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## SC Orders Release of Detained Minors in CJP Stir

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): The Supreme Court Tuesday directed the Delhi Police as well as governments of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal and Kerala to immediately release all students aged under 18 years with no criminal antecedents, who were either arrested or detained during the Sansad Chalo protest on 20 July and the following days.

A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant also directed the police of the above-mentioned states and Delhi to preserve CCTV footage, drone footage, body-worn camera recordings, wireless communication and PCR logs for the days when the protests were happening.

The court was hearing a batch of petitions demand-



ing a fair, independent probe into the violence against students during the NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) leak protests. It refrained the police from releasing or publicly sharing, for now, data and personal information of student protesters.

As the bench indicated that it would set-up a probe panel, preferably headed by a former CJI, to address the grievances of the protesters,

families of police personnel who were injured during the 20 July violence as well as the concerns raised by the Centre, it said the Delhi Police may continue with investigation, but without taking any coercive action against any student.

It also gave liberty to the police to withdraw any case. However, for those with criminal background and found to be anti-social, the bench gave a go ahead to the police to continue with their probe. After recording the arguments advanced by the petitioners, family members of injured policemen and Centre and Delhi Government, the bench observed in its order: "The allegations made by the petitioner prima facie make out a case of an independent fair probe into the incidents of violence.

## Priyanka seeks answers on pellet gun use



New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said the entire nation and parents of injured students want answers on who approved the use of pellet guns and AK-47s on protesters during the agitation against exam irregularities.

Participating in the debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Un-fair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha, Priyanka Gandhi called for

accountability of those in government.

"The students are disillusioned. Money is overshadowing merit. They want the system that is endangering their future to be improved," she said.

The students only demanded accountability and removal of those who were responsible for irregularities, but they were met with the use of force, she said, referring to the alleged NEET paper leak.

## CM Revanth seeks 11.57 lakh PMAY-G houses for Telangana



Hyderabad, July 29 (GNS) Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged the Centre to allocate 11,56,915 houses to Telangana under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

He made the demand during a meeting with Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi. The Chief Minister briefed him on the details of the construction of the 'Indiramma Houses' for poorer sections in Telangana.

without homes for the past decade, he said.

Revanth Reddy stated that a survey conducted by the state government using the 'Awaas+' app—developed by the Union Ministry of Rural Development—had identified 11,56,915 eligible rural families. The Union Minister was requested to allocate the houses to Telangana at the earliest.

In view of the El Nino conditions, CM Revanth Reddy also requested Shivraj Singh Chouhan to include additional works under the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajivika Mission (Rural) (VB-G-RAM-G).

The Chief Minister brought to the attention of the Central Minister that the inclusion of additional activities in the scheme will improve livelihoods and promote crop diversification for SCs, STs, small and marginal farmers, and agricultural labourers, who are facing a lack of work due to deficient rainfall. The CM requested Chouhan to include activities such as the construction of vegetable trellis structures, development of fodder plots, mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing sheds, kitchen gardens (for leafy greens and vegetables), and bamboo plantations on farmers' lands under the VB-G-RAM-G scheme.

## Akhilesh hails youth for forcing govt to yield

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday asserted that the country's youth had demonstrated their ability to make the government respond to public demands, saying the recent student movement over examination irregularities compelled the Centre to concede several demands.

Participating in the debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Un-fair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha, Akhilesh Yadav, referring to the recent protests against the alleged NEET paper leak, said the government's initial approach had reflected arrogance before it eventually gave in to public pressure.

"We were watching the protest. The government was arrogant in the belief

that it would not bow down. After the win, youngsters raised a slogan — 'sarkaar jhukti hai, jhukane wala chahiye' (The government yields; it just takes someone to make it yield). The youngsters know how to make the government yield," he said.

He claimed the Centre had eventually accepted several demands raised by the protesters, including the resignation of the then Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, but questioned why those commitments had not been formally placed before the Parliament.

"The government had to bow down, and they agreed to make the Minister resign. The government has agreed to several points (presented by the protesters), but we don't know why it is not presenting it before the House," he said.

## More opportunities for women in coast guard

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is set to get more gender neutral through the induction of women candidates into both Short Service Appointments (SSA) and Permanent Appointments (PA) at par with their male counterparts. The SSA has also been opened for male candidates.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled two significant policy reforms for the ICG on Tuesday aimed at promoting gender parity in the induction and service conditions of officers, and streamlining the administrative procedures for granting ex-gratia to the families of personnel reported missing at sea while on duty.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, ICG DG Paramesh Sivamani, and other senior officials attended the event. The ICG has always been a gender neutral force as women have

Policy reforms also to benefit kin of those missing at sea



been inducted as officers and have served as Dornier aircraft and Air Cushion Vehicle (hovercraft) pilots, apart from performing administrative duties. The new policy will open up further opportunities for women by ensuring equal opportunities for career progression, commencing right from the ab-initio training phase.

The existing PA women officers shall also be considered for promotion to higher positions subject to fulfilment of eligibility con-

ditions. The existing serving women officers on SSA will also be provided an option to convert their service to a PA, subject to the fulfilment of stipulated conditions.

"This progressive step reflects the Government's commitment to Nari Shakti and equal opportunity in the nation's maritime security apparatus," the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has said in a statement. The second policy reform aims to bring relief to the next of kin of the personnel who go miss-

ing at sea in the line of duty. Authorities will henceforth declare an ICG personnel missing at sea while on duty as 'presumed dead' for the purpose of ex-gratia. This will significantly ease and accelerate the process for the grant of ex-gratia compensation and terminal benefits to the families. "This measure ensures that the families of brave personnel are not subjected to prolonged administrative delays during times of mental trauma," the MoD has said.

## India decries UNSC reform held hostage by small group

United Nations, July 28 (GNS) The General Assembly on Tuesday reenacted the annual ritual of passing on to its next session the Security Council reform negotiations, and India decried it being "held hostage by the narrow, divisive interests of a select few" countries.

India's Permanent Representative P Harish said sarcastically, "In Indian philosophy, it is said that a soul has to go through cycles of births and deaths, making incremental progress each time, before attaining liberation. The IGN have been through seventeen cycles already. Sadly, however, there is no liberation in sight. How much longer should the world wait?" The Assembly, with a voice vote, agreed to



roll over the InterGovernmental Negotiations (IGN) for reforms to the 81st session that will start in September.

