

## India's BRICS Presidency Focused on Resilience, Innovation: Modi

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi warned the Brics leaders against the "weaponisation of technology and critical minerals" and called for Brics unity amid global conflicts during the conclusion of the 18th Brics summit on Sunday. China will hold the next summit in 2027 as the next chair. The Brics leaders thanked Mr Modi for his efforts and for successfully hosting the summit.

Summing up the success of the 18th Brics summit, Mr Modi said pandemics, climate disasters, and supply-chain disruptions have shown that in today's interconnected world, no crisis remains confined to a

single region. With bloc leaders like Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian by his side, PM Modi said the number of conflicts and tensions in the world is continuously increasing, causing increasingly negative and far-reaching impact on the lives of ordinary people, leading to supply chain disruptions and climate crises and called for strengthened cooperation and support across the Global South to deal with the situation. The PM warned that the "weaponization of technology and critical minerals" could hinder global development and shared prosperity.

He added that the confidence in Brics has grown because within Brics their voices are heard, their experiences are respected and solutions are developed not for them, but together with them. He added that India has advanced friendship, partnership, and cooperation through the Brics platform.

Giving an idea of the outcomes under India's presidency in Brics, PM Modi said the entire focus was on the themes of the summit, "resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability" and with the support of the Brics countries the grouping leaders could translate their shared vision into "win-win

cooperation."

"Pandemics, climate disasters, and supply-chain disruptions have shown that in today's interconnected world, no crisis remains confined to a single region. Therefore, within the Brics group, we have placed special emphasis on strengthening resilience. It is equally important to identify challenges in time, be prepared for them, and take prompt action," PM said. He added that with this approach, the leaders have agreed on a Brics integrated early warning system for the prevention of and response to infectious diseases. Early warning data integration guidelines have been prepared for di-

saster management, and the Brics logistics supply chain cooperation framework will help make the supply chains more reliable and resilient.

The PM talked about the Brics incubator network that will connect start-ups and incubators with one another, the digital centre of excellence, the centres of excellence for agro-ecology and regenerative agriculture and the Brics Startup Innovation Fund. He added that the Brics network on digital agriculture will create new opportunities for farmers. "Through this initiative, AI, geospatial technology, and digital public infrastructure will be connected to the real needs of farmers.



PM with BRICS Leaders at the 18th BRICS Summit in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

## Amit Shah: UCC in 21 NDA States by 2029

Mumbai, Sept 13 (GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would make efforts to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in all 21 NDA-ruled states before 2029. Addressing a press conference in Mumbai during his two-day visit to Maharashtra, Shah said the UCC had already been introduced in several states and expressed confidence that the remaining NDA-ruled states would work towards implementing it before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. "I am confident that the BJP and NDA-ruled 21 states will introduce the UCC before 2029," Shah said. His remarks on the UCC assume political significance ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. Maharashtra has already constituted a committee to draft legislation on the UCC.

Responding to a question about Bangladeshi in-



filtrators who allegedly return to India despite being deported, and whether the government has a mechanism to detect them, Shah said the details of such mechanisms could not be made public. However, he reiterated the government's resolve to identify and deport every illegal infiltrator from the country.

Shah also announced that the BJP and its NDA allies would organise a month-long nationwide 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' from September 17 to October 17 to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday and high-

light the work undertaken by the government during his tenure. "The BJP and NDA have decided to run the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan for one month across the country," he added.

According to Shah, the campaign will comprise 12 programmes at the national level, including blood donation drives, elocution competitions, cultural and theatrical presentations, painting competitions and programmes showcasing stories of 'Namo Seva'.

The campaign will also feature Anganwadi-related initiatives, the 'Seva Jyoti

Kalash Yatra', 'Seva Mera Yogdan', 'Seva Setu Abhiyan' and programmes aimed at ensuring that government welfare schemes reach a wider section of the population.

Shah said October 7, 2026, would mark 25 years since Modi first assumed public office as Gujarat Chief Minister. He described the period since then as one of significant transformation in both Gujarat and the country.

Claiming that India was caught in a "nexus of corruption, casteism and dynastic politics" before 2014,

## ABVP seeks halt to Umar Khalid documentary screening

Bengaluru, Sept 13 (GNS): The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in Bengaluru has demanded that the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) cancel a proposed campus screening of filmmaker Lalit Vachani's documentary on imprisoned activist Umar Khalid, titled 'Prisoner No. 626710 is Present'. The documentary is scheduled to be screened at NLSIU on September 14 by the Law and Society Committee (Law Soc), a student organisation at the university. The event is being organised in solidarity with Umar Khalid and marks six years since his imprisonment without trial under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with the 2020 Delhi riots.

The proposed screening is part of a wider series of solidarity screenings and gatherings being organised

at different locations across the country. The event comes just a day after Political Prisoners' Day, observed in India on September 13 (Sunday), and also coincides with the date of Umar Khalid's arrest in 2020.

Umar Khalid, a former student leader at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), was arrested in connection with the Delhi riots case and has remained in custody since September 2022. He has been charged under the UAPA and other provisions of law, but the trial in the case is yet to begin. In a press statement, ABVP Bengaluru Secretary Abhinandan Mirji said the RSS-backed student organisation "strongly condemns the proposed campus screening". Mirji said ABVP had also sent a formal complaint through email to the NLSIU administration, urging the university authorities to stop the event.

## PM Modi, Philippines President discuss ways to strengthen India-ASEAN engagement



New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Philippines President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr held a meeting on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit and discussed ways to further strengthen engagement between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

During the meeting, the two leaders reviewed the growing momentum in the India-Philippines Strategic Partnership. PM Modi also extended wishes to President Marcos Jr on his birthday.

"The leaders expressed satisfaction at the progress made in bilateral cooperation across all areas and agreed to further deepen and expand collaboration in the fields of defence and security, trade and investment, space, railway infrastructure, fintech, education, tourism, science and technology, innovation and people-to-people ties. Both leaders agreed to further advance bilateral relations under the aegis of the Strategic Partnership established between the two countries in August 2025 during the State Visit of President Marcos to India," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) men-

tioned in a statement. PM Modi welcomed the Philippines' participation in the BRICS Summit as the current ASEAN chair. He also welcomed the Philippines' decision to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, the MEA statement added.

