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PM: 'My Bharat' Initiative Inspiring Youth Towards Nation-Building



New Delhi, July 26 (GNS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with Participants of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026. Highlighting the incredible nationwide participation, he warmly welcomed the enthusiastic young participants representing around two hundred and fifty districts across the country.

Reflecting on the successful establishment of the 'Mera Yuva Bharat - MY Bharat' platform a few years ago, the Prime Minister praised its massive expansion to encompass crores of young citizens. Commending the highly admirable work being actively executed by the youth network across the nation, he specifically noted their outstanding capabilities spanning from the Viksit Bharat Dialogue to the Viksit Vibrant Village Program. "Today, the young friends of MY Bharat are doing exceptionally commendable work across the entire country," noted Shri Modi. Recalling the genesis of the ground-level initiative during the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, the Prime Minister explained the vision to encourage youth to step beyond virtual interactions and understand the nation's realities at the grassroots level. Detailing the objective to send young citizens to border villages in Himachal, Uttarakhand, and Ladakh, he shared that over 400 youth were selected from three lakh participants to immerse themselves in local cultures and witness the deep patriotic aspirations driving these regions. "Connecting your culture with the culture there is absolutely the finest example of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat," affirmed Shri Modi.

Sharing profound personal connections with border communities forged during extensive travels before assuming governmental office, the Prime Minister highlighted an enduring tradition of celebrating Diwali alongside soldiers on the frontlines. Drawing parallels between personal mag-



Grand Reception Ceremony of the Daughter of Mohd Muneer Uddin Mohsin Sahab, AIMIM Area President and Proprietor of Shalimar Constructions. Thanks and Blessing from Shamsuddin Family, Baigs Family & Near n Dear

India designing chips, Pakistan busy with terror: Rajnath

Drass, July 26 (UNI): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday drew a sharp contrast between the trajectories of India and Pakistan, asserting that while India is moving rapidly towards innovation, technological advancement and development, Pakistan has made terrorism an integral part of its state policy.

Speaking at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass during the commemoration of the Kargil War, Singh said nearly 27 years after the conflict, the two neighbouring nations have taken completely different paths. He stated that Pakistan's establishment continues to nurture terrorism, while India remains focused on growth and progress.

Addressing the gathering, Singh said, "Pakistan has now made terrorism a part of its government policy. The distinction between the military and militants there has been erased. The Army there not only provides protection to terrorist organisations but also works hand in hand with them. Therefore, during Operation Sindoor itself, we made it clear that India will no longer see terrorists and the governments that nurture them as separate."



The Defence Minister said the difference between the priorities of the two countries has become more pronounced over the years, with India investing in innovation and development while Pakistan remains engaged in activities linked to cross-border terrorism.

"Today, while India seeks new avenues for innovation, Pakistan seeks

new routes for infiltration. India is designing chips, whereas Pakistan is busy designing terror. India is building a start-up ecosystem, while Pakistan is constructing a terror ecosystem. While India is manufacturing semiconductors, Pakistan is producing suicide bombers. India is gaining recognition for space missions, whereas Pakistan is conducting proxy missions. India is launching satellites into space, while

Pakistan remains engaged in sending terrorists across the borders," Singh said.

Continuing the comparison, he said India has emerged as a global technology and digital leader, while Pakistan continues to rely on networks that support extremism and terror activities.

"India is providing software to the world, while Pakistan is exporting sleeper cells. India is building data centres, whereas Pakistan is establishing centres of radicalisation. India is connecting the world through UPI, while Pakistan is linking terrorism with 'hawala' networks. In short, our paths are vastly different. Given this, if Pakistan attempts to obstruct our path to prosperity with its nefarious designs, our brave armed forces stand fully prepared to deliver a befitting response," he added.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, Singh said the Indian Armed Forces had delivered a decisive response to terrorists as well as those backing them, sending a message that acts of terrorism against India would invite a strong retaliation.

Tejashwi sets deadline on orotest FIRs

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI): Bihar Leader of Opposition (LoP) and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MLA Tejashwi Yadav on Sunday warned Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary-led NDA government of "major protests" if cases lodged against NEET paper leak protestors aren't withdrawn.

His remark comes a day after the Centre agreed to withdraw all police cases filed against protesting students and provide written confirmation of the FIR withdrawals, following the third round of talks with the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), that has been spearheading the pan-India agitation.

The CJP called off the agitation on Saturday following the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and after the government agreed to the outfit's remaining demands.



Speakers to reporters in Patna, Tejashwi Yadav said: "The students who protested against the paper leak issue have fought a battle for their better future. The opposition parties have supported them... We have also joined this struggle in support of their cause." "The big question that arises is that yesterday an agreement was reached in Delhi that cases lodged against protesters across the states where this movement took place, will be withdrawn. Thousands of people have been booked," he added.

Nandan Nilekani panel formed to 'fix' PM Modi's 'image': Congress

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI): The Congress on Sunday dismissed the constitution of a task force on exam reforms, headed by Nandan Nilekani, as an exercise aimed to "fix" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "compromised image".

Jairam Ramesh, Congress MP and General Secretary in-charge Communications, took to social media to criticise the creation of the task force.

"Friends, in June 2024, after it bungled multiple examinations including NEET-UG, the Modi Government constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan to 'ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations'," wrote Ramesh on X. "In July 2026, after the Modi Government has yet again bungled the NEET-UG and other examinations, it has constituted a 'High Powered Task Force'



to focus on examination reform," he said. "The Modi Government has still not finished implementing the K Radhakrishnan Committee's 101 recommendations. Indeed, for most of the two years between the 2024 and 2026 paper leaks, it didn't even appoint a full-time Director General for the National Testing Agency," said Ramesh. "This is ultimately only a High-Powered attempt to fix the Pradhan Mantri's irretrievably compromised image," said the Congress MP, referring to the constitution of the Nile-

kani-led task force. Earlier, PM Modi announced the constitution of a task force on exam reforms under Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani. The Prime Minister said that the report of the task force will be used for taking steps to ensure the credibility of upcoming examinations. The decision to rope in Nilekani, who is the brain behind Aadhaar number, comes a day after a students' agitation against alleged paper leaks concluded following the resignation by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Apart from technology expert Nilekani, the task force will include former ISRO Chairman S. Somnath, former IIT Director Tapan Deka, IIT Chennai Director V. Kamakoti, former Education Secretary Anita Karwal and Logistics Expert Amrit Lal Meena, an official statement said.