The negotiations are bogged down while "there is a palpable sense of disappointment among Member States and global citizenry regarding the inability of the Security Council to meaningfully intervene in conflicts across the globe,"

Harish said. "Every session that we spend regurgitating our positions from the comfort of New York, the hope for a fit-for-purpose UN grows weaker in the real world," he added.

The negotiations have been sabotaged by a 13-member group calling itself Uniting for Consensus, which is led by Italy and includes Pakistan. It uses procedural manoeuvres to create a logjam, preventing the adoption of a negotiating text unless there is a consensus, locking it in a Catch-22 situation where there cannot be progress towards a consensus without a text to guide the discussions. Harish reiterated the demand for holding the reform discussions with a negotiating text.

## India slams Pakistan's 'Phoney' cultural claims

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): India on Tuesday slammed the attempts being made by Pakistan to invoke the Indus Valley Civilisation, making it clear that a country promoting cross-border terrorism and religious fundamentalism cannot make any claim to any pluralistic cultural legacy.

Addressing a bi-weekly media briefing in New Delhi on Tuesday, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted Pakistan's "abysmal track record" on the protection of minorities and their cultural rights. When asked about several voices in Pakistan that have emerged on "shared legacy", Jaiswal said, "A country which has been promot-



ing cross-border terrorism, which has been promoting religious fundamentalism and violence for decades, cannot have any claim to any pluralistic cultural legacy. Their abysmal track record on the protection of minorities and their cultural rights make such desperate attempts look even more phoney."

Pakistan's Information and Broadcasting Minister

Attaulah Tarar had said recently that the identification of people of Pakistan is based on the banks and tributaries of the River Indus. India on Tuesday also slammed Pakistan for conducting the "so-called" assembly elections in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), terming it as a "cosmetic electoral exercise" which is nothing but an attempt by Islamabad to camouflage its illegal occupation and hide its grave human rights violations in the region.

Jaiswal reiterated India's stance on PoJK, saying that the entire union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, including the areas under forcible occupation of Pakistan, are integral and inalienable parts of India.

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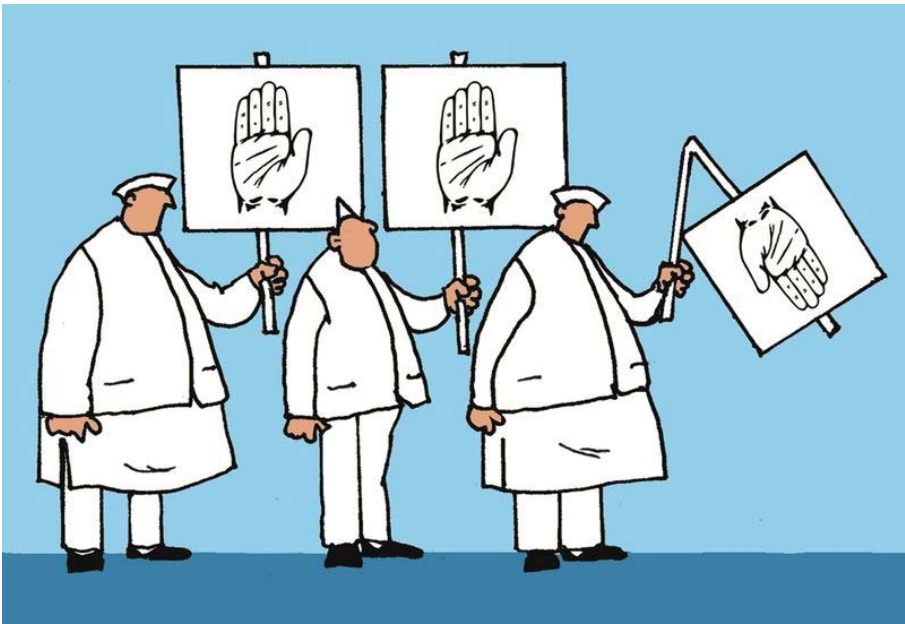
# Cong’s Haryana story: From pole position to political oblivion

Ashish Dua

BY winning the 2024 Haryana Assembly elections for the third time in a row, the BJP accomplished the unthinkable. By losing the 2024 and 2019 elections — when it was in a pole position to form the government — the Congress too accomplished the unthinkable: snatching defeat from the BJP. Not only Congress party workers, but also people from across different strata are worried about the future of the party. But the Grand Old Party remains unmoved despite the electoral losses. This inertia in the party has prevailed over the last decade, even as it has seen a steady decline in its electoral fortunes.

In Haryana, the Congress is presiding over not just a defunct organisation, but an organisation that was dissolved by its own order of May 2014. It has failed to meet the many deadlines it set for itself over the decade: of restructuring the DCCs, BCCs, cells and departments. It has had three PCC presidents in 11 years and under them, contested a number of Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, byelections and local body elections — all without having any organisation.

Haryana is a classic case study of how not to win an election. The 2024 elections turned out to be a repeat of the 2019 polls as the high command failed to take any corrective steps



despite the 2019 debacle. With bitterness spilling amongst the contenders for the top state party post, it was bound to lose. The high command chose to not address the infighting in the party and allowed the situation to simmer. As a result, the commanders were left presiding over losses, not just as mute and helpless watchmen, but as passive collaborators, brimming with overconfidence, with not even the promise of undertaking introspection.

The non-appointment of a CLP leader till date reveals indecisiveness and weakness. We should have been introspecting the allegations levelled, including those over ticket distribution, such as ‘chamri and damri’. But even after the humiliating debacle, the ‘responsible’ people continue to be ‘irresponsible’ or unaccountable. It

is business as usual, signifying carelessness or complicity, or both.

The Congress screening committee bungled big time on ticket distribution. Had it not given in to the vested interests of ‘chamri and damri’ at the cost of the party, people in the know say that the election results would have been different. This is apparent from the fact that many chosen candidates eventually either lost their deposits or lost badly. Underperformance comes from downplaying the importance of addressing the issues of leaders and frustration among party workers.