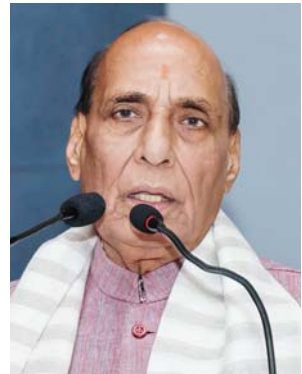
"Delighted to meet President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. Wished him a very happy birthday too. We reviewed the growing momentum in the India-Philippines Strategic Partnership. Key focus areas are: Economic linkages, Technology, Trade, Space, Innovation, Creative industry. We also discussed ways to further strengthen India-ASEAN engagement," PM Modi posted on X. During the meeting, PM Modi and Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and other officials were also present at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, the two leaders warmly greeted each other, and President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. introduced PM Modi to his delegation.

## UP has moved from 'One District, many mafia' to ODOP: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday praised the Yogi Adityanath government for leading a decisive change in Uttar Pradesh's administration and turning its 'character' from mafia-ruled to development-oriented state. He said that the state whose identity once revolved around mafia raj, riots and lawlessness is now being known around the world as one of peace and prosperity.

Addressing a gathering of the Khatik community, the Defence Minister said, "Uttar Pradesh has left behind the identity of One District, Many Mafia and is now known for initiatives like One District, One Dish and One District, One Product (ODOP). Products such as Hathras's 'hing' (asafoetida), Firozabad's glass sculptures, Mathura's 'peda', and Aligarh's locks



are gaining global recognition." He further stated that Uttar Pradesh is advancing rapidly on the path of development with the 'double-engine' government while recalling the times when mafia raj prevailed in Uttar Pradesh, roads were in a dilapidated state, and an atmosphere of insecurity existed.

Crediting CM Yogi Adityanath for the change, he said that Uttar Pradesh is gaining recognition the world over for development and its infrastructure

of global standing. Lauding the bravery of the Khatik community in safeguarding the citizens from British rulers, he said, "In 1946, when Direct Action Day was announced and Hindus in Bengal were being targeted, many members of the Khatik community—led by Gopal Patha—stepped up to the front lines and worked to protect Hindus. In 1857, during the First War of Independence fought in Meerut, members of the Khatik community confronted the British with great valour. The British subjected the Khatiks to severe oppression during their rule, yet the Khatiks sacrificed everything for India's independence."

He also called upon the community to stay united for society's safety at large while cautioning people against any attempts to divide or create rifts.

## Abhishek carry India to clinical seven-wicket victory over Afghanistan

New Delhi, Sep 13 (GNS) After defeats in Ireland and England laid bare the issues with its understrength bowling unit, including severe injury setbacks to key personnel, current T20 World Cup holders India finally found its cutting edge with the ball, setting the foundation for a clinical seven-wicket victory over Afghanistan in the T20I series opener at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Sunday.

Jasprit Bumrah's impactful return from a left knee injury instantly restored bite to the frontline pace attack, as he removed Rahmanullah Gurbaz for a duck to trigger an early Afghanistan collapse. Alongside Arshdeep Singh's standout 3-19 and a frugal stump-to-stump leash from spin duo Axar Patel and Varun Chakaravorthy, who picked a scalp each. It also meant that, apart from pace bowl-



ing being lightweight, India got better returns from its spinners, an area that hurt the three-time T20 World Cup winners on the trip to the United Kingdom. What would concern India, though, was the fifth-bowler quota, shared between Nitish Kumar Reddy, Abhishek Sharma, and Shivam Dube, who conceded 59 runs at an economy rate of 14.75.

Afghanistan found its way back as Azmatullah Omarzai hit a brilliant, un-

beaten counter-attacking 64 off 44 balls, pushing Afghanistan to 156/8, including an 83-run stand with Mohammad Nabi (33).

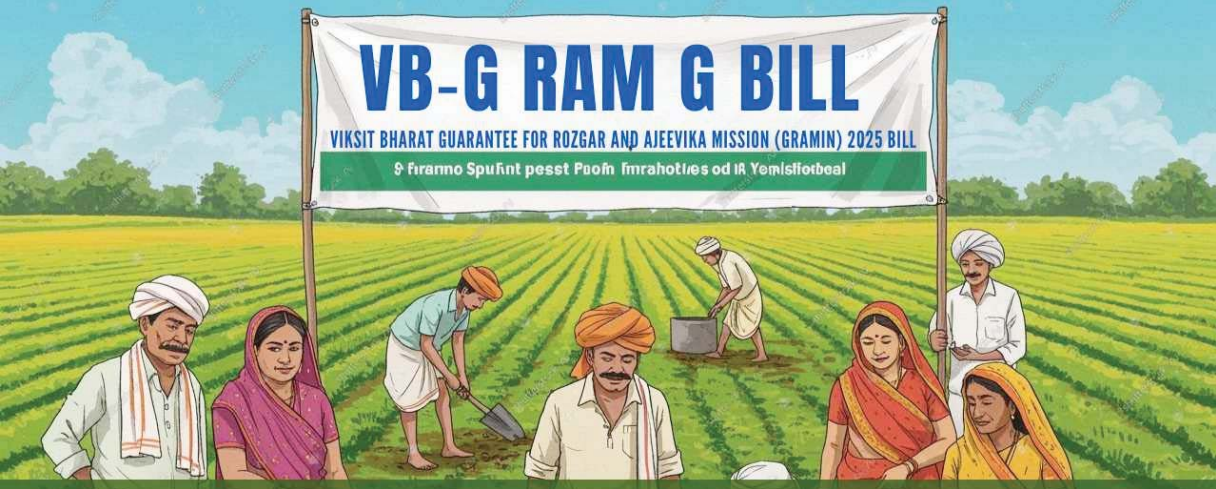
**Brief Scores:** Afghanistan 156/8 in 20 overs (Azmatullah Omarzai 64 not out, Mohammad Nabi 33; Arshdeep Singh 3-19, Varun Chakaravathy 1-16) lost to India 157/3 in 13.4 overs (Abhishek Sharma 82, Ishan Kishan 42; Mohammad Nabi 2-28, Azmatullah Omarzai 1-14) by 7 wickets.