Government Earmarks 2,010 cr for Court Modernisation

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI): The government has allocated Rs 2,010 crore to boost judicial infrastructure and digitisation of courts, including necessary training and capacity building programmes. According to Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the District and Subordinate Courts, a sum of Rs 810 crore has been allocated in the Union Budget 2026 for judicial infrastructure.

In addition, sum of Rs 1,200 crore has been allocated in the Budget for the eCourts Project Phase-III being implemented for digitisation of courts including necessary



training and capacity building programmes, he said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha. Adequate budgetary provisions are made under these Schemes based on approved outlays and availability of funds.

"However, the expeditious disposal of cases depends on multiple factors including complexity of case, quality of investigation, availability of

relevant evidence and presentation thereof by the Advocate, timely delivery of the court processes, active participation of the parties, judicial procedures, etc," said the minister. The government, in coordination with states and the judiciary, has taken several measures to ensure accessible, speedy and effective justice across the country.

Meanwhile, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to set up Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive POCOS (ePOCSO) courts was launched in October 2019, for the expeditious trial and disposal of pending cases related to rape and offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

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Vishal Sharma

Just when NISAR, a satellite jointly developed by the US and India, was lifting off from Sriharikota, Karnataka for the outer space, came the news of the US President, Donald J Trump imposing 25 % tariff on Indian goods plus an unspecified penalty for buying Russian oil. The irony of it could not have been more bitter. The moment the news of tariff on Indian exports left the US shores, the launch of the US satellite from an Indian launch pad- a momentous moment in itself- disappeared from the Indian news portals and news channels completely; as if there was no satellite launch that day.

The US's strategic alignment with India on space technology has not stopped it from acting perniciously on trade with India. It has chosen to tariff India on a scale higher than it has tariffed any other equivalent or near equivalent economy so far. Given the rhetoric preceding the US tariff decision, it was widely believed that tariff on Indian exports would likely be within 15-20 % band. But 25 % tariff has come as a rude shock and, importantly, the threat of penalty, which could be another 30- 35 % or even 100% tariff, for buying Russian oil, is seen as a double whammy. It is difficult to figure out the reason underlying the tariff shock given that negotiations between trade representatives of the two countries are still ongoing and have not broken off. In fact, a delegation from the US is expected to come to India in the second half of

Pragmatism Needed on Trump Tariffs



August to finalise the trade deal. Ever since hostilities between India and Pakistan paused and Trump claimed credit for having brokered the same, India has denied him his day under the sun. Pakistan though was quick to understand the nature of the man and allowed him to appropriate credit for cessation of hostilities. In any case, it served Pak's cause of announcing to the world that the issue was not bilaterally settled; and a third party- anathema to India- had to step in to enable peace between the warring parties.

India's response post Op Sindoor has apparently riled Trump so much that he sees in it an attempt to deprive him of the coveted Nobel peace prize. Trump is so enamoured of the Nobel peace prize that every time he has intervened in military conflicts across different geographies and got the warring countries to suspend fighting, he

has made a case that since he has been dousing fires all across, he deserves the Nobel peace prize. The man is narcissistic and so full of himself that he can't see beyond his nose. India will have to find a way to curry favour with the man, who wants to be appeased and flattered, without looking smarmy.

The other reason is trade linked. Indian negotiators have been refusing to budge on the issue of opening of agri and dairy sectors to the US exports against Trump's wishes who in fact wants the entire Indian economy opened to the US exports. Indian arguments are both cultural and economic and make sense. American cows are fed meat based diet; it is almost unthinkable that Indians will accept milk from a cow whose feed is not vegetarian. Milk and milk products in India have religious symbolism too and,

therefore, it is feared that people may resent or rather agitate against the US dairy imports. As regards, agri imports from the US, there is an apprehension that Indian farmers who have marginal land holdings and are mostly engaged in subsistence farming may not be able to compete with the US farmers, who have large holdings and are considerably prosperous relative to their Indian counterparts. Indian agri sector, and also dairy sector, may not survive the import onslaught from the US, and this could lead to huge job and income losses in these sectors. While the Indian concerns are not misplaced, however, an inflexible approach may be self defeating given that on the other side of the table sits a man who is a bully and will have his way come what may.

New Delhi may, therefore be well served, if it were to

look at marking all dairy imports or such imports in which there is an apprehension that the American milch cattle may be on non veg feed as non veg with a red dot symbol. This way, dairy product choices can be left to consumers themselves; if they wish to consume it, they may very well do that. And if they don't, they are free to reject them. In the interest of fairness, they should not be subjected to obfuscation or suppression of info with regard to any such imported product. A full and fair disclosure on the dairy imports will set at rest any apprehension that any one may have in this regard. Similarly, protecting the entire agri sector from the off shore competition in this age of globalization may not be sensible although there is an overwhelming body of opinion in the country in favour of protectionism in this sector. Everybody understands why such an argument prevails after all no one has forgotten what happened to the farm laws in not so distant past in this country. Farm laws were brought in to deal specifically with this kind of problem; they, therefore, deserved a fair chance. Be that as it may, it will be worthwhile to move from sweeping protection of the entire agri sector to partial protection in which items where it is near impossible to withstand the trade onslaught from the US can be kept out of the FTA's purview pro tempore to be considered later.

Firm up action plan to tame flood fury

By R. Suryamurthy

As the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) begins its three-day deliberation from August 4 to 6, all eyes are on Mint Street. Will the central bank pull the trigger on another rate cut, or will it stick to a cautious pause? The stakes are unusually high this time—not merely for inflation or GDP numbers but for the credibility of India's monetary stance amid an increasingly unpredictable global and domestic landscape. There are no easy answers, but doing nothing may be the costliest option of all.

India is witnessing its lowest inflation in over six years. Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation fell to 2.1% in June 2025, marking the eighth consecutive month it undershot the 4% target and the fifth time it undershot even the lower threshold of 2%. Disinflation is not just a vegetable story; cereals, pulses, and proteins have also cooled off sharply.