It can be intentional, too. At the same time, it seems that those ruling the roost earlier continue to do so now. They are not likely to be held responsible for selecting wrong candidates. Many seats were

clearly given on a platter to the BJP. Driving with uncorrected short-sightedness leads to accidents. It has led the Congress party to lose two Rajya Sabha seats mid-term — one each from Rajasthan and Haryana. The party failed to retain the Haryana seat, which it had vacated after the Lok Sabha elections. As a result, the Congress barely saved its status of LoP in the Rajya Sabha by a whisker.

Self-interest is the rule that rules over the party, overruling party interests. The Udaipur resolution of ‘one man, one post’ as also the rule of a five-year term in a post continue to be flouted by the very people who formulated them, under the very noses of those who blessed it. For, they know that they are above rules. Favouritism is deleterious to fairness. In these times of discussion

of ‘vote chori’ in Karnataka and opposition over the SIR in Bihar, every party is riddled with compromises, bulldozing their criteria of clean candidate selection. The Gurgaon Assembly constituency in 2019 is a glaring example of the selection of the Congress candidate who he had 18 FIRs against him for, nothing less than, fake voting. Youth Congress elections in many states have been mired in allegations of fake, manipulated delegate enrolment, often tilting the scales in favour of the rich, pedigreed or sponsored candidates of big leaders.

Charity must begin at home. Over the years of decline, sycophancy and mediocrity have made a great team. Such oft-repeated words of leaders as ‘giving a chance to fresh faces, educated persons with no criminal background, persons with organisational commitment and devotion to the party and people not belonging to dynasties’ remain empty words.

Senior party functionaries cite two major drawbacks of the dispensation ruling the party: the lack of dialogue and ignoring of feedback from the ground in decision-making.

The party has gone in for a replacement policy rather than one of transition. This is not a good management or HR practice. The party’s inability to retain talent has pushed away many capable leaders, whom other parties have lapped up.

# India has a stake in the Alaska summit

INDIA has welcomed with alacrity and good timing the upcoming Trump-Putin summit in Alaska. It has done better by offering help for the success of the August 15 meeting. Usually, such high-stakes, high-risk meetings are planned meticulously. They are prepared for success. This will be the first meeting between leaders of the US and Russia after the 2021 Geneva summit between Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin. That summit was meant to size each other up, particularly on Ukraine, and explore if a modus vivendi on this issue and the overall relationship could be found. Something, however, went horribly wrong. The summit failed, and Russia did the unthinkable by launching a military campaign against Ukraine a few months later in February 2022.

Since then, East-West relations have collapsed to their lowest ever since the 1950s. The world has been transfixed, like a deer caught in the headlights of an approaching truck, unable to sidestep the impending disaster. It has been witness to and the victim of an ugly and brutal war - a war whose battlefield has straddled the vast plains of the Donbass and Kursk and the digital world of international banking and financial flows. All instruments of warfare have been deployed, and countries have been asked to make clear-cut choices. The world, in effect, stumbled from the Covid crisis to the Ukraine crisis, in what is now a five-year cycle of global upheaval starting from 2020. All countries have a stake in the success of the Alaska meeting. This is self-evident for the parties and regions directly concerned, but is equally true for a non-party like India. India has had to walk a thin line between two opposing sides with whom it managed to build significant relations through painstaking effort, straining every sinew in the bone.

After the conflict began, India jumpstarted its relations with the US and Europe, and fought a rearguard battle to keep its Russia ties alive. India has been under the scanner for what were normal ties with Russia for decades. It has paid a heavy price due to crippling Western sanctions against Moscow, and is now itself the target of these sanctions. It is in India’s interest that the Ukraine war ends and tensions ease. India is at a stage of development where it needs relationships with all major powers — the US, EU, Russia and China, besides key partners such as Japan, Australia, South Korea and the Global South. One example of how India’s domestic and external needs fuse and affect policy is the energy sector. The issue of contention is India’s oil imports from Russia. In an atmosphere of sensationalism, it is important to keep facts straight.

India is not a traditional importer of Russian oil. It is Europe that helped Russia monetise its oil and gas wealth for the past many decades. Prior to 2022, India’s trade with Russia hovered around \$15 billion or even less, of which oil imports was an insignificant fraction. Russian oil was not a sanctioned item after the war broke out, but only subject to a price cap. India entered the Russian oil market to protect its economy from high energy prices when there was a surge in European demand from non-Russian sources. Indian companies bought Russian oil at discounted prices offered to them amidst the many other headwinds facing the economy. Some of this was for domestic consumption and the rest was refined and exported, including to Europe. This prevented overheating of the global energy market. The decision of Indian companies was commercial, not political.

As markets stabilise and price differentials reduce, Indian oil and gas imports will begin to diversify and find other options, including the US. India’s imports are going to grow and it will always be in search of affordable and reliable sources of energy. Apart from energy, Russia possesses other resources and raw materials which India needs for its development. These are just as critical for India’s growth and economic security as are export markets for its goods and services and sources for technology. China has already secured a lot of its needs from Russia that fuel its economy. Any Indian government will have to think long term to ensure it maintains access to these resources. The first step in ensuring such access is to maintain good political relations with Moscow.

India’s relations with Russia are not aimed at hurting its ties with other friendly countries. Among other things, they prevent Russia from retreating and being sucked completely into the Chinese embrace. There is a geopolitical logic behind India’s Russia relationship, just as there is a compelling logic for Moscow to keep its channels open with New Delhi because it too wants to maintain its strategic independence. The imposition of 25 per cent penalty tariff on India by the US for buying Russian oil is a stiff punishment for an activity that has been the subject of intense discussion with the US and Europe over the past three years, and at a time when the US is itself in discussion with Russia to normalise relations.

There will not be many bright spots left in the global economy if even the Indian economy were to be hit. India has, of course, been doing its part to counsel Russia to pursue diplomacy. The US will find India to be much less of a spoiler for President Trump’s peace efforts than many of his European allies.

It is significant that President Putin called PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in the run-up to the Alaska summit, and it is in the backdrop of this most promising peace effort since 2022 that an India-Russia summit is expected later this year in India — for the first time since 2021.

The Alaska summit carries significance beyond the immediate Russia-Ukraine conflict, as any progress between Washington and Moscow could help reduce global geopolitical uncertainty. A stable relationship between the two major powers may ease pressure on economies facing disruptions in energy markets, trade routes, and supply chains since the outbreak of the war.