# G-Ram-G's Gandhian vision

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Speaking on the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB G-RAM-G) in Parliament recently, I stated: "This is not a purge of the poor, but the purge of parasites." This statement reflected a administrative reality that reviews and audits have brought to light over the years. The rural employment guarantee scheme had been weakened by fake and duplicate job cards, inflated muster rolls, ghost beneficiaries and organised leakages that diverted public money away from the poorest households for whom the programme was created.

Take West Bengal, for instance, where allegations of 25 lakh fake job cards under MGNREGA, a scam of staggering proportions that diverted public resources meant for the poorest of the poor. When our administration initiated Aadhaar seeding and verification processes, the magnitude of this corruption became impossible to conceal. The state government's lack of cooperation in the investigation, its refusal to furnish proper audit reports and the discovery of fake accounts opened in the names of non-existent persons, all pointed to a scheme that had been weaponised for political patronage rather than poverty alleviation. It was symptomatic of structural weaknesses in a two-decade old legislative framework that could no longer deliver on its promise.



Across India, over 10 lakh such fraudulent cards have been deleted in recent years. The VB G-RAM-G Act builds on this momentum, mandating stricter verification through biometric authentication and real-time digital tracking to root out leakages. A cornerstone of this reform is the revamped funding structure, shifting from the Centre's near -total burden under MGNREGA to a 60:40 cost-sharing model between the Centre and states and 90:10 for Northeastern and Himalayan states. This isn't about offloading responsibility; it's about injecting equal participation from states to foster ownership and vigilance against corruption. This is not burden-shifting; it is burden-sharing with accountability. When states invest directly in rural employment creation and asset development, they have every incentive to ensure proper implementation, eliminate ghost workers and prevent the kind of large-scale fraud that devastated MGNREGA's credibility.

States now share the load

for wages, materials and administration, ensuring they have a direct stake in efficient implementation. Any excess expenditure falls on state coffers, while the Centre allocates funds based on transparent, normative parameters. This collaborative approach curbs the moral hazard of unchecked spending, turning potential adversaries into partners in progress.

By aligning fiscal incentives with performance metrics, the Act empowers states to innovate locally while upholding national standards, a true embodiment of cooperative federalism that the Modi government has championed since 2014. To further enrich cooperative federalism, the Act establishes a robust rozgar council framework, including Central and state councils alongside new national and state steering committees, and strengthens the role of gram panchayats as the true custodians of rural development. Each village now prepares a Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP), which offers poten-

tial for rural development because it begins with local knowledge and village priorities rather than imposing standardised solutions from above. A water-scarce village's VGPP will prioritise water security works, a village with poor connectivity will prioritise roads, a village with agricultural distress will prioritise livelihood assets.

This localised planning, aggregated nationally and integrated with PM Gati Shakti and other national frameworks, represents a sophisticated approach to combining local autonomy with national coherence. This is federalism reinvigorated, power devolved to elected village institutions, while maintaining the Centre's oversight authority to investigate irregularities and enforce accountability. It is precisely the kind of governance architecture that fulfills Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swarajya, where villages function as self-reliant units capable of addressing their own development priorities.

Far from centralis-

ing power, rozgar councils strengthen dialogue between the Union and states, ensuring rural employment aligns with local needs while upholding constitutional cooperative principles. It's a federal bulwark against the silos of the past, where schemes often languished in partisan neglect. Through annual reviews and grievance redress mechanisms, the councils will also monitor outcomes, fostering a culture of accountability that benefits the poorest of the poor.

Our government never ignored MGNREGA. Person-days of employment generated rose 82% between 2014 and 2025 compared to the prior decade. Digital payments, nearly non-existent in 2013, now cover 99.9-100% of wage disbursements through the Aadhaar-based payment system, eliminating the leakages that once plagued wage distribution. Women's participation surged from 48% in 2013-14 to 58.15% in 2025-26, making rural women economic agents of their own empowerment.

# Rise of Nationalism and Decline of Separatism

A nation is not merely a collection of geographical boundaries. It is a living construct shaped by shared history, cultural continuity, constitutional values, collective consciousness, and aspirations for a common future. When a nation achieves clarity about its identity, sovereignty, and unity, its policies inevitably reflect that clarity. In recent years, India has demonstrated such resolve with increasing consistency-most notably in its approach toward Jammu & Kashmir, a region long marked by political ambiguity, exceptionalism, and ideological contestation. Recent developments in the region indicate a profound shift not only in policy and governance but also in political discourse and symbolic representation. Among these developments is the decision by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq-historically associated with the Hurriyat Conference-to remove the designation "Hurriyat Chairman" from his verified X (formerly Twitter) profile. While, at first glance, this may appear to be a minor or personal digital adjustment, within the framework of contemporary political communication such acts carry deeper significance. Public self-identification on social media has become an extension of political legitimacy and ideological positioning. Consequently, the withdrawal of an explicitly separatist title from a public platform reflects an implicit acknowledgment of a transformed political environment-one in which separatist symbolism no longer enjoys the legitimacy, resonance, or strategic utility it once did.

These developments point toward a broader political, ideological, and psychological transition underway in Jammu & Kashmir. They compel a fundamental inquiry: has nationalism in contemporary India remained merely one political option among many, or has it evolved into an unavoidable structural necessity? This article examines that question by tracing the historical roots of separatist discourse, analyzing the impact of constitutional and policy reforms, and evaluating the emerging reality in which nationalism increasingly functions as the primary framework of political legitimacy in New India. The political trajectory of Jammu & Kashmir has been shaped by the circumstances surrounding India's independence and partition in 1947. Pakistan-sponsored aggression, a hastily negotiated ceasefire, international mediation, and a series of internal political accommodations produced a prolonged condition of uncertainty. Unlike other regions integrated into the Indian Union, Jammu & Kashmir evolved within a framework of constitutional exceptionalism.

This exceptional status, though initially conceived as transitional, gradually institutionalized political ambiguity. Over time, it contributed to administrative opacity, weakened accountability, and fostered a perception of separateness. Rather than resolving political anxieties, this framework deepened alienation and enabled the growth of narratives that questioned India's sovereignty over the region.

