdivision and near Chakhni Rajwatiya punchayat under Bagha 1st block area under Bagha Subdivision as well as the small breach in the Embankment has been also reported.As in Phuliya khad punchayat area a breach of 5 Mitre has been reported in the Embankment and flood water has entered the area of several villages and made the situation alarming.“

She further said, team of water resources department has reached on the spot and started repair work on war level. The district administration is active regarding the safety of life and property. A team of the NDRF contained with 30 members has also reached in the area to work during the period of panic situation. The district administration has issued advisory for the local people of flood porn area and prohibited them not to proceed towards the river side as well as stop their movement in flood porn area.The dwellers of low lamd area must be shifted to high and safe places and be not panic . Proper attention should be mentioned with the children and elderly people.The people should avoid rumors regarding flood.The flood control room has been made active and contact number has been issued as-06254-247002,247003.As a breach has been reported in Champaran Embankment near Chakhni Rajwatiya Punchayat of Bagha 1st block area and flood water has inundated several villages of that locality. “

As on the direction of the District Magistrate West Champaran Taranjot Singh the food pockets distribution and the function of Samudayik Kitchen has been started.14000 dry food pockets have been prepared for distribution in which 1500 dry food pockets for the flood victims of Bagha .A medical camp has been set up in Laxmipur Punchayat of Bagha Subdivision for the health checkup of the flood victims as well as provide them medicine. As the most flood affected punchayats are Dhadhva,Khutwaniya,Jamalpur, Baluva Bhavanipur ,Piprahiya,Navalpur,Siswa Bairagi in the district.23 kitchen centres are functional to provide food of 26,290 flood victims The number of flood victims is about 30,094 .Dry ration was distributed among 1,608 victims and polythene shit was distributed among 1345 victims.AsValmikinagar Gandak barrage has discharged 1,80,200 Cuesecs water at 10 AM in the Gandak ,the Barrage U/S level is -356.59 ft and D/S level is- 353.90 ft where as Devghat (Nepal) discharged 2,10,700 Cuesecs water.“

As the CPI (ML) leader Sunil Kumar Rao alleged that the Embankment was damaged in lack of proper mentainance. The flood water has affected hundred villages in the area of Phuliya Khad punchayat and other adjacent punchayats of Baria block and Chakhni Rajwatiya punchayat with adjacent punchayats areas of Bagha 1 st block.The negligence of the concerned department has made the people maroon. As the Champaran Embankment is in delipidated state and on the name of the mentainance of the Embankment a loot of government money has been seen.On the whole the breach of Embankment shows negligence of the concerned department. “

Mean while the electricity department has cut the electric supply in flood affected area to maintain security.As 36 electric transformers have been made non functional. The department has urged the people of flood affected area not to touch electric pole,wire,transformer and other electric items .“Ajay Kr Mishra “Bettiah/Bihar

Groundwork Underway for Cable TV Channel Owners' Elections

““President and executive body elections on October 25.. Ad Hoc Committee takes key decisions““ Indian Chronicle , Secunderabad, September 29: ““Preparations are underway for the election of a new president and executive body of the Telangana



State Cable TV Channel Owners Welfare Association. The Ad Hoc Committee has decided to conduct the elections on October 25.“At a committee meeting held in Hyderabad, detailed discussions were held on election procedures, membership registration and resolving issues faced by cable TV channels. The committee decided to extend voting rights to eligible channel owners who had submitted applications to the Information & Public Relations (I&PR) Department by September 27, 2026.“The committee decided that candidates contesting for the post of president must pay a non-refundable fee of ₹10,000 and possess an Intermediate-level educational qualification. The tenure of the elected president was fixed at two years.“The committee also resolved to submit representations to the concerned authorities seeking resolution of issues related to I&PR online registration of eligible cable TV channels, pending applications and channels included on IPTV platforms. It further decided to take steps to secure facilities such as health cards, TSRTC bus passes, Assembly and Secretariat media passes, and empanelment for channel owners.“The committee clarified that the existing Ad Hoc Committee would continue until the new executive body is elected and assumes office after taking oath. It appealed to all eligible channel owners to exercise their voting rights and participate in the election process.

Pothole-Hit Yapral Main Road Set for Revamp: Mallikarjun Seeks New BT Road

““Alwal September 29(INDIAN CHRONICLE)““With the main BT road between the Indian Oil Petrol Pump and HP Petrol Pump suffering from potholes and prolonged damage, steps have been initiated for sanctioning a new road to address the issue.Thudimella Mallikarjun, Senior Congress Party Leader of the Malkajgiri Assembly Constituency and social activist, met Sanchit Gangwar, IAS, Zonal Commissioner, Malkajgiri Zone, and submitted a representation seeking urgent action on the deteriorated road.Under the dynamic leadership of Mynampally Hanumanth Rao, Mallikarjun highlighted the difficulties being faced by local residents, pedestrians and motorists due to the damaged road and potholes. He requested the authorities to take necessary steps for sanctioning a new BT road at the earliest.“Following the representation, the Zonal Commissioner directed the concerned officials to initiate the required process and approvals for the proposed new BT road. Mallikarjun also requested that immediate repairs be carried out on the existing potholes until the new road is sanctioned and construction works commence.Speaking on the occasion, Thudimella Mallikarjun said that resolving public issues and improving local infrastructure would remain a priority, adding that efforts would continue under the Congress Party leadership to address the civic needs of the people.