Further, the inflation outlook for the rest of FY26 is benign. Forecasts peg average CPI inflation at 2.7%–3.1%, significantly lower than the RBI's estimate of 3.7%. Even the FY27 projection, thanks to a revised CPI basket that may lower food weight and boost e-commerce weightage, suggests headline inflation staying below 4%. This macro backdrop screams for accommodation. Yet, the RBI has maintained a



conservative pause since April, despite frontloading 100 bps of rate cuts earlier in the year. The argument has been incomplete transmission, global volatility, and concern over the rupee amid a hawkish Fed. Steady, but softening India posted a robust 7.4% GDP growth in Q4 FY25, but the growth engine is visibly sputtering in Q1 FY26. High-frequency indicators point to deceleration in manufacturing, utilities, and mining. The output gap remains negative, nominal GDP is weakening due to low deflators, and rural income growth—though stable—isn't robust enough to carry the recovery alone.

Urban consumption presents a mixed picture: credit card spending is up, but new card issuance and personal loan growth are the weakest in three years. Tractor sales are strong, yet passenger vehicle sales are down. Corporate investment remains government-led; private capex is hesitant. In this context, delaying rate

cuts would mean letting growth slip further just as inflation provides space to act. Another pressing variable is the U.S.-India tariff dispute. With the Trump administration imposing a 25% reciprocal tariff on Indian exports, and uncertainty looming over additional penalties related to crude oil imports from Russia, the trade war could shave off 30–40 bps from India's FY26 GDP. If growth takes another leg down in H2 FY26 due to global spillovers, it may be too late to rely on monetary easing to cushion the blow. Monetary policy operates with lags—what the RBI does now will ripple into the economy by Diwali, not by Budget 2026.

This is not just an economic problem—it is a credibility one. The central bank cannot be seen as reactive to crises alone. Proactive easing in a low-inflation, high-uncertainty regime sends the right message to markets and households.

The most compelling argument for a rate cut

may not lie in macro statistics but in probabilistic decision theory. As SBI Research notes, we are at risk of committing a Type II error—failing to act assuming inflation under-shoot is temporary, only to find later that growth has been needlessly sacrificed. Empirical research from central banking literature (Ball, Blinder) confirms that missed easing cycles cause deeper output loss than premature cuts. The RBI should not wait for clearer signs of distress when the current data already permits flexibility. As frontloaded Diwali spending approaches, a well-timed rate cut could stimulate credit uptake and sentiment just in time for the festive quarter.

The cost of over-caution is no longer academic—it is real, quantifiable, and potentially irreversible. The macro environment supports it: inflation is under control, the output gap is negative, and transmission from previous cuts is ongoing. Waiting for further confirmation risks

locking in underperformance for FY26. Another modest rate cut keeps real policy rates still positive, with no threat of overheating. The MPC should clearly communicate that more cuts are conditional on data, but the easing cycle is not over. This will anchor market expectations, soften yields, and bolster investment confidence without inviting inflationary speculation. With 62% of loans now on floating rates, rate cuts transmit faster than before. Still, the RBI should consider an External Benchmark for Bulk Deposits, as suggested by SBI, to avoid asset-liability mismatches that slow transmission. The U.S. Fed remains hawkish, but India's external buffers are strong: forex reserves are at \$695 billion, and CAD is under 1% of GDP. A modest rate cut will not trigger destabilizing outflows. If needed, RBI can lean on liquidity tools like VRRR or intervene in currency markets.

If the MPC decides to hold rates, citing incomplete transmission or global headwinds, it may inadvertently send a signal that growth is no longer a concern. Worse, it might miss the last real opportunity to act before global and domestic uncertainties intensify later in FY26.

Markets would see this as a loss of nerve. Borrowers would see it as a policy freeze. And consumers, already cautious, may delay purchases.

Dark Patterns in e-Commerce

In the present era of digital transformation especially in India, the e-Commerce market is experiencing substantial growth and is significantly impacting the traditional retail landscape. Factors like increased internet and smartphone penetration, affordable data plans, and the government's focus on digitalization are driving this growth. Online Shopping has become a global phenomenon, providing shoppers with the convenience of purchasing products from anywhere in the world. however, there is another side to this digital retail industry, as some websites and platforms use deceptive techniques known as dark patterns to manipulate users into taking actions or making decisions that are not in their best interests. The term “Dark Pattern” was coined in 2010 by UK-based user experience designer Harry Brignull, “It refers to any user interface that has been deliberately crafted to mislead or manipulate users into actions they might not otherwise take. The practice is seen across a wide range of sectors, from retail to travel, health to social media. One frequent example is the “sneak into basket” design, where an additional item is quietly added to a user's online shopping cart without explicit consent. Dark patterns can also take the form of hidden costs that only appear at the final stage of checkout. while they often stay within the letter of the law, they operate in a grey area that challenges existing consumer protection laws. For instance, under “India'sConsumer Protection Act, 2019, unfair trade practices are prohibited but enforcement depends on proving that a pattern is deceptive, intentional, and has caused harm. this is often difficult in digital contexts, where user interaction is rapid.Some key examples of dark patterns include – “Bait and Switch,” — where a product or service is often displayed at a low price but replaced with a more expensive one at checkout. “Disguised Ads” slip in promotional content with regular content. users tend to find it difficult to distinguish between the two “Forced Continuity”– involves automatically enrolling users into subscription services after a free trial without any notification, knowledge, or consent, often leading to unexpected charges.

“Hidden Costs” is another dark pattern where websites or apps sneakily add additional charges during the purchasing process making it hard for users to know the actual price upfront. “Misleading Visuals”– directs user attention to influence decision-making, such as using prominent buttons or misleading graphics. Some dark patterns rely on the fact that the user is in a rush to make the purchase, therefore, it is easier to sway their decision. they rely on the fact that the user isn't paying attention to detail. Then there are some websites that use psychology techniques to influence the buyer's decision. this is where the human subconscious comes into play.