For India, the outcome of the meeting will be closely watched as it continues to pursue a balanced foreign policy based on strategic autonomy. New Delhi has consistently maintained that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only sustainable path to resolving conflicts, while advocating respect for national sovereignty and international stability.

The proposed India-Russia summit later this year could further reinforce bilateral ties in areas such as defence, energy, technology, and economic cooperation. At the same time, India is expected to continue strengthening partnerships with the US, Europe, and other global partners, maintaining a pragmatic approach focused on national interests and global peace.

India’s approach reflects its broader vision of a multipolar world order, where major powers engage through dialogue rather than confrontation. New Delhi believes that sustained diplomatic engagement among global leaders can create space for cooperation on pressing challenges, including food security, energy stability, economic recovery, and regional peace. As a key stakeholder in global affairs, India is likely to continue using its diplomatic channels to encourage constructive engagement between conflicting sides.

# Op Sindoor delivered heavy damage in 90 hrs

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh

WE had at least five confirmed fighter jet kills and one large aircraft, which could be either an elite aircraft or an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft, at a distance of 300 km. So, we all know what happened: that unfortunate incident of Pahalgam. You know how we were trying to achieve some things diplomatically and, at the same time, we had to give them a befitting reply. We had also said that this time we must send the message across loud and clear to the terrorists and their leadership. So we discussed a few options and decided on those nine targets.

The red dots that you see on the map were the seven targets that were very close to the border and LoC and they were to be taken out by the army with their integral weapons. And those two blue dots were the two main headquarters complexes, that is Bahawalpur and Muridke, that were to be taken out by the Indian Air Force. All of us were working together, including naval assets — their weapons were used too. The date was decided — the intervening night of May 6-7th. The date and time was based on weather, based on what patterns we were seeing across the border, of their movements and actions.

We had decided to undertake our action in one go, to address all nine targets. They were all hardened structures, so we decided to go with long-range



weapons. To keep ourselves safe, and restrict ourselves to attacking only terrorist targets. And minimum civilian casualties. There were some buildings where we had intelligence of their senior leadership staying, some buildings where other people stay and, of course, the main building where their congregations took place. I will show you some of the pictures of what we achieved — before and after satellite pictures. You can see the damage clearly. All adjacent buildings are fairly intact. Besides the satellite pictures, we also had a lot of input from the local media, which was giving us the inside pictures. It’s all on the open net, available.

I want to bring out something here. When we did Balakot, we had something similar. I have a slide on that. But we could not get anything from inside and it became a big issue; trying to tell our own people as to what we have achieved. This time we had human intelligence, so we had a very

clear picture of the inside — there has been huge damage. I’m very happy that this time we were able to take care of that ghost of Balakot and tell the world what we achieved. Much damage was done on the other seven targets by the Army. Once we were confident about our achievement, a message was sent to their DGMO by our DGMO — that we had no intent to strike military targets; our objective was only to strike terrorist infrastructure, and take revenge for Pahalgam. And that we can call it off here. But they, unfortunately, did not agree. They said: "Aap ne humain mara hai, ab hum marenge, phir dekhenge, phir baat karenge." We continued to be cautious. We knew they would do something. So, the 7th-8th night and 8th-9th night, those two nights of May, a lot of munitions, drones, small-scale weapons — intended to saturate our systems at our airfields and army installations — were spotted. Of course, that created a little bit of panic

in the public. They started spotting even low-earth orbit satellites and reporting them as drones! It was becoming very difficult to filter out, but our local commanders did exceptionally well. They took charge and neutralised many drones using our own anti-drone systems and anti-aircraft guns. Our anti-drone systems really worked very well. We survived those attacks without any damage.

We got an intelligence report on May 9th evening that they are planning something big and the next 48 hours are very critical. We decided that if they attack our military installations, we will reply with the military attacking their installations. We took the call that since they were mostly attacking us by air force and our air force bases are under threat, we should respond without waiting. Sure enough, their aircraft tried to penetrate our defences.

Our air defence systems did a wonderful job. The S400 system has been a

game-changer. The range of that system ensured that they were not able to use their long-range bombs.

In Balakot, if you remember, some bombs had fallen very close to the Army area, but this time since we were ready to use our long-range surface-to-air guided weapons, they were deterred. Initially, we found a very massive buildup taking place. But once the first missile was fired from our side from the ground, we certainly found a dissipation of that buildup. On May 9-10th night, there were a large number of attacks. Our airfields in Adampur, Srinagar, Avantipur took the brunt. They tried to penetrate various classes of drones, including weaponised ones. We were able to neutralise most of their weapons.

That night we decided we would go in no holds barred. Once again, it was not to attack anything in particular, but to give them that feeling, that look, we can attack you deep inside at will wherever we want to.

Like this command and control centre at Nur Khan base or at Raheem Yar Khan base — the attacks were based on specific intelligence. As far as the Sukkur airfield is concerned, we attacked their UAV hangar and a radar site. You have the visuals available here. This is the hangar which is been flattened and this is the radar site before and after. An AEW&C hangar was attacked and here we have a very clear hint that there was an aircraft inside when this attack took place.



# GeM enables procurement of nearly Rs 15 lakh cr across 3 cr orders: Minister

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Delivering on PM Narendra Modi's vision of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance', the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) evolved into a cornerstone of transparency, inclusivity and efficiency, said Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday, hailing the successful 9 years of the digital governance initiative. "Congratulations to @GeM\_India on completing 9 years as one of India's most impactful digital governance initiatives," Goyal wrote on his official 'X' account. The minister said that the platform has already crossed Rs 1.52 lakh crore in transaction value for FY 2025-26 so far, and a cumulative procurement of over Rs 14.91 lakh crore across 3 crore orders has been enabled. The Government e-Marketplace initiative actively facilitates marginalised seller groups and specially