Constitutional provisions described as "temporary" were steadily transformed into permanent political instruments. These provisions reshaped governance and political culture in several adverse ways. Equal access to education, healthcare, and employment remained limited. Democratic competition became increasingly dynastic, while corruption flourished under the shield of political exceptionalism.

More significantly, these provisions provided ideological legitimacy to separatist forces. The notion of a "special status" was repeatedly employed to argue for political distance from the Indian constitutional framework. Within this environment, separatist organizations projected themselves as authentic representatives of popular will, despite lacking democratic accountability or mass electoral endorsement. Separatist discourse consistently invoked the language of democracy, human rights, and self-determination. However, a closer examination of its operational methods reveals deep contradictions. Violence was normalized as a political tool, terrorism was reframed as resistance, and civil unrest was encouraged through street-level mobilization, particularly among youth.

The ordinary citizen-whose daily concerns centered on education, livelihood, and security-found little representation within this framework. Dissenting voices were marginalized, and alternative political aspirations were often silenced. Conversely, separatist politics functioned less as a democratic movement and more as a closed ideological ecosystem resistant to reform or accountability.

Decisive Leadership and the Shift in Policy Orientation

A discernible transformation in India's national political approach became evident after 2014. Governance priorities shifted decisively from appeasement toward resolution, from instability toward institutional order, and from strategic ambiguity toward policy clarity. This recalibration was particularly consequential in the context of Jammu & Kashmir. The state's approach moved away from crisis management toward structural correction. Policy decisions were framed not merely to contain unrest but to address its ideological and administrative roots. This period marked the beginning of a broader redefinition of political legitimacy in the region.

The constitutional reforms of 2019 represented a watershed moment in the political history of Jammu & Kashmir. Their significance extended far beyond legal restructuring. By dismantling the psychological divide between "special" and "separate," these reforms asserted the principle of constitutional equality and reaffirmed the primacy of national sovereignty.

The reforms weakened the ideological foundations of separatism by removing the legal ambiguities that sustained it. For the first time in decades, the constitutional framework offered clarity rather than compromise, and integration rather than exception. Policy clarity soon translated into observable changes on the ground. Incidents of violence declined significantly, stone-pelting nearly disappeared, and public life-schools, markets, and institutions-returned to relative normalcy. Tourism and investment witnessed measurable growth, signaling renewed confidence in stability. hese developments illustrate a critical principle: peace is not sustained through political ambiguity but through governance rooted in consistency and institutional strength. Stability, once elusive, began to acquire tangible form.

Symbolism, Identity, and Political Realignment

In contemporary politics, symbolism often precedes structural change. The gradual distancing of prominent figures from overtly separatist identifiers-such as the removal of the "Hurriyat Chairman" designation from public digital profiles-must be interpreted within this broader context. Such actions signal an acceptance of altered political realities and an implicit recognition of declining ideological relevance.

These symbolic shifts do not occur in isolation. They reflect a changing calculus in which association with separatist identity increasingly entails political marginalization rather than influence. Social media has emerged as a critical arena for political self-representation. In this digital public sphere, identity declarations are not incidental; they serve as markers of ideological alignment and legitimacy. Changes in public self-identification thus offer valuable insight into broader political transformations.

In Jammu & Kashmir, digital platforms have begun to mirror the reorientation of political discourse-from confrontation to adaptation, and from ideological rigidity to pragmatic repositioning.

The Silent Majority: Aspirations of the Ordinary Citizen

For decades, separatist narratives claimed to articulate the collective will of Kashmir's population. However, empirical realities suggest a different picture. The majority of citizens seek stability, opportunity, and dignity rather than perpetual conflict. Education, employment, and peace increasingly define popular aspirations.

This silent majority, long overshadowed by ideological extremism, has gradually become more visible and confident. Its emergence challenges the representational claims of separatist politics and reinforces the legitimacy of integrative governance.

Democracy, Dissent and National Integrity Democracy thrives on dissent, but dissent operates within the framework of constitutional order. Violence, territorial fragmentation, and external interference fall outside democratic legitimacy. National integrity remains the foundational condition for democratic pluralism.

# Trump's Peace Board raises old questions

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THE Board of Peace established by US President Donald Trump has so far found few takers. Invitations have reportedly gone out to 60 countries, asking them to join "an international organisation that seeks to promote stability, restore dependable and lawful governance, and secure enduring peace in areas affected or threatened by conflict." Quite clearly, it is not the same Board of Peace that was envisaged in Trump's facile 20-point Gaza peace plan. That one was to be a transitional body, headed by Trump, to supervise a proposed interim, technocratic Palestinian committee for the day-to-day running of Gaza. The UNSC endorsed the idea and gave the Board a two-year mandate.

This one is entirely different. Trump sees it as a free-range body, unrestricted by national boundaries or questions of sovereignty, to intervene in situations of conflict around the world, all under his leadership. With his offer of "permanent seats" to countries that will pay a membership fee of \$1 billion, Trump does not see the body as bound by any UN rules, much less the UNSC's two-year mandate that is due to end in November 2027. France has let on that it does not intend to join this latest of Trump's many unilateral moves to reshape the world in his image. Canada's PM Mark Carney has



said he was prepared to consider it "on principle", but he will not pay for membership.

India has received the invitation, too, and is reported to be weighing its options, like most other nations facing this googy. It is worth remembering that this is not the first time that India has been invited to join a US-led coalition to carry out the agenda of the president-in-office at the time.

The pressure the US brought to to send soldiers to Iraq in 2003 is no secret. Admittedly, today's US under its current President is unrecognisable from the one 22 years ago, and the geopolitics is far more complex today. But then, so was India not half the country it is today, nor did its leadership flaunt itself as Vishwaguru. The story of how Delhi held its nerve during those tense months serves as a useful reminder of a time when Raisina Hill was able to stiffen its back

and hold its own in tough circumstances.