Medipally Police Crack Down on Public Nuisance “Medipally CI Jalandhar Reddy Warns of Strict Action Against Repeat Offenders



““MEDIPALLY, September 29 (Indian Chronicle):“ Medipally Police have taken action against three youths for allegedly creating public nuisance within the limits of Medipally Police Station. The youths were produced before the court, which directed them to participate in a one-hour Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive as punishment, police said.“According to police, cases were registered against B. Vamsi (20), son of Krishna, and V. Aravind (21), son of Anjaiah, for allegedly creating a public nuisance on September 24. Another case was registered against I. Shreyansh (20), son of Kumar, for a similar offence on September 27.“Following registration of the cases, all three accused were produced before the court. The Honourable Magistrate directed them to participate in a one-hour Swachh Bharat cleanliness programme. In compliance with the court's directions, the three participated in the cleanliness drive and cleaned the surrounding areas. Speaking on the occasion, Medipally Circle Inspector Jalandhar Reddy advised youngsters to stay away from activities that cause public inconvenience. He warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone creating a nuisance on roads or in public places. The CI made it clear that activities disturbing public peace and order would not be tolerated and warned that repeat offenders would face stringent legal action.“[8:22 PM, 9/29/2026] +91 93911 09207: End

Living Near Data Centres Have No Disruption To Water Access Or Day-to-day Life, Says Mumbai Resident

““Hyderabad: “““A recent webinar by Policy Consensus Centre brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and community voices to underscore how India's rapidly expanding data centre ecosystem is driving economic growth, creating jobs, and advancing the clean energy transition — while residents living near these facilities shared firsthand accounts of safe, uninterrupted access to water and healthy living conditions. Experts emphasised that the data-centre ecosystem should be viewed not simply as a technology infrastructure story, but as an important component of India's broader economic and sustainability transition.“ “India's data-centre capacity is projected to expand significantly over the next few years, with industry estimates pointing to 6–6.5 GW of capacity by 2030, alongside substantial investment and demand for specialised talent. Another recent industry estimate puts India's development pipeline through 2030 at 3,860 MW, requiring nearly \$29.9 billion in development capital.““The webinar, titled “Living Next to the Cloud: An Evidence-Based Approach to Data Centres in Residential India,” brought together voices from industry, technology, environmental research and public policy to discuss how India can enable data centre growth while embedding responsible practices across water, energy, noise and environmental management.““Mr. Arindam Goswami, Co-founder & Partner, Policy Consensus Centre: Responsible growth is not simply about managing impact; it is about creating positive outcomes across the ecosystem. As India builds the infrastructure required for its digital future, we need to combine technological progress with responsible resource use, investment and environmental stewardship. This is how digital infrastructure can contribute to both a stronger economy and a more sustainable future.““Ms. Nirupama Soundararajan, Co-founder & CEO, Policy Consensus Centre: “The conversation around data centres ultimately comes down to how we enable different uses of land and infrastructure to coexist. As our cities expand, areas that were once considered industrial or peripheral can become part of rapidly developing urban centres. This makes it important to think about planning frameworks that allow data centres and communities to coexist responsibly as cities evolve.”

Ai+ Smartphone Brings Flagship Innovation to Millions This Festive Season with Pulse 2 FE, NovaTab and LapTab

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“Hyderabad: “Ahead of the festive season Ai+ Smartphone today announced its portfolio expansion with the launch of Pulse 2 FE, NovaTab and LapTab, bringing three new technology experiences to consumers across communication, learning, entertainment and productivity.” “The launch comes at a time when consumers across India are preparing for one of the year’s biggest periods for technology purchases, upgrades and gifting. With the new portfolio, Ai+ Smartphone is expanding the choices available to consumers across different needs and price segments from someone purchasing their first smartphone to students looking for a connected learning device and consumers seeking a larger screen that can move seamlessly between entertainment and productivity.” “Each product has been built around a distinct consumer need. Pulse 2 FE, positioned as the “First Step to a Smarter World,” brings essential smartphone experiences to consumers entering or upgrading their digital journey. The launch also marks Ai+ Smartphone’s entry into the 5G tablet category and the next phase of its connected ecosystem strategy with NovaTab and LapTab. NovaTab brings 5G connectivity to a larger screen, with a strong focus on education and learning. LapTab, on the other hand, combines entertainment with productivity through a large 13.2 display, and supports stylus and an attachable keyboard that enables a laptop-like working experience.” Across the portfolio, Ai+ Smartphone brings together Android 16 with nxtQ OS, high-refresh-rate displays, large batteries and 4G/5G connectivity, with the aim of making relevant technology accessible to a wider set of consumers. All three devices will go on sale on Flipkart from October 7, 2026, 11:59PM onwards, giving consumers new options as they upgrade their personal technology or choose devices for their families this festive season.