On experiencing the negative impact and deceptive action by various eCommerce industry stakeholders, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Prahlad Joshi,had chaired a high-level stakeholder meeting on 28th of May – 2025, which brought together key representatives from major e-Commerce companies, industry associations, voluntary consumer organizations, and national law universities for a focused dialogue on eliminating deceptive online practices, to address the growing concern around dark patterns in digital commerce. The consumers of today are vigilant, informed, and increasingly aware of their rights-they will not tolerate deceit. The Union Minister emphasised the importance of responsible industry behaviour, adding that the guidelines on Dark Patterns were the result of intensive consultations with various stakeholders, including leading e-commerce companies, likewise, Amazon, Flipkart, Swiggy, Zomato, Apple, Meta etc., and other industry associations, have participated in the meeting,with mutual agreement reached, the Minister urged all companies to now fully comply with the guidelines and integrate them into their internal governance and consumer protection mechanisms and conducts regular internal audits to identify and eliminate dark patterns on their platforms. On seeing the implementation of such guidelines, a spokesperson for Make-My-Trip said, “we take the issue of dark patterns seriously and were the first in the travel industry to engage an independent consultant to proactively identify and address any unintentional dark pattern concerns. we fully support the department's initiative and believe it is a much-needed step toward fostering greater trust and accountability in the digital ecosystem.”

In recent months, The Indian Government has also recently taken significant action by enforcing several laws for protecting consumers from deceptive practices in e-Commerce. The ministry of consumer affairs, food and public distribution has issued a ban on the use of dark patterns as they exploit consumers' lack of knowledge about the digital environment, causing potential harm or financial loss in online shopping platforms. This move is part of a broader effort to safeguard consumers from unfair trade practices, as outlined in the consumer protection act of 2019, to ensure that businesses no longer use manipulative tactics to take advantage of unsuspecting consumers, creating a fairer and safer e-commerce landscape in the country. Businesses should focus on showcasing the genuinity and true value of their products or services. This helps build trust and loyaltyby preventing cart abandonments, ensure transparency regarding product pricing, shipping charges, and return policies among their online customers without compromising customer privacy.By adopting these ethical approaches, eCommerce businesses can build trust with their customers and create a more positive and sustainable shopping environment, benefiting both the business and its users.

Consumer awareness remains one of the strongest tools in combating dark patterns. Before making online purchases, consumers should carefully review product details, subscription terms, cancellation policies, and the final payment amount. Reading reviews, comparing prices across platforms, and avoiding impulsive purchases prompted by countdown timers or "limited stock" notifications can help users make informed decisions. Digital literacy campaigns can further empower consumers to identify and resist manipulative online practices.

Technology companies also have a crucial role in promoting ethical digital design. User interfaces should be developed with transparency, simplicity, and consumer welfare in mind rather than maximizing short-term profits through deceptive tactics. Ethical design principles encourage businesses to obtain informed consent, provide clear choices, and ensure that users can easily opt out of subscriptions or promotional offers without unnecessary hurdles.

Regulatory authorities must continue strengthening monitoring mechanisms to ensure effective enforcement of consumer protection laws. Periodic audits of e-commerce platforms, prompt investigation of consumer complaints, and appropriate penalties for repeated violations can act as strong deterrents. Collaboration between government agencies, industry bodies, and consumer rights organizations will be essential to maintaining accountability in the rapidly evolving digital marketplace.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as both a challenge and an opportunity in addressing dark patterns. While AI-powered algorithms can personalize shopping experiences, they may also be misused to manipulate consumer behavior through targeted recommendations and persuasive interface designs. At the same time, AI can help regulators detect suspicious design practices, identify recurring patterns of consumer complaints, and improve oversight of digital platforms through automated monitoring.

Internationally, several jurisdictions are also taking decisive steps against deceptive online practices. The European Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States have introduced or strengthened regulations that discourage manipulative interface designs and require greater transparency from digital service providers. India's proactive approach aligns with these global efforts and demonstrates its commitment to building a secure, fair, and trustworthy digital economy.

For businesses, adopting fair digital practices is not merely a legal obligation but also a strategic advantage. Companies that prioritize transparency and consumer trust are more likely to build long-term customer relationships, enhance their brand reputation, and achieve sustainable growth. Ethical business practices foster customer loyalty and reduce disputes, ultimately benefiting both consumers and the digital marketplace.

FSSAI in Consultation with Ministry of Ayush Releases Definitive List of Ayurveda Aahara Products under Category A

New Delh, July 26 (GNS): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in consultation with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurvedic food preparations under the category of “Ayurveda Aahara.” This significant step brings India’s time-honoured food wisdom into the mainstream, following the introduction of the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations in 2022. These regulations recognise foods based on recipes, ingredients, and processes from authoritative Ayurvedic texts, and the new list brings unprecedented clarity and confidence to consumers and businesses alike.

The list, issued under Note (1) of Schedule B of the regulations, draws directly from classical Ayurvedic texts listed in Schedule A, ensuring the authenticity and traditional

basis of these food formulations. This initiative aims to assist Food Business Operators (FBOs) by providing a clear and credible reference for the manufacture of Ayurveda Aahara products. To facilitate future additions, FSSAI has established a process for FBOs to request inclusion of additional Category A products not yet listed. Such requests need supporting references from authoritative texts in Schedule A. All future updates or changes will be duly notified by the Food Authority.

Notably, Ayurveda Aahara embodies the richness of India’s timeless food culture, rooted in Ayurveda, one of the world’s oldest and most holistic systems of health. These food products are crafted in harmony with nature, blending nutrition, balance, and tradition to promote overall well-being. At the inauguration ceremony of World

Food India in November 2023, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had said, "India's sustainable food culture is the result of a journey of thousands of years. Our ancestors had linked Ayurveda with the food style of the common people. Just as international food culture was developed on the initiative of India, Yoga Day took Yoga to every corner of the world, similarly now Millets will also reach every corner of the world."

Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Ayush & Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, urged citizens to incorporate Ayurveda Aahara into their daily lives to experience its long-term health benefits. He emphasised that these time-tested dietary practices, rooted in India's traditional wisdom, not only nourish the body but also strengthen immunity, support digestion, and

promote overall well-being. “In today’s fast-paced lifestyle, adopting Ayurveda Aahara is a meaningful step toward preventive healthcare and a balanced, sustainable way of living,” added the Union Minister.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, stated that the release of the definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara products marks a pivotal step in aligning India’s traditional knowledge systems with modern regulatory frameworks. “This initiative not only empowers Food Business Operators with much-needed clarity but also strengthens consumer trust in Ayurveda-based nutrition,” noted the Secretary.

Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of National Institute of Ayurveda, deemed to be University (De novo), the nodal Institute for the work, said that the development of the Ayush Aahara

Compendium is a significant step in mainstreaming classical Ayurvedic food formulations under a regulated framework.

He noted that the NIA, under the guidance of the Ministry of Ayush, has meticulously decoded and curated traditional formulations from authoritative Ayurvedic texts, ensuring scientific and textual validation. This effort, he added, will serve as a guiding document for food manufacturers and help the public access safe, authentic, and time-tested dietary solutions rooted in the principles of Ayurveda.

Ayurveda Aahara refers to food products developed in line with the holistic dietary principles of Ayurveda, one of the world’s oldest systems of health and wellness. These preparations emphasise balance, seasonal suitability, and using natural ingredients and herbs known for

their therapeutic benefits. With rising public interest in preventive health and sustainable living, Ayurveda Aahara is increasingly recognised as a trusted nutritional choice that harmonises tradition with modern dietary habits.

This initiative marks a pivotal moment in enhancing regulatory clarity for industry stakeholders while promoting the widespread adoption of Ayurveda-based nutrition for better public health outcomes.

The publication of the definitive list is also expected to encourage innovation in the Ayurveda-based food sector by providing manufacturers with a standardized regulatory framework. With clearly defined categories and formulations, Food Business Operators can develop authentic products with greater confidence while ensuring compliance with food safety standards.

Union Minister Seeks Faster NFDP Registrations, Push for Fish Processing & Exports in Bengal

New Delh, July 26 (GNS): Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh, today stressed on the necessity of West Bengal to bridge gaps in implementation of fisheries schemes, particularly the low registration of fish farmers with the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP).

At the Regional Review Meeting of the Department of Fisheries, held in Kolkata, the Union Minister pointed out that only a fraction of the State’s 32 lakh fish farmers are currently registered, hindering their access to central benefits under the schemes like PM Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY).

The Minister emphasised on the untapped potential of inland fisheries in the state and called for better utilisation of traditional water bodies (pukurs), or pond, development of co-operative structures for fishers and creation of a robust processing ecosystem. Plans were also hinted at for the establishment of a developed dry fish cluster in West Bengal to boost the local employment and exports. Emphasising on the new technologies, he said, new technologies, better training facilities and revival of initiatives like artificial reefs are essential for sustainable growth. He announced that India is currently the world’s second largest fish producer, having seen a 104% growth in fish production. He also mentioned that inland fish production in the last decade has grown by 142%, and stressed that the share of the said sector in fish exports needs to be improved.

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri George Kurian and Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India, Dr. Abhilash Likhii were also present at the meeting. Both of them underscored the importance of institutional support, central-state

coordination, and efficient delivery mechanisms for fisheries-related schemes.

The Regional Review Meeting, held in a city hotel focused on the progress of flagship fisheries schemes in the four eastern States of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh. Presentations and briefings were made by senior officials from the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, and the participating State governments. The session aimed to assess on-ground implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM-MKSSY, while setting a roadmap for improved outcomes in the region.

The Union Minister also highlighted the importance of strengthening the fisheries value chain through improved cold storage facilities, modern transportation networks, and market linkages. He said reducing post-harvest losses and ensuring better price realization for fish farmers would significantly enhance their income and contribute to the overall growth of the sector. Officials discussed the need to promote scientific aquaculture practices, quality fish seed production, disease surveillance, and adoption of climate-resilient technologies. They stressed that capacity-building programmes and regular training for fish farmers would improve productivity while ensuring sustainable utilization of aquatic resources. During the review meeting, participating states shared updates on the implementation of various centrally sponsored schemes and highlighted challenges related to infrastructure, digital registration, credit access, and beneficiary outreach. The Union Ministry assured continued technical and financial support to help states address these gaps and accelerate project execution.

Manohar Lal Urges Citizens to Become ‘Van Mitras’ by Planting Trees

New Delh, July 26 (GNS): Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, along with Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs; and Power, Shri Manohar Lal, presided over the ceremonial launch of the ‘Matri Van’ initiative - a green legacy symbolizing ecological preservation and community participation - under the ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ Programme of Government of India. The event was organized by the Forest Department of Haryana as part of the Van Mahotsav 2025, in Gurugram today. The occasion also saw participation of other dignitaries including Shri Rao Narbir Singh, Minister for Industries and Forest (Haryana), along with senior public representatives and officials form the State Government, were also present during the programme.

The ‘Matri Van’ initiative - a theme based urban for-

est dedicated to nurturing generations through mother-nature-inspired green efforts - would be developed in an area of 750 acres in the Aravalli Hill area, along the Gurugram-Faridabad Road. It is envisioned as a unique ecological and cultural space that will contribute to biodiversity, public well-being, and urban sustainability. This vision would be achieved through a multi-stakeholder collaboration involving CSR partners, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), NGOs, multinational corporations (MNCs), school children and government organizations.

Addressing the event, Shri Manohar Lal talked about how Carbon emissions have become the foremost global challenge for mankind. Besides using carbon capture technology to fight this challenge, the Minister encouraged citizens to imbibe the tradition of preventing deforestation and planting more trees

to become Van Mitras. He laid stress on how India's increasing share of non-fossil fuel based power generation is going a long way in reducing carbon emissions. He informed that the share of renewable energy sources has already crossed 50% in the energy mix of the country. Further, the Minister added that metro cities like Gurugram must become an example for others in pioneering initiatives like green buildings, eco-tourism through wildlife safaris, theme-based biodiversity parks etc. In his address, Shri Bhupender Yadav noted that the 'Matri van' green cover will act as a heart and lung for the whole of Delhi NCR.

He thanked the Haryana Government for playing a huge .

role in providing this forest land, which is currently covered with thorny bushes, and developing it as a 'Matri Van', by planting tree species endemic to Aravallis.

This project would provide the public, including young and senior citizens alike, a serene environment to lead a healthy and stress free life. Gurugram would become a clean and green City that would be the foremost example of an 'Ideal Millenium City' for others, Shri Yadav added.