When George W Bush invaded Iraq on the double lie that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and that he was in cahoots with Osama bin Laden, the US-India romance was in its early stages. On March 19, 2003, without explicit authorisation from the Security Council, the US and the UK carried out what they called a "pre-emptive" attack on Iraq. Earlier, in an effort to build an international "coalition of the willing" for the war, the US had asked 50 countries — India was not in this list — to assist it in the endeavour, hoping in this way to build international legitimacy. Only 30 responded, and apparently 15 others wanted their names to not be listed publicly. Britain sent 45,000 troops, while Australia and Poland also sent small numbers of ground forces. Others gave assistance in a non-com-

bat capacity. It was only weeks after Bush declared in May 2003 that the US mission in Iraq had been accomplished that the US approached India for a division of troops (around 18,000 soldiers) to work under the overall command of the two occupying powers, the US and the UK, and help "stabilise" the situation.

The Indian Parliament had "deplored" (rather than the stronger "condemned") the invasion of Iraq and called the US military action "unacceptable". The Vajpayee government's response to the US request for assistance — that it had good relations with both the US and Iraq, and therefore would take the "middle path" — saw US diplomacy swing into action.

The US envoy in India, Robert Blackwill, who enjoyed enormous goodwill and access in Delhi, and other especially dispatched Bush emissaries

worked on the government. In an interview to The Hindu, Blackwill spoke of a "major role" for India on the "inner board of directors" that would be in charge of security in Iraq during its transition to democracy. Blackwill projected that India's role on the security side would also give it influence on the political and diplomatic aspects of the transition.

When Home Minister LK Advani visited the US in early June, President Bush and Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld spoke to him on the subject of India sending soldiers to Iraq. Advani made no commitment. His visit was followed by the arrival of Pentagon officials in India. The strategic community was divided. Those who supported sending troops said it would help India break out of its "South Asia box" and increase its standing in the world.

The late B Raman, who retired as head of the counter-terrorism division of the Research and Analysis Wing, warned of dire consequences. "Indian troops will get sucked into a bloody counter-insurgency operation as the surrogates of the U.S., losing whatever goodwill India had earned in Iraq and the rest of the Arab world in the past," Raman wrote warning that "a new breed of jihadi terrorists born out of the Iraq war" would start targeting India, making the domestic counter-terrorism challenge even tougher.

# Power Minister inaugurates the Centre; says it will play a key role in supporting informed and forward-looking regulation

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): The Centre jointly established by IIT Delhi, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and Grid Controller of India Ltd. (Grid India), marks an important step towards strengthening India's regulatory capacity in a rapidly evolving power sector characterised by growing electricity demand, large-scale renewable energy integration, expanding power markets, and increasing use of digital technologies.

The Centre of Excellence is envisaged as a national-level hub for regulatory research, capacity building, advisory support and knowledge dissemination. By locating the



Centre within a premier academic institution and anchoring it through close collaboration between the national power regulator and the system operator, the initiative brings together policy, regulation, system

operations and academic research in a single institutional framework.

The Centre will work closely with CERC and Grid India to identify key regulatory and sectoral challenges, support capacity building

and human resource development to strengthen institutional capabilities and promote effective knowledge management and dissemination. It will undertake cutting-edge research with access to global academic

and policy networks, while also providing advisory and consultancy support to regulators and other power sector stakeholders.

While inaugurating the Centre at IIT Delhi today, Shri Manohar Lal said that

as India moves towards clean energy, competitive markets and consumer-centric reforms, strong regulation backed by knowledge and research becomes essential. This Centre of Excellence at IIT Delhi will play

a key role in supporting informed and forward-looking regulation, he said.

The work of the Centre of Excellence will directly support policy and regulatory decision-making by addressing the power sector trilemma of affordability, sustainability, and efficiency. It will strengthen institutional capacity within distribution utilities and regulatory commissions, and equip regulators and policymakers with robust analytical tools and India-wide system models to evaluate regulatory proposals through the lens of consumer welfare, system reliability, and investment signals. At the economy-wide level, the

Centre will inform power sector reforms at a critical juncture, as solar and wind energy become mainstream and fundamentally reshape power system planning, operations, and regulatory frameworks.

Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi, said that we are delighted to be partnering with CERC and GRID India for this new Centre. The Institute is keen to create new knowledge and analysis that will enable our electricity sector to be sustainable, affordable and future ready. Together we also hope to enable capacity building and enhancement of electricity regulatory organisations and power sector professionals.

## Strengthening Scientific Institutions Like ZSI Key to India's Blue Economy Vision and Environmental Goals: Dr Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh has said that Andaman & Nicobar Islands' biodiversity is crucial for environmental and economic security. The Minister was highlighting the strategic importance of island biodiversity, during his visit to the Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) at Sri Vijaya Puram.

Addressing scientists and officials, Dr Jitendra Singh

said the Andaman & Nicobar Islands represent a "living laboratory of biodiversity", where cutting-edge science must go hand in hand with conservation and sustainable livelihoods. He noted that institutions like ZSI play a critical role in generating authentic scientific data that guides national policies on biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and ocean-based economic growth.

During the visit, the Minister was received by Dr C. Sivaperuman, Scientist-F and Officer-in-Charge, who briefed him on the mandate of the Regional Centre, its ongoing research programmes, and its pivotal

contribution to documenting, conserving, and monitoring the unique faunal diversity of the islands. The briefing highlighted ZSI's work in taxonomy, molecular systematics, DNA barcoding, biodiversity assessment, and capacity building.

Established in 1977, the Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre of ZSI has completed five decades of sustained scientific service. It has emerged as a nodal institution for tropical island biodiversity research, having completed nearly 90 research programmes across multiple faunal groups. Scientists of the Centre have published 85 books and over

850 research papers in reputed national and international journals, significantly enriching India's biodiversity knowledge base.

Dr Jitendra Singh also visited the ZSI Museum, one of the prominent tourist and educational destinations in the islands, which houses around 3,500 specimens representing 22 faunal groups. He was apprised of the museum's role in public outreach, awareness generation and education, with annual footfall ranging between 75,000 and 1,00,000 visitors, including students, researchers and tourists. The Minister showed keen interest in the curated ref-

erence collections, type specimens and exhibits showcasing endemic, endangered and threatened fauna of the archipelago. The Minister was informed that scientists of the Centre have reported more than 20 species new to science, including the Narcondam Tree Shrew, and documented nearly 900 new faunal records from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India, and Southeast Asia, underscoring the global significance of the region's biodiversity.