abled people. "It has also actively facilitated participation of marginalised and underrepresented seller groups, such as MSEs, women entrepreneurs, self-help groups (SHGs), tribal artisans, startups, weavers, and divyangjan," the minister stated. To decentralise digital procurement from the very top to lower levels, GeM was also integrated with the e-Gram Swaraj portal to enable procurement by panchayats, the minister said. According to Goyal, the growth trajectory of the scheme reflects not just growth in numbers but a deepening of impact that is empowering local communities, enabling cost-effective procurement, and supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat. GeM recorded transactions worth Rs 5.4 lakh crore in gross merchandise Value (GMV) in FY 2024-25, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Over the past nine years, GeM has recorded notable achievements, onboarding 1.5 lakh women-led enterprises along with startups, self-help groups (SHGs), artisans and micro and small enterprises (MSEs). "Our focus remains on ensuring every enterprise, from tribal artisans to tech-driven startups, can easily access public procurement opportunities," according to Mihir Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, GeM. The platform has expanded into new service verticals like insurance, manpower, and Mine Development and Operations (MDOs), implemented technology-driven procurement processes for quicker and more economical transactions, and provided training and onboarding support to state governments, public sector projects, and local bodies. The platform, which was started in 2016 to promote open, inclusive, and effective

public procurement, has developed into a digital procurement system that links vendors and service providers nationwide, including Divyangjans, SHGs, women entrepreneurs, startups,(MSEs), and artisans. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has transformed public procurement in India by replacing traditional processes with a technology-driven, transparent and accountable system. The platform has enabled government departments, ministries, public sector units, and local bodies to access a wide range of products and services while ensuring competitive pricing and faster procurement. Through its digital ecosystem, GeM has significantly reduced procedural delays and increased efficiency in government purchasing. Real-time monitoring, online bidding, reverse auctions, and data-

driven decision-making have helped improve transparency and minimize opportunities for irregularities in procurement. The initiative has played a key role in promoting the participation of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in government business. By simplifying registration and procurement procedures, GeM has allowed small businesses, startups, and local manufacturers to compete on a national platform and expand their market reach. The platform has also supported the government's efforts towards inclusive economic growth by encouraging greater participation of women entrepreneurs, tribal communities, artisans, and self-help groups. Special initiatives have been introduced to make procurement opportunities more accessible to traditionally underrepresented groups.

# India's LPG price is among lowest in world despite imports: Hardeep Puri

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri highlighted on Friday that India sells LPG at the cheapest prices in the world, despite being an importer, enabling more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala families to cook food at just Rs 6 per day due to the affordable fuel. "Our energy sector oil marketing companies suffered heavy losses to make LPG available to kitchens at nearly half the cost at which it was being sold in the countries in our neighbourhood," the minister said. He pointed out that even when LPG prices soared by 63 per cent in the international market amid global uncertainty, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policy insulated Indian households against the price rise and ensured they didn't feel any negative impact. The minister said that by making LPG available at a price lower than cost, the

public sector oil marketing companies have suffered underrecoveries to the tune of approximately Rs 41,000 crore during the financial year 2024-25. Friday's Cabinet decision paves the way for partial reimbursement of Rs 30,000 crore to the public sector oil companies against these underrecoveries. The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, has decided that Rs 30,000 crore will be paid in twelve parts to the public sector oil companies, which have kept the LPG prices stable. The compensation, which will be divided amongst the three energy sector oil marketing companies - Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum - will support the financial health of these companies, which ensure availability, affordability and sustainability of energy supply for the citizens of the country in difficult geopolitical times and uncertain-

ainties, the minister said. "In the last 11 years of the Narendra Modi government, we have witnessed a major transformation in India's energy landscape, with special focus on providing access to clean energy to the masses," Puri said. The minister said that about 56 lakh domestic LPG cylinders are delivered every day, about 6 crore consumers visit retail outlets every day across the country, and to strengthen the availability of fuel in rural areas, of the total LPG distributors added during the last decade, around 86 per cent are rural distributors. The LPG pipe network has also been strengthened. LPG pipelines of about 3,000 km have been laid since 2014. The Kandla-Gorakhpur LPG pipeline is the world's largest LPG pipeline of 2,805 km, and the Paradip-Haldia-Motihari pipeline of 1,707 km is under construction, the minister added.

# India is well-equipped to tackle evolving online harms and cyber crimes: Minister

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): The government is conscious of the threats posed by deepfakes powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), including synthetic audio, video and text. Such content can seriously impact a person's dignity, reputation, and right to privacy. It also raises concerns about platform accountability, the Parliament was informed. To ensure an open, safe, trusted and accountable cyberspace for users, Government of India has enacted laws such as the information of technology act, 2000 (IT Act), Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021"), Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 ("DPDP Act") and other that address various aspects of the deepfake challenge, Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, said in a reply in Rajya Sabha.

The Information Technology Act, 2000, provide the foundation to act against identity theft, impersonation, privacy breaches, and the spread of obscene or misleading content. The IT Rules, 2021, amended in 2022 and 2023, mandate platforms to exercise due diligence, remove unlawful content promptly, and increase user awareness around deepfakes and misinformation. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, further strengthens safeguards by penalising misuse of personal data, while the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, introduces stricter provisions against the spread of disinformation and organised cybercrimes. According to the minister, to enforce these laws, the government has issued advisories to digital platforms, emphasising the need to remove synthetic content that impersonates individuals, and to inform

users about the unreliability of certain AI-generated outputs. Platforms are also directed to comply with grievance redressal timelines, particularly under the Grievance Appellate Committees (GACs) mechanism, the minister said. India's cybercrime response ecosystem is supported by institutions like the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), the SAHYOG portal for automated takedown notices, and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, where citizens can report misuse, including deepfake-related offences. CERT-In, India's cybersecurity agency, continues to issue advisories on AI-related threats, with its latest guidance released in November 2024. Awareness campaigns like Cyber Jagrookta Diwas and Cyber Security Awareness Month further empower citizens to stay vigilant against digital threats.