The Minister thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his vision of greening Aravallis to rejuvenate the hill range by planting local tree species. He also noted the important role of Mother Nature in nurturing the human race, and how the 'Ek Ped Ma ke Naam' initiative is a pioneering effort under PM's vision to express gratitude towards Mother Nature. On the same lines, the Minister brought out different components under Mission LIFE - Save Food, Save Water, Save Energy, Solid Waste Management, e-waste Management, Ban on Single Use Plastic, follow Healthy Lifestyle.

Challenges and Opportunities,' for inclusive, sustainable elderly care released at the conference addressed by several eminent experts

New Delh, July 26 (GNS): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India in partnership with NITI Aayog, Union Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Health & Family Welfare supported the Sankala Foundation in organising a day-long National Conference on ‘Ageing in India: Emerging realities, evolving responses’, which was held in New Delhi on 1st August, 2025. The conference focused on protecting the human rights and dignity of senior citizens and redefining ageing as an opportunity. It aimed to promote innovative policies, encourage stakeholder dialogue and highlight scalable best practices in response to the evolving challenges and opportunities of India’s ageing population.

In his inaugural address, NHRC Chairperson, Justice Shri V. Ramasubramanian said that India has a rich cultural tradition advocating

care and reverence for the elderly as a fundamental societal value. In this context, he also drew references from the Sangam literature and the Yajur Veda. He called for the integration of these ancient values and principles into modern policy frameworks to ensure the dignity, protection and well-being of senior citizens, in alignment with the NHRC’s mandate to uphold human rights. Underscoring the Commission’s commitment to protecting the rights of the elderly, he highlighted its various initiatives, including advisories, core group meetings, research studies and suo motu cognizance cases.

In his special address, Dr. Vinod K. Paul, Member (Health, Nutrition and Education), NITI Aayog, emphasised the importance of healthcare and social security frameworks for the ageing population. He said that empowering families to take care of their elderly should

remain the foundation of India’s approach. Before this, in his keynote address, the NHRC Secretary General, Shri Bharat Lal setting the agenda of the conference said that India will have nearly 35 crore elderly people by 2050, when one in every five will be a senior citizen, posing a critical policy challenge. He stressed the need to evolve family and community-based care models rooted in India’s family value system and supplemented by global best practices. He cited the NHRC Advisory on the Rights of Widows issued in 2024, which urged state authorities to ensure access to pensions, housing and healthcare for destitute and elderly widows. He also recalled the NHRC Advisory on Protecting Older Persons during the COVID-19 Pandemic, which focused on equitable access to vaccination, home-based care, mental health support and protection from neglect or

abandonment during lockdowns. Viewing elderly people as men and women of knowledge, experience and wisdom, Shri Lal emphasised community-based services and inter-generational engagements for elderly care on the models of Scandinavian countries and Japan by adapting them to the Indian cultural context. He called on stakeholders to study the report titled 'Ageing in India: Challenges and Opportunities' released in the inaugural session for inclusive and community-led healthcare and enable them to play a continued meaningful role in nation building.

Earlier, Shri Devendra Kumar Nim, Director, Sankala Foundation, outlined the objectives of the conference. It was spread into four thematic sessions addressed by eminent experts. These included ‘Strengthening Elderly Welfare: Policy and Practice’ chaired by Shri Amit Yadav, Secretary, Ministry of

Social Justice and Empowerment, ‘Health and Mental Wellbeing of the Elderly’ by Smt Preeti Sudan, Former Chairperson, UPSC and Former Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, ‘Leveraging Ageing for Growth, and Development’ by Shri Amitabh Kant, Former G20 Sherpa, India and Former CEO, NITI Aayog and ‘Shaping Futures: Preparing for an Ageing Society’ by Dr. Vinod K. Paul, Member (Health, Nutrition & Education), NITI Aayog.

Some other eminent speakers were: Dr. Kiran Bedi, Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry; Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Former Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Former Advisor, Prime Minister’s Office; Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare; Shri Manoj Yadava, former DGP, Haryana and DG Railway Protection Force, and former DG (Inv.), NHRC; HE

Amb'r Lim SangWoo, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in New Delhi; Shri Vijay Nehra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Ms. Preeti Nath, Economic Adviser, MEITY; Dr. Sanjay Wadhwa, Professor & Head, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, AIIMS, New Delhi; Shri Mathew Cherian, Global Ambassador for Ageing, HelpAge International; Dr. Manohar Agnani, Former Addl. Secretary, MoH&FW and Professor of Public Health, Azim Premji University, Bhopal; Professor T. V. Shekhar, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai; Smt Pavithra Reddy, COO, Vayah Vikas, Bengaluru; Shri Jaydeep Biswas, Chief of Policy, Advocacy and Partnerships at UNFPA India; Shri Asheesh Gupta, Founder and MD, Samarth Elder Care; Shri Yudhistir Govinda Das, Director of Communication, ISKCON India, among others.

“India Ramps Up Shipbuilding Capability to Realise Viksit Bharat”: Sarbananda Sonowal

New Delh, July 26 (GNS): India's shipbuilding industry is undergoing a transformational shift, as the Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi accelerates efforts to build a world-class maritime ecosystem—paving the way for a Viksit Bharat by 2047, asserted Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW). The Union Minister was responding to a starred question by Dr Rajeev Bharadwaj, MP from Kangra LSC at the ongoing monsoon session of the Lok Sabha.

In line with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and the long-term strategic roadmap of Amrit Kaal, the Union Budget 2025 has announced a series of reforms and investments aimed at significantly enhancing the capacity and competitiveness of Indian shipyards. These initiatives are expected to strengthen India's position as an emerging global maritime power, expressed Sonowal.

centers, and advanced technologies. This, the Budget notes, is aimed at “increasing the range, categories and capacity of ships” built in India.

In a landmark move to address the industry's need for long-term capital, the government has proposed a 25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund, with up to 49% government contribution. This fund will mobilise private and port-led investments to expand and modernise India's shipbuilding and repair capabilities.

Recognising the long gestation nature of the industry, tax exemptions on Basic Customs Duty (BCD) for raw materials and components used in shipbuilding and ship-breaking have been extended for another 10 years. “Our commitment to empower and enable our maritime sector is absolute and it is with this intent we are working under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji,” said Sarbananda Sonowal.