Dr Jitendra Singh was also briefed on the role of ZSI, Port Blair as the nodal centre for India's first National Coral Reef Research Institute

(NCMRI), aimed at strengthening coral reef research and monitoring in Indian waters. He noted that such focused institutions are vital for safeguarding fragile marine ecosystems and supporting evidence-based marine governance.

Interacting with scientists and staff, the Minister emphasized the need for greater integration of scientific research with public policy, conservation planning and community awareness. He said robust scientific institutions are central to achieving India's environmental goals and realizing the full potential of the Blue Economy in a sustainable manner.

## Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Digital India BHASHINI Division and National Health Authority

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), participated in the Chintan Shivir – National Review of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), held on 19 January 2026 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The review meeting was organised by the National Health Authority (NHA) and brought together senior officials from the Union and State Governments, technical institutions, and implementing agencies to review progress and accelerate the adoption of digital health initiatives across the country.

The deliberations were aligned with the national objective of advancing digital health through AI-driven innovation and inclusive language access, with a focus on ensuring that digital health platforms are usable, accessible, and effective across linguistic and geographic boundaries.

A key highlight of Day 1 of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Health Authority and the Digital India BHASHINI Division to enable multilingual translation services and AI-powered language support across NHA's digital health platforms, including AB PM-JAY and ABDM.

The MoU was exchanged during the inaugural session in the presence of senior leadership from the Government of Odisha, the National Health Authority, and partner institutions. The collaboration will integrate BHASHINI's language technologies, including translation APIs, speech recognition, and text-to-speech tools, into beneficiary-facing and administrative applications, thereby strengthening last-mile service delivery and enhancing citizen engagement.

The National Review meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Secretary, Health, Government of Odisha, followed by opening remarks by the Chief

Executive Officer, National Health Authority. The inaugural session was graced by Shri Mukesh Mahaling, Minister for Health, Government of Odisha, as the Chief Guest. The occasion also witnessed the launch of the Health Benefit Package Manual and a compendium of Best Practices under AB PM-JAY, along with the exchange of MoUs with partner institutions.

Shri Amitabh Nag, CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division, participated in the MoU signing and delivered a presentation on "Advancing Digital Health with AI

Innovation and Inclusive Language Access." He highlighted that as digital health systems scale across the

country, the adoption of artificial intelligence becomes a natural progression. He emphasized that for AI to deliver meaningful public value in a linguistically diverse country like India, it must be multilingual and voice-enabled, ensuring that language does not become a barrier to accessing healthcare services.

He further noted that language AI can significantly enhance citizen engagement, grievance redressal mechanisms, clinical documentation, and the overall accessibility of digital public health platforms.

During the Chintan Shivir deliberations, Shri Kiran Gopal Vaska, Joint Secretary, ABDM, highlighted the practical benefits of language AI

in healthcare delivery. He noted that AI-enabled tools such as voice-to-text and natural language processing can help address the time constraints faced by doctors by enabling seamless patient-doctor interactions while allowing electronic health records to be created automatically, thereby improving efficiency and strengthening digital health systems.

Through this partnership, the Digital India BHASHINI Division will support the National Health Authority in deploying multilingual and voice-enabled solutions across beneficiary-facing and administrative platforms, with provisions for responsible data governance, secure system integration.

## Cell Broadcast: Geo-Targeted Emergency Alerts Saving Lives

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Government of India, has been conferred the "SKOCH Award-2025" for its Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS).

The award ceremony was held as part of the 104th SKOCH Summit on the theme "Resourcing Viksit Bharat". The SKOCH Award goes to individuals, projects, and institutions both government and private, across India for outstanding work in improving governance and development, recognizing excellence in sectors like finance, tech, health, education, and grassroots work, essentially honouring those making significant, positive impact on citizens and the nation.

C-DOT's Cell Broadcast Solution is a disaster and emergency platform which brings disaster alert generation agencies- India Meteorological Department (IMD) for weather, Central Water Commission (CWC) for floods, Indian National

Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for approving the alerts & disaster management, on a single integrated unified platform. This unified platform provides end-to-end solutions for delivery of near real time life-saving emergency information in affected area to mobile phones through cellular networks. This indigenous, cost effective and fully automated system has enabled geo-targeted, multi-hazard alerting with multi lingual (21 languages) support, improving overall efficiency of disaster risk reduction & management activities.

The initiative aligns with United Nations initiative of Early Warnings for All (#EW4All), International Telecommunication Union's (ITU's) – Common Alerting Protocol (CAP), 'Call to Action' and promotes United Nations SDGs (Sustainable Development Goal) while enhancing country's capacity building efforts towards disaster resilience.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay, CEO, C-DOT, said, "We are honoured to win the prestigious SKOCH Award 2025, it is a meaningful recognition of C-DOT's mission to place technology at the service of citizens, which can reach even the remotest and vulnerable regions of the country. Our Cell Broadcast Solution strengthens public safety system by enabling geo-targeted timely dissemination of information to citizens affected.

## Young Chefs Are Torchbearers of India's Culinary Heritage: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

New Delhi, Sept 13 (GNS): Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts and Nutritional Sciences, Pune emerged as the Winner of the maiden PHDCCI National Young Chef Competition (NYCC) 2025-26, at the Grand Finale held at the Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Pusa, New Delhi. Maharashtra State IHMCT, Pune and IHM Pusa, New Delhi were declared the 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up, respectively. The Best Bhaja Dish award was conferred upon Chef's Kitchen Institute of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management, Kolhapur.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Tourism and Culture, Government of India, said,

"Indian cuisine is among our most powerful cultural assets and a vital pillar of tourism-led growth. Our food traditions reflect the diversity, wisdom and lived heritage of our regions, and our young chefs are the torchbearers of this legacy." He noted that rapid urbanisation and changing consumption patterns offer Indian chefs a unique opportunity to lead innovation in value-added, nutritionally balanced and ready-to-eat food solutions rooted in traditional knowledge systems. "Platforms like NYCC nurture chefs who are deeply rooted in tradition yet globally confident, capable of representing India's culinary excellence

on the world stage," he added. The Grand Finale brought together 10 leading hospitality institutions representing all four zones of the country—Asian Christian Culinary & Agricultural Science Institute, Hosur; Chef's Kitchen Institute of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management, Kolhapur; Culinary Academy of India, Hyderabad; IHM Bhubaneswar; IHM Kolkata; IHM Kufri; IHM Pusa, New Delhi; IHM Hyderabad; Maharashtra State IHMCT, Pune; and Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts and Nutritional Sciences, Pune—highlighting the pan-India character of the competition. The finalists were evaluated by an eminent jury comprising Chef

Nand Lal Sharma, Deputy General Manager, Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation; Chef Debjeet Majumdar, Consultant Chef & Co-Founder, Passion 4 Hospitality; Chef Nitin Shende, Professor – Food Production, GIHMCT Nagpur; Chef Srinivas V, Executive Chef, Travel Food Services; and Chef M. Prabu, Joint Registrar, Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, under the chairmanship of Chef Anil Grover, Certified WorldChefs Judge.