# Companies invest Rs 7,343 crore under textiles PLI with Rs 4,648 cr turnover: Pabitra

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): The total investment made by companies under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for textiles reached Rs 7,343 crore with total turnover at Rs 4,648 crore, including export of Rs 538 crore (till March 31, 2025), the Parliament was informed. An incentive worth Rs 54.50 crore has been disbursed under the scheme in FY 2024-25, Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. The projected investment and turnover under the scheme are Rs 28,711 crore and Rs 2,16,760 crore, including exports, respectively, the minister said. The government is implementing the PLI scheme for textiles with an approved outlay of Rs 10,683 crore to promote the production of man-made fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics, and products of tech-

nical textiles in the country, to enable the textile sector to achieve size and scale and become competitive. The scheme has two parts -- Part 1 envisages a minimum investment of Rs 300 crore and minimum turnover of Rs 600 crore per company, and Part-2 envisages a minimum investment of Rs 100 crore and a minimum turnover of Rs 200 crore per company, so as to attract participation of both large-scale manufacturers and micro, small and medium entrepreneurs (MSMEs). "To become eligible for availing the incentive, the company has to achieve the aforesaid threshold investment and turnover. Under the scheme, a total of 74 companies have been selected, out of which 24 applicant companies are in the MSME category," the minister said. Meanwhile, the country's overall exports of textiles and apparel surged past

\$37.75 billion in 2024-25, which represented a 5 per cent increase over the corresponding figure of 35.87 billion for the previous financial year. The government is implementing several schemes to enhance investments, generate employment opportunities and boost exports in the textile sector. Seven sites have been approved to set up PM MITRA Parks, one each in Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh. The government stated that the PLI scheme is aimed at enhancing domestic manufacturing capabilities, attracting fresh investments, generating employment, and reducing dependence on imports in the textile value chain. The initiative is expected to strengthen India's position as a global hub for man-made fibre textiles and technical textile products.

# Centre outlines key directives towards 100 GW nuclear energy mission

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Minister of State for Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh, on Friday jointly convened a high-level meeting to discuss the 100 GW Nuclear Energy Mission here. This meeting follows up on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious target of expanding India's clean energy basket and reaffirms the country's commitment to achieving Net Zero emissions. During the meeting, a thorough review was conducted on the roadmap to increase India's nuclear energy capacity from the current 8.8 GW to 22 GW by 2032, through the addition of 14 GW from various ongoing and upcoming projects. The ministers outlined several key directives to expedite progress, including streamlining regulatory clearances, standardising documentation, optimising processing timelines, emphasising generic proposals, synchronis-

ing licenses, and investing in technical upgradation and capacity building. Dr Singh highlighted the government's landmark initiative to open the nuclear sector for private sector participation, emphasising its pivotal role in strengthening India's energy security. He also noted a strong and vibrant response from industries towards the Bharat Small Modular Reactor (SMR) programme, leading to an extension of the Request for Proposal (RFP) submission deadline to September 30, 2025, to encourage wider participation. Dr Singh further stressed the government's commitment to handholding and creating awareness among private sector players, many of whom were pleasantly surprised by the opening of the nuclear sector to private participation. Power Minister Manohar Lal reiterated the importance of adhering to timelines and accelerating projects as per the established roadmap.

# Strengthening tourism sector key to earn big on exports, tackle Trumps tariffs: Amitabh Kant

New Delhi, July 28 (GNS): Former G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on Saturday urged the need to strengthen the country's tourism sector to earn big on exports, as well as tackle tariffs, imposed by US President Donald Trump. His remarks came amid concerns over the Trump's escalation of tariff to 50 per cent on Indian goods. "India's biggest export earnings can come from Tourism which is totally free from Trumps tariffs," Kant said, in a post on social media platform X. "We must attract global tourists. They will more than make up for 50 per cent tariff levied by Trump on goods," he added. Despite having "natural beauty, history, and heritage, culture, and diversity", India gets a "mere 1.5 per cent share in international tourist arrivals". He also lamented the lack of "concerted branding or marketing campaign for Indian tourism in the past de-

cade". While he highlighted Incredible India's immense potential to attract global tourists, the former Niti Aayog CEO also emphasised the need for marketing campaigns to attract global tourists. "We need the biggest global branding and marketing campaign to unleash Incredible India's immense potential. Otherwise, with the 1800 planes Indian airlines are buying, we will just be ferrying Indians flying abroad for holidays," said Kant on X. Kant played a pivotal role in shaping the "Incredible India" campaign, which focused on showcasing India's diverse culture, heritage, and natural beauty to attract tourists and investors. While the initial duty of 25 per cent came into effect from August 7, the additional levy will become effective after 21 days. Higher tariffs will make Indian goods, such as shrimps, organic chemicals, carpets, apparel (both knitted and woven), among oth-

ers costly in the US market. Earlier, Kant called the hefty tariffs by Trump as "once in a generation opportunity". He stated that the US President has given India an opportunity to "take the next big leap" on reforms, and urged citizens to utilise the crisis fully. "Trump has provided us a once in a generation opportunity to take the next big leap on reforms. Crisis must be fully utilised," Kant posted on X. The former G20 Sherpa said tourism could become one of India's biggest foreign exchange earners and help offset challenges faced by merchandise exports due to global trade barriers. He emphasized that unlike goods exports, international tourism remains unaffected by tariff measures and offers a major opportunity for economic growth. Kant highlighted that India's rich heritage, diverse landscapes, cultural traditions, and historical attractions provide

a strong foundation for becoming a leading global tourism destination. However, he pointed out that India's share in international tourist arrivals remains much lower compared to its vast potential. He called for a coordinated national strategy involving improved infrastructure, better connectivity, and enhanced visitor experiences to attract more international travellers. He stressed that effective branding of India's tourism offerings is essential to compete with other major tourist destinations. The government has been taking several measures to promote tourism, including infrastructure development, improved air connectivity, and initiatives to showcase India's cultural and natural heritage. Experts believe that boosting tourism can create employment opportunities, support local economies, and strengthen India's services exports.