Highlighting the government's commitment, Sarbananda Sonowal underlined the “The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy which is being revamped to address cost disadvantages,” thereby helping Indian shipyards compete on equal footing with their international counterparts. The inclusion of credit notes for ship breaking in Indian yards reinforces the push towards a circular and sustainable maritime economy.

To boost infrastructure financing, large ships above a specified size will now be classified under the Infrastructure Harmonised Master List, making them eligible for long-term, low-interest funding. Simultaneously, the government will facilitate the development of integrated shipbuilding clusters, equipped with modern infrastructure, skill development

These budgetary interventions come on top of ongoing reforms that are already reshaping the sector. Indian shipyards currently benefit from financial assistance for contracts signed between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2026. The grant of infrastructure status to shipyards has unlocked access to institutional finance at favorable terms, and the ability to issue infrastructure bonds—critical enablers for capacity enhancement.

To give Indian shipbuilders a competitive edge in public procurement, the government has extended the Right of First Refusal (ROFR) for tenders floated by public sector units. As per the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017, vessels valued under 200 crore must be procured from Indian yards, thereby reinforcing the goal of self-reliance in maritime assets.

Revanth Reddy proposes 'Jai Jawan-Jai Kisan-Jai Yuva', seeks lowering of poll contest age to 21

Hyderabad, July 26 (GNS) Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has proposed a new national slogan, "Jai Jawan - Jai Kisan - Jai Yuva," and urged the Centre to amend the Constitution to reduce the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections from 25 years to 21 years.

Addressing a meeting with national media representatives in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said the youth are the foundation of the country's future and should be given greater opportunities to participate in the democratic process.

He noted that young people are already serving as IAS and IPS officers, representing local bodies and leading global organisations at the



age of 21, and therefore deserve representation in Parliament and State Assemblies as well. Referring to the recent controversies surrounding

national-level examinations such as CBSE, NEET and NET, Revanth Reddy urged the Central Government to safeguard students' interests, review the cases registered during the ensuing protests and extend assistance to affected families.

The Chief Minister recalled that the voting age had been reduced from 21 to 18 years through the 61st Constitutional Amendment and that the minimum age for contesting local body elections had been fixed at 21 through the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. On similar lines, he proposed lowering the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections to 21 years and for Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council elec-

tions from 30 years to 25 years.

He announced that a joint session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council would be convened in August to deliberate on the proposal.

After obtaining the views of all political parties, the state government will pass a resolution and forward it to the Centre for consideration. Revanth Reddy also suggested that the Centre examine the proposal alongside issues such as delimitation of constituencies, increasing the number of Parliamentary seats and women's reservation, stressing that greater participation of youth is essential for strengthening India's democracy and shaping the nation's future.

Kargil Heroes Safeguarded India's Sovereignty: Governor

Hyderabad, July 26 (GNS) Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has said that the extraordinary courage and supreme sacrifice of heroes of the Kargil War safeguarded India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Governor paid tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives.

"Heartfelt tributes to the immortal heroes of the Kargil War, whose extraordinary courage, unwavering patriotism, and supreme sacrifice safeguarded the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our nation," the Governor said in a message on 'X'. "Their indomitable spirit and steadfast devotion to duty during the Kargil conflict remain a shining example of valour and selfless service. Their sacrifices will forever be etched in the nation's memory with profound pride and gratitude. As we honour these brave warriors, let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideals they fought for



– national unity, integrity, and the spirit of selfless service – and ensure that their legacy continues to inspire generations to come," Governor Shukla said. On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, commemorated as a symbol of the courage, valour and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid solemn tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

The Chief Minister stated that the supreme sacrifices and exemplary bravery of the gallant soldiers continue to inspire every citizen of the country. He paid his respectful homage to the

martyrs and honoured their unwavering devotion to the nation. Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, also offered salutations to the brave and valiant heroes of our Indian Armed Forces on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas.

"Their unmatched courage, sacrifice and patriotism continue to inspire every Indian. Let's commit ourselves to building a stronger and united Bharat," he said in a social media post.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, stated, "Today, we remember the heroes who proved that no challenge is greater than the spirit of an Indian soldier. The victory at Kargil stands as a timeless reminder of the courage, discipline and selfless devotion of our Armed Forces. I pay my heartfelt tributes to every braveheart who fought fearlessly to protect our nation's sovereignty. India shall forever remain indebted to their sacrifice."

KARGIL HEROES REMEMBERED

Nizamabad MLA Dhanpal Gupta pays tribute to Kargil martyrs on vijay diwas

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Nizamabad July 26: Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil War, describing their courage and patriotism as an enduring inspiration for every Indian. The MLA offered floral tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial located at Ellamma Gutta Crossroads in the city and honoured the memory of the soldiers who laid down their lives in defence of the nation.



challenging conditions, ensuring the safety and dignity of the nation.

He stated that the sacrifices of the martyrs should continue to inspire future generations to serve the nation with dedication and uphold the values of unity, patriotism and national integrity. Reaffirming the BJP's commitment to strengthening the country's defence sector, he said the armed forces have been receiving greater support and modernisation under the leadership of Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi.

The programme was attended by BJP District President Dinesh Kulachari, District General Secretary and 19th Division Corporator Nagolla Lakshminarayana, Mahila Morcha President Vanitha, Yuva Morcha President Vamsi, Corporators Bellal Shashank, Matham Pawan, Jyothi Murali, Sumitra Kishore, Prasuna Srinivas, Mamatha Shiva, State Co-Treasurer Vijay, senior leader Swamy Yadav Bhupathi and several BJP leaders and party activists.

TG sanctions Rs 2,278 cr for Adilabad airfield

Hyderabad, July 26 (GNS) Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday said the state government has taken another major step towards the development of North Telangana by granting administrative sanction of Rs 2,278.14 crore for the establishment of a Joint User Airfield at Adilabad. In a statement, the Minister said the project, being taken up under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, involves the acquisition of 2,009.23 acres of land. Of this, 1,609.23 acres have been earmarked for the Indian Air Force (IAF), while 400 acres will be used for a civil aviation enclave, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities, a cargo terminal, hangars and future expansion.