Organised by PHDCCI in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA) and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill

Council (THSC), NYCC marked the culmination of a six-month nationwide culinary journey celebrating India's rich gastronomic heritage while creating a focused national platform for Indian cuisine.

Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Anil Parashar, Chair – Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI, said, "NYCC was envisioned not merely as a competition, but as a national movement to restore pride in Indian cuisine among young professionals. The overwhelming response from institutions across India validates the relevance and timing of this initiative."

The NYCC Steering Committee comprised Chef Manjit Gill, President,

IFCA; Chef Anil Grover, Certified WorldChefs Judge; Chef Sudhir Sibal, Founder Member, IFCA; Mr. Rajan Bahadur, CEO, THSC; Prof. Kamal Kant Pant, Principal, IHM Pusa; and Mr. Amarjit Singh Ahuja, Director–Procurement, Le Meridien New Delhi. Delivering the theme address, Chef Manjit Gill, President, IFCA and Chair of the NYCC Steering Committee, said, "Indian cuisine is not merely a collection of recipes; it is a philosophy shaped by history, science and cultural memory. NYCC encourages young chefs to respect the roots of Indian cooking and reinterpret them with honesty, skill and responsibility."

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-Chair – Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI, noted, "NYCC exemplifies the power of collaboration between industry, academia and government. With mentorship, national exposure and fair evaluation, young talent becomes confident, employable and future-ready." The Grand Finale followed an intense live cook-off format, challenging participants to prepare a traditional Bhojan—including a bhaja preparation, main dish, vegetable and pulses preparations, curd preparation, rice or bread, and a sweet—within two and a half hours, with evaluation based on technique, authenticity, innovation, sustainability and presentation.

Presenting the NYCC journey and vision ahead, Ms. Shalini S. Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, said that from the curtain-raiser to four zonal rounds across North, East, West and South India, NYCC engaged over 100 hospitality institutions nationwide, with plans to scale it into a sustained national platform offering structured mentorship and industry integration.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Ms. Meena Bhatia, Co-Chair – Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI, reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to institutionalising NYCC as a flagship national initiative and expanding its impact in the years ahead.

# Rosaiah's fiscal management helped Telangana prosper: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday credited former chief minister K. Rosaiah's financial stewardship for helping Telangana emerge as a financially prosperous state with a surplus budget of `16,000 crore at the time of bifurcation in 2014. Revanth Reddy, speaking after laying the foundation stone for the Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam at Uppal Bhagayat, recalled the role played by leaders from the Arya Vysya community in previous governments, particularly in undivided Andhra Pradesh. He said former chief ministers, including Chenna Reddy, Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy and Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, had entrusted Rosaiah with the key responsibility of managing the state's finances.

"It was the Congress that



gave Rosaiah the opportunity and the respect he deserved. Despite multiple chief ministers changing over a 16-year period, Rosaiah remained the steadfast finance minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh," he said. Revanth Reddy also recalled his personal association with Rosaiah and said the former chief minister was among the first to recognise his long-term political potential when he first entered the Legislative Council.

"Rosaiah also blessed me to pursue a great political career, while advising me to maintain restraint, after observing me speak aggressively as an MLC," the Chief Minister recalled.

The Chief Minister defended his government's decision to install Rosaiah's statue in Hyderabad against criticism that he belonged to Andhra Pradesh. He said prominent leaders transcended regional boundaries. "We installed the statue of Rosaiah in the heart of Hyderabad to honour and uphold his legacy after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Rosaiah always maintained that he has been staying in Hyderabad for 40 years and declared the city as his home during good and difficult times," he pointed out. Revanth Reddy also recalled Mahatma Gandhi's

contribution to the freedom struggle and his influence beyond India.

"Mahatma Gandhi's main principle of non-violence played an important role in the fight for independence by many countries. "A son of the Arya Vysya community, he rose from India to become a global leader. It is a matter of pride that Mahatma Gandhi, a leader of global stature, belonged to the Congress," he emphasised. Stating that he had always been a well-wisher of the Arya Vysya community, Revanth Reddy said the community helped the poor during times of financial distress. He said the community had not received the recognition it deserved and assured government assistance for the construction of the Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam.

## Police to grill ex-soldier in Secunderabad armoury heist case



Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): A court in Telangana's Secunderabad has sent former army NCO Upputholla Mallesh to police custody for seven days in connection with the theft of firearms and ammunition from the 20 Battalion, Madras Regiment's armoury in Bolarum. Police will take the accused into custody on Monday for further interrogation in the sensational case, sources said on Sunday. The investigators will grill Mallesh further on the basis of information provided by him during the preliminary questioning after his arrest.

Mallesh, 37, had allegedly committed the theft on the intervening night of August 30 and 31. The police had announced the arrest of Mallesh on September 11. The same day, he was sent to judicial custody for 14 days and lodged at Chanchalguda Central Prison.

Telangana Police will also share details to be gathered during the questioning with the National Investigation Agency (NIA)

and Army authorities for further investigation.

Telangana Director General of Police C. V. Anand had stated at the press conference on Friday that prima facie, Mallesh acted alone in committing the offence. He, however, had said that police were continuing the investigation into the possible role of others. During police custody, investigators are likely to elicit information from Mallesh if he was helped by anyone in committing the offence and if he handed over weapons to others for hiding.

The DGP had announced that the entire cache of arms and ammunition stolen from Kote & Magazine of 20 Battalion, Madras Regiment was recovered. Bollaram police, along with Hyderabad Task Force and SOT Malkajgiri Commissionerate, had arrested Mallesh in a joint operation. The intention behind the theft preliminarily appears to be disgruntlement out of early retirement from service, the DGP had said.