MetLife Appoints Dimple Kaloya as Chief Human Resources Officer, MetLife Global Capability Center



“Hyderabad: “MetLife, one of the world’s leading financial services companies, announced the appointment of Dimple Kaloya as Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) of MetLife Global Capability Center (MGCC). In this role, Dimple will lead the people strategy for MGCC with a focus on strengthening talent, organizational capabilities and employee experience as the MGCC continues to evolve as a strategic partner to MetLife globally. “ “We are delighted to welcome Dimple to MetLife. Her extensive experience in shaping people strategies and leading organizational transformation will be valuable as the MGCC continues to build future-ready capabilities and strengthen its role in delivering strategic value to MetLife globally. We look forward to her leadership in shaping the next phase of our people agenda,” said Ashish K. Srivastava, Managing Director at the MGCC. “ “Since its establishment in 2007, MGCC has expanded from a shared services operations center in Noida and Jaipur to a strategic enterprise capability center with a presence across four locations in India. The addition of technology hubs in Hyderabad and Pune last year broadened its scope beyond shared services and operations to include integrated technology capabilities. Today, teams across MGCC deliver end-to-end services and solutions spanning operations, finance, technology, data and AI helping drive innovation, transformation and stronger outcomes for MetLife and its customers globally.

Flipkart Adds 14 Million Cubic Feet of Capacity, Expands Big Billion Days Reach to 750+ New PIN Codes

“Hyderabad:” Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today announced an expansion of Ekart's supply chain ahead of The Big Billion Days and the festive season. Ekart has added 14 million cubic feet of warehousing space nationwide, increasing storage capacity by 50%. Technology and automation enhancements have also increased peak processing capacity by more than 30%. “As customers expect faster deliveries across the nation, over 900 additional delivery hubs have been added specifically to expand last-mile reach during the festive season and unlock greater volumes of same-day and next-day deliveries. This adds to over 8,200 Ekart facilities across the country, including fulfilment centres, sortation hubs and last-mile delivery operations, and nearly 1,200 Flipkart Minutes microfulfillment centres across 150-plus cities. “To enable faster fulfilment for MSMEs, small sellers, weavers and artisans during The Big Billion Days, more than 2.5 crore units of their products have been pre-positioned within Ekart fulfilment centres, and 70 additional pick-up stations in key seller hubs have been opened to reduce seller fulfilment time. Ekart's 3PL franchises have doubled to 600 within two months of launch to ensure sellers and MSMEs beyond the Flipkart marketplace can also scale during the festive season, delivering to customers across the country. “Taking The Big Billion Days and festive shopping to more locations across India, Ekart has added 750-plus new PIN codes to Flipkart's reach. These include Leh in Ladakh, Kargil in Jammu and Kashmir, interiors of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and communities across the Northeast including Kamalanagar and Zamuang in Mizoram, Turacity, Resubelpara and Rajabala in Meghalaya, and Bomdila and Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh. “Wishmasters make The Big Billion Days possible, and Flipkart's responsibility to them extends well beyond the delivery itself. Every Wishmaster is covered under term life insurance, personal accident cover and mediclaim benefits; coverage levels have steadily been enhanced each festive season. Flipkart has also built a Doctor on Call service that Wishmasters and their families can access at any time.



Amazon Pay launches Health Insurance in partnership with HDFC ERGO

“Hyderabad:” Amazon Pay launched a digital, self-serve health insurance purchase journey on Amazon.in, in partnership with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, at the Global Fintech Fest. The experience enables customers to understand what a health plan covers, and complete the application through a guided, do-it-yourself (DIY) process, eliminating the need for spam calls or branch visits. “The buying journey is embedded directly into the Health Insurance page on Amazon Pay and features HDFC ERGO Optima Secure+. From the moment customers land on the page, they can explore coverage details, check what the plan covers and complete their purchase independently. The journey has been built on years of HDFC ERGO's deep expertise, delivering a seamless DIY experience, and for digital savvy customers, who wish to opt for the right health insurance solution and stay protected against health-related emergencies. “Indians today are increasingly becoming health-conscious citizens — yet most of them remain uninsured, because some of their queries remain unanswered during their buying journey. We are happy to partner with HDFC ERGO General Insurance and offer their flagship health insurance plan — “Optima Secure+. We are building on our experience in insurance to make it easier for millions of customers and others to access and understand health insurance digitally. By combining this reach with a simple, self-serve experience and best-in-class claims support, we aim to help customers make more informed health insurance decisions in minutes, with greater confidence. This also marks an important expansion of Amazon Pay's insurance offerings, as we move beyond vehicle insurance into health coverage, furthering our commitment to making financial protection accessible to every Indian,” said Vikas Bansal, CEO, Amazon Pay India.