He said the sanctioned amount also covers ancillary works, including diversion of existing roads, relocation of 765-kV high-tension power lines, diversion of streams, realignment of Mission Bhagiratha drinking water pipelines and shifting of electric-

ity poles.

Describing the project as strategically important, Komatireddy said the joint airfield, to be developed by the Indian Air Force and the Airports Authority of India (AAI), would accelerate industrial growth, attract investments, strengthen cargo movement, promote tourism and enhance defence infrastructure in North Telangana while generating direct and indirect employment opportunities for thousands of youth.

The Minister said the project was progressing rapidly due to the initiative of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and continuous coordination with the union Ministries of Defence and Civil Aviation, along with the Airports Authority of India. He added that the state government would bear the entire cost of land acquisition and removal of project-related obstacles.

Komatireddy said the district administration has been directed to complete land acquisition and relocation of roads, power lines and other infrastructure by December 31, 2026.



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Nizamabad July 26: Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta on Sunday joined BJP leaders and party workers at the district party office to listen to the 136th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat, describing the programme as a source of inspiration that reflects the aspirations and achievements of the nation.

During the broadcast, the Prime Minister paid homage to the martyrs of the Kargil War, remembering their unmatched courage and sacrifice in safeguarding the country's sovereignty. He also highlighted India's steady progress towards self-reliance in the defence sector, citing indigenous defence projects, including the warship INS Mahendragiri and innovations developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The Prime Minister ap-



pealed to citizens to strengthen the nationwide 'Catch the Rain' movement by conserving every drop of rainwater. He also applauded the accomplishments of India's youth, congratulating badminton champion P.V. Sindhu for winning the Japan Open title and appreciating the efforts of young scientists and innovators. He further acknowledged the international research achievements of Manipur-based astronomer Dr. Ronaldo Laishram.

Highlighting India's rich cultural diversity, the Prime Minister appreciated those preserving traditional art forms, including Kashmir's Vaguv mat-weaving craft and Tripura's Cheng Preng musical instrument. He also referred to several community-driven initiatives promoting environmental protection, waste management and women's empowerment across the country.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana

Gupta said Mann Ki Baat has evolved into a unique platform that connects citizens with inspiring stories of patriotism, innovation, social service and national development. He said the Prime Minister's address encouraged people to actively participate in nation-building by embracing values such as environmental responsibility, self-reliance, cultural preservation and respect for the sacrifices of the armed forces.

The event was attended by BJP District President Dinesh Kulachari, District General Secretary and 19th Division Corporator Nagolla Lakshminarayana, Mahila Morcha President Vanitha, Yuva Morcha President Vamsi, Minority Morcha leader Jaspal Singh, Corporators Bellal Shashank, Matham Pawan, Jyothi Murali, Ippakayala Sumitra Kishore and Mamatha Shiva, Yuva Morcha State leaders Vijay and Pawan Munda, along with other BJP leaders and party workers.

Bullet train corridors, railway modernisation to transform TG: Kishan Reddy

Siddipet, July 26 (GNS) union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy on Sunday said the Narendra Modi-led Central Government was undertaking unprecedented railway infrastructure development in Telangana, including bullet train corridors, modernisation of railway stations and expansion

of rail connectivity. Speaking to the media after inaugurating the Komuravelli Puniyakshetram Railway Station in Siddipet district, Kishan Reddy said the Centre had been working over the past 11-12 years to accelerate development through investments in national highways and the railway network. He

said 42 railway stations in Telangana were being upgraded simultaneously under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, with each station being redesigned to reflect the local culture, history and heritage. Free Wi-Fi facilities are also being provided at major railway stations, while railway electrification is pro-

gressing across the state.

The union Minister said the Centre had proposed three high-speed bullet train corridors connecting Hyderabad with Mumbai via Pune, Bengaluru, and Chennai via Vijayawada and Amaravati, involving an estimated investment of Rs 5 lakh crore. He described the project as

a game-changer for Telangana's future development.

Kishan Reddy said Telangana currently has five Vande Bharat Express and six Amrit Bharat train services. He also announced that the long-pending railway coach factory at Warangal would be developed into a modern manufacturing facility.

SRSP backwater tragedy claims 3 Lives ; Massive Search Continues



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Nizamabad July 26: Three young men lost their lives and another remains missing after a tragic drowning incident in the Sri Ram Sagar Project (SRSP) backwaters (Laxmi Canal) under the jurisdiction of Mupkal Police Station on Sunday. A large-scale rescue operation involving multiple agencies is continuing to trace the missing youth.

According to police, four

friends had visited the SRSP backwater area for a leisure trip when they accidentally slipped into the fast-flowing canal and were swept away by the strong current. The victims were identified as Arhan (17) of Bhokar, Maharashtra, and Kaleem (24), Ammu alias Najuvath (24) and Azeem (24), all residents of Autonagar, Nizamabad.

Immediately after receiving information about the incident, Nizamabad Police Com-

missioner P. Sai Chaitanya, reached the accident site and personally supervised the rescue operations. He directed officials from all concerned departments to coordinate their efforts and ensure that every possible resource was utilised to locate the missing person at the earliest. Rescue teams comprising personnel from the Police Department, Revenue Department, Fire Services, the National Disaster Response Force

(NDRF) and expert swimmers launched an extensive search despite the difficult conditions caused by the deep water and strong currents.

The bodies of three victims were recovered during the operation, while search teams continued combing the area for the fourth missing youth. Police officials remained at the site to monitor the operation and provide necessary assistance to the affected families. Expressing

profound sorrow over the incident, Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families and instructed the rescue teams to continue the search operation with full commitment until the missing victim is traced.

The rescue mission was coordinated by Armoor ACP Venkateshwar Reddy, Armoor Rural CI John Reddy, Mupkal SI Suhasini, along with police personnel, revenue officials,

NDRF teams and trained swimmers. The Nizamabad Police appealed to the public to exercise extreme caution during the monsoon season and avoid entering reservoirs, backwaters, canals, rivers and other water bodies. The department also urged people not to venture into unfamiliar or dangerous water areas for swimming or photography, emphasising that awareness and precaution can help prevent such tragic incidents.