## Will not quit Congress party, says former Minister Konda Surekha

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): Konda Surekha, who was dropped from the Telangana Cabinet early this month for indiscipline, and her husband Konda Murali made it clear on Sunday that they will not leave the Congress party.

They said that positions were never important to them and that they would like to be always remembered by people.

The couple was addressing their supporters in Warangal. This was the first public address since Surekha was dropped from the Cabinet by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The action was taken against her after the Congress high command took serious note of her reply to the show-cause notice issued by the party after her daughter Konda Sushmitha's outbursts against the Chief Minister.

Surekha said she was not upset over being removed from the Cabinet but was unhappy over the reason cited for the same.

The MLA voiced concern over what she called politics of opportunism. "From the MPP post, I rose to the position of a minister. Some people switch parties every day," she remarked, while targeting her rivals. She recalled that she had quit as the minister for the sake of former Chief Minister Y. S. Ra-



jasekhara Reddy. Surekha alleged that some people hatched conspiracies to deny her ticket. She said K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) called her to give her the ticket from Warangal East in 2014, and as the TRS candidate she defeated the then minister of the Congress party.

Surekha, who joined the Congress party in 2018 and was elected from the same constituency as the Congress ticket in 2023, stated that because of her victory, people of Warangal East were living peacefully. She also revealed that some people were planning an agitation over her removal as the minister, but she advised them to abide by the high command's decision.

Surekha made it clear she will not sit at home for losing the post of minister but would remain amidst people and will win majority seats in the ensuing elections for Warangal Corporation.

# Revenue Minister Ponguleti blames BRS for 22A prohibited land list mess

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): Days after blaming revenue officials for the prohibited lands controversy and apologising for the hardship caused to property owners, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday changed tack on the Assembly floor, seeking to pin the controversy on the previous BRS government. Further, he argued that the Congress government was cleaning up an inherited mess.

During a short-duration discussion on prohibited lands, Srinivas Reddy claimed that 1,02,05,250 acres were in the 22-A list as of August 31, including 96,36,777 acres of govern-



ment agricultural land, 3,73,930 acres of private agricultural land, 1,94,543 acres of non-agricultural land and 5,12,792 acres of endowment land.

He argued that the problem was not created by the Congress government. He said the prohibited-list extent actually fell by 47,440

acres since the BRS left office, with 23,000 acres restored to people and another 20,000 acres removed after errors in old government orders were identified. The Revenue Minister broadened the attack, accusing the BRS of exploiting the Dharamani portal for land irregularities. He admitted that around 25,000 houses were covered in the 22A list and acknowledged that several decades ago the government itself had assigned land to poor people for housing. He sought suggestions on resolving ownership issues in assigned lands.

Srinivas Reddy questioned why a government that ruled

for a decade had failed to resolve longstanding disputes over assigned lands. He reiterated the government's plan to complete a comprehensive land survey across Telangana within the next 18 months. Pilot surveys were already underway in 70 revenue villages in each district, he said. He alleged that both BRS and BJP were following the same script on the 22A issue to target the ruling Congress. He criticised BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao and BJP floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy for alleging that around 42,000 acres in Yadadri Bhongir district were wrongfully included in the prohibition list.

## Adilabad airport work has been accelerated: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): Union Minister Kishan Reddy said that the work on the Adilabad airport project, which is a long-awaited dream of the people of North Telangana, has been accelerated. He discussed the progress of this commercially and strategically important project with Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu in Delhi today.

Kishan Reddy revealed in this meeting that the Ministry of Defence has given its full approval for the development of Joint User Airfield (JUA) in Adil-



abad. He said that it has been decided to appoint a nodal officer each from the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Civil Aviation and the Telangana government by next week to expedite the progress of the project. He said that it has been decided

to complete the process of preparing the DPR and Master Plan at the earliest.

Kishan Reddy recalled that a team of officials inspected the site on April 17 and approved the construction of a 2.75-km runway. He said that in addition to the 369.45 acres with the Indian Air Force (IAF), the state government will acquire another 1,500 acres of land. He explained that Air Force training centers and hangars will be set up here, as well as a civil terminal and maintenance center for civil aircraft under the auspices of the Airports Authority of India.

## Ponnam Ashok Goud filed nomination for chairman, bar council of Telangana

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): Ponnam Ashok Goud Garu, Member, Bar Council of Telangana and Chairman, Legal Cell - Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), filed his nomination for the post of Chairman, Bar Council of Telangana, at the Bar Council of Telangana, High Court of Telangana, on 12-09-2026.

On this occasion, Ponnam Anoop Goud, Ponnam Mahesh Goud, N. Uma Shankar, Venkateswara Reddy, E. Deva, Momin Roshan Zameer, P. Rajshekhar, P. Ganesh, Venu Gopal Goud, Rajkumar, Ashwin, Rajnish, Inayatullah, Anand, Silam, Satyanarayana, Nagesh, Srujan, along with other advocates and



Legal Cell - TPCC members, were present and extended their support and best wishes to Ponnam Ashok Goud Garu. Best

wishes to Ponnam Ashok Goud Garu for his nomination and candidature for the Chairmanship of the Bar Council of Telangana.



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## 1.51 Lakh Cases Settled in Hyderabad Lok Adalat

Hyderabad, Sept 13 (GNS): More than 1.51 lakh compoundable criminal cases, including 3,896 cyber fraud cases, were settled during the third National Lok Adalat held in Hyderabad, Telangana Police said on Sunday.

A total of 1,51,164 cases were successfully disposed of during the National Lok Adalat, held to facilitate the amicable settlement of various types of compoundable cases across the state through compromise and mutual agreement between the parties, it said. The initiative aimed to reduce the pendency of cases in courts

while saving valuable time and expenses for litigants.

The National Lok Adalat achieved remarkable success across the state by resolving a wide range of legal disputes and providing financial relief to victims of cyber fraud, according to a release from the office of the Director General of Police.

People were encouraged to fully utilise this opportunity to settle their cases efficiently and expeditiously. In furtherance of the same, the Police department identified eligible compoundable cases for settlement and served notices to both parties.



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