# SEBI proposes AIF schemes exclusively for accredited investors

Mumbai, July 28 (GNS): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a distinct alternative investment fund (AIF) scheme that would admit only "accredited investors". Such specialised AIF schemes can benefit from "a lighter-touch regulatory framework than a regular AIF," a release from SEBI said. Accredited investors are persons or businesses who meet SEBI-certified wealth, net worth and income criteria. For sole proprietorships, HUFs, and Family Trusts, a minimum annual income of Rs 2 crore or at least Rs 7.5 crore net worth, with Rs 3.75 crore in financial assets, qualifies them for accredited investor status. A SEBI-recognised agency, like a stock exchange or depository subsidiary (CDSL Ventures Limited), grants accreditation based on these criteria, financial assets, and investment experience. SEBI's latest consultation

paper has proposed a gradual transition from the traditional minimum commitment threshold (currently at Rs 1 crore per investor) to using only accreditation status as the metric for investor sophistication in AIFs. Stakeholders can send comments on these proposals until August 29. According to the proposal, during the transition, both metrics would coexist, enabling AIFs to launch special schemes open exclusively to accredited investors. SEBI informed that several relaxations to "accredited investor" only schemes are under consideration. "AI-only schemes may be exempted from the requirement of maintaining pari-passu rights among investors, subject to a waiver provided by each investor to this effect," the regulator said. Other benefits include extended tenure, where the scheme tenure may be extended up to five years, subject to ap-

proval by two-thirds of investors by value in the fund. Also, such schemes will be provided a "certification waiver", where key investment team members may be exempt from holding a mandated NISM certification, given investors' ability to conduct independent due diligence. Further, there will be no investor cap for such schemes, allowing them to bypass the existing limit of 1,000 investors per scheme. "In case of an accredited investors-only fund, the responsibilities and obligations cast on the trustee of an Alternative Investment Fund in terms of provisions of these regulations shall be carried out solely by the manager of the Alternative Investment Fund," the markets regulator said. While the current count of accredited investors is modest, SEBI expects growth due to recent regulatory changes. Sebi is also considering several propos-

als to increase the number of accreditation agencies, foster more competition, and further simplify the process of accreditation. SEBI said the proposed framework is aimed at improving flexibility for sophisticated investors while maintaining investor protection through accreditation-based eligibility. The regulator believes that accredited investors, with greater financial capacity and investment knowledge, can participate in more customized investment products with fewer regulatory constraints. The proposed AIF structure is expected to encourage innovation in the alternative investment space by allowing fund managers to design products suited to experienced investors. It may also provide greater operational freedom to fund managers while ensuring that investors are aware of the risks associated with such specialized schemes.



# Govt stands firmly behind HYDRAA: Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, July 28 (GNS):  
Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said on Tuesday that the state government stands firmly behind the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA). A day after the Telangana High Court directed the Chief Secretary to immediately replace HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath for repeatedly flouting court orders, the Chief Minister told reporters in New Delhi that he had not yet examined the court order in detail.

Stating that the government will review the order, Revanth Reddy made it clear that the government has the highest respect for the judiciary. He termed HYDRAA as the greatest reform by his government and stated that the agency will be strengthened further. Revanth Reddy alleged that some people were making false propaganda against HYDRAA. He said encroachers had filed false cases against the agency and produced fake documents to mislead the court.

He made it clear that HYDRAA will continue its duty to remove encroachments on water bodies and gov-



ernment lands. On Monday, the High Court asked Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju to identify a suitable officer to replace Ranganath as the head of HYDRAA.

The direction was given in a contempt case relating to a 40-acre parcel of land at Lothkunta involving a private construction company.

The single-judge bench noted that as many as 63 contempt cases were reportedly pending against the HYDRAA Commissioner during his one-and-a-half-year tenure. A private construction company had filed the contempt case relating to the land at Lothkunta, accusing HYDRAA officials of entering the property and fencing it despite subsisting judicial restraint orders. The High

Court had ordered Ranganath to tender an apology through a written affidavit by Monday. Ranganath, an Indian Police Service (IPS) official, has been heading HYDRAA since the agency was formed two years ago by the state government.

During the last two years, HYDRAA claims to have saved 3,315 acres of government land worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore and restored several water bodies. The agency said it reclaimed and protected lakes, nalas, parks, government lands, and blue-green resources.

Following the court order, Ranganath listed the works undertaken by HYDRAA during the last two years. He remarked that contempt petitions were filed against him by land grabbers.

# Ponguleti directs time-bound completion of Telangana land re-survey

Hyderabad, July 28 (GNS): State Revenue, Housing, Information & Civil Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has ordered the officials to implement the land re-survey program undertaken by the state government with utmost priority and complete it within the stipulated time. He clarified that the aim of the government is to provide a permanent solution to land disputes, clear boundaries for each land, and to provide land owner identification for each survey number. On Tuesday, in his office in the Secretariat, the Revenue, with the survey officers on the progress in the villages undergoing re-survey, the response of the people, the problems being faced, and the measures to be taken to solve them.

On this occasion, the minister said that the re-survey program is continuing in 2,240 villages selected at the rate of 70 villages per district in



the first phase across the state. In order to create full awareness among the people about this survey, the officials were instructed to organize gram sabhas in every village and to explain the benefits of the re-survey to the farmers and land owners. He said that this program will be successful only with the cooperation of people.

The minister ordered that the officials should be available at the

field level in every village where the re-survey is being conducted and the doubts expressed by the people should be resolved immediately. It is suggested to make the people as participants in every stage while maintaining transparency in the determination of land boundaries. Collectors were ordered to monitor the re-survey work themselves and review the progress on a weekly basis. Revenue,

Survey Department officials said that they should work in full coordination and achieve the set goals. If any problem arises, it is suggested to immediately bring it to the attention of the government and solve it.

Stating that the land is not just an asset for the farmer, it is the family's livelihood, the minister said that the government has carried out a re-survey with the latest technology in order to find a permanent solution to the land disputes that have been going on for decades. He said that by conducting a survey in a scientific manner with modern technology like DGPS, Rovers, GIS, the exact boundaries of each plot will be determined. After the re-survey is completed, by allocating a separate Bhudar number to each survey number and registering it in the Bhu Bharati portal, permanent clarity on land ownership will be established, the minister said.

## Seethakka Calls for Jalasiri Participation

Hyderabad, July 28 (GNS):  
Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) on Tuesday called upon people to actively participate in the state government's 'Jalasiri' programme to harvest rain-water and recharge ground-water in view of the anticipated impact of El Nino. Addressing a Jalasiri awareness seminar and Mandal

General Body meeting in Mulugu, the minister urged people to voluntarily construct soak pits under the slogan, "A soak pit for every home, a recharge pit for every village and a farm pond for every crop."

She said Gram Sabhas would be held over the next two days to identify and finalise development works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employ-

ment Guarantee Scheme.

Seethakka asked farmers to opt for less water-intensive crops and directed officials to ensure effective implementation of water conservation works, farm ponds and other rural development projects. She also appealed to women's self-help groups, public representatives and officials to work together to make every village a model village.

## Ponnam reviews Praja Bhavan complaints, orders swift action



Hyderabad, July 28 (GNS): Hyderabad District Incharge, BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said that the aim of the state government is to provide speedy solutions to public problems. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inspected the public address program held at Praja Bhavan on Tuesday. He received the petitions from the people who came to the public, talked to the concerned officials directly on the phone and ordered them to take immediate steps to solve the problems. On this occasion, the officials were ordered to conduct a review on the complaints related to land issues, Indiramma houses, 2BHK houses, revenue, municipal, welfare etc.

The minister suggested that the minister should also look into the requests of the Telangana people who are facing difficulties due to employment, jobs and other reasons through

expatriate media and take steps to solve them as soon as possible in coordination with the relevant departments. The minister conducted a review with the officials on the requests received from the public daily, their resolution status and department-wise actions. He ordered the officials to look into every request responsibly without causing any problems to the people and resolve them within the stipulated time.

On this occasion, the minister talked to Telangana State Planning Board Vice Chairman Chinnareddy, Prajavani Nodal Officer Vidyasagar and learned the details about the process of managing public broadcasting and solving problems. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said that the government is taking people's problems as a top priority, and the state government is committed to providing a transparent and speedy solution to every request received through the media.

# Milli Legal Aid & Family counselling centres inaugurated in Hyderabad to support needy

Hyderabad, July 28 (GNS): The Milli Legal Aid Centre and Mahalla Family Counselling Centre were formally inaugurated at Abids, Hyderabad, by Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani Sahab, President of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, on 25 July 2026.

The initiative has been established under the guidance of Mufti Omer Abedeen Qasmi Sahab, General Secretary, All India Milli Council – Telangana, with the objective of providing free legal assistance, family counselling, mediation, and support to economically weaker and genuinely needy individuals. The centres aim to resolve family and social disputes through dialogue, counselling, and reconciliation, thereby reducing unnecessary litigation and promoting harmony within society.

Addressing the gathering, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani Sahab highly appreciated the services being rendered by the advocates and counsellors associated with the centres. He stated that the work of counselling families, reconciling estranged spouses, resolving disputes amicably, and extending legal assistance to the oppressed and underprivileged is a noble humanitarian service. He observed that efforts to restore peace within families and provide justice to those in need are among the most meaningful forms of social service.



Speaking on the occasion, Mufti Omer Abedeen Qasmi Sahab said that through the Milli Legal Aid and Counselling Centres established by the All India Milli Council – Telangana, numerous family disputes have been resolved without resorting to prolonged court proceedings. Through patient counselling, mediation, and mutual understanding, many husbands and wives

have been successfully reunited, and several families have been restored to peaceful and harmonious relationships. He emphasized that the centres are committed to promoting justice, reconciliation, and family welfare while ensuring that legal guidance is made accessible to every deserving person.

Momin Roshan Zameer, Advocate, State General Secretary & In-Charge Social Media, Legal Cell (Law, Human Rights and RTI Department), Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), and Member, Hyderabad Waqf Protection and Coordination Committee, Government of Telangana, stated that the Milli Legal Aid Centre and Mahalla Family Counselling Centre have already been serving a large number of people by providing legal guidance, counselling, and assistance to those facing injustice and hardship. He said that every oppressed and deserving person would continue to receive legal support through the Milli Legal Aid Centre. He further appealed to the public to make sincere efforts to resolve family disputes through dialogue, mutual understanding, and counselling at the Milli Council before approaching the courts, as reconciliation often preserves relationships, saves valuable time and resources, and strengthens peace and harmony within families and society.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Afsar Jahan, Secretary, Legal Aid, All India Milli Council – Telangana, Momin Roshan Zameer, Advocate, State General Secretary & In-Charge Social Media, Legal Cell (Law, Human Rights and RTI Department), Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), and Member, Hyderabad Waqf Protection and Coordination Committee, Government of Telangana, Mehmood Bhai, Shujath Hussain, Abdul Rahman Hyder, Aijaz, Misbahuddin, M. M. Ali, Mushtaq, Ismail, Fayaz, Kaleem, Omer, Niheera, Shazia Fatima, Durga, Irfan, Sravani, Tanisha, Nashra, Farhan, Sumaiya, Khatija, Masrath, Naveed, advocates, social workers, volunteers, and several distinguished guests.

At the conclusion of the programme, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani Sahab offered a heartfelt dua (supplication), praying to Almighty Allah to bless the initiative with success and continuity. He prayed for peace, unity, and harmony in society, and sought Allah's guidance and blessings for all those serving through the Milli Legal Aid Centre and Mahalla Family Counselling Centre. He also prayed that these centres continue to help the oppressed, reconcile families, strengthen marital relationships, and provide justice and compassionate assistance to the needy.

## MP Arvind Pursues Railway Infrastructure for Nizamabad

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New Delhi July 28, 2026 :  
In a bid to strengthen railway infrastructure in the Nizamabad Parliamentary constituency, Member of Parliament Arvind Dharmapuri called on Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and sought the Centre's intervention for the early clearance and implementation of several key railway projects.

During the meeting, the MP stressed the need to fast-track pending railway proposals by granting the required administrative and financial approvals. He also requested the Minister to direct the Railway authorities to accelerate the execution of ongoing projects that have already been



sanctioned by the Central Government.

Highlighting region-specific demands, Arvind Dharmapuri urged the Railway Minister to approve a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at

the Navipet railway crossing and construct a Road Under Bridge (RUB) at the Dichpally railway crossing. He said the proposed projects would ease vehicular movement, reduce waiting

time at railway gates, and enhance the safety of commuters and local residents.

The Union Railway Minister responded positively to the representations and assured the MP that the proposals would be reviewed on priority and necessary directions would be issued to the concerned officials. The MP also expressed his gratitude to the Railway Minister for recently sanctioning Road Over Bridges at Indalvai and Janakampet. He stated that the Central Government's continued support would play a vital role in improving railway connectivity, strengthening transport infrastructure, and promoting the overall development of the Nizamabad Parliamentary constituency.

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