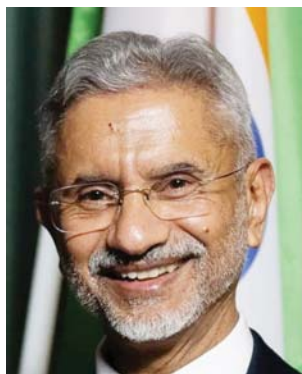


Delhi SIR: Advani, Jaishankar, Dhankhar get voter notices

NEW DELHI, Sept 20 (GNS): Former deputy prime minister LK Advani, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, former vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar and Election Commissioner SS Sandhu are among the many prominent figures in the list of voters who have been issued notices for "discrepancies" in their details furnished under the SIR exercise, officials said on Sunday. After publication of draft rolls of over 97 lakh voters under the SIR, 33.13 lakh notices were being issued over "discrepancies" in details furnished by people



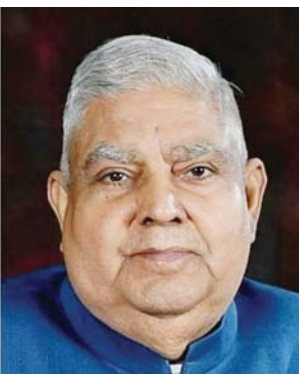
in their enumeration forms. Most notices were issued for voter details not matching with the information in the last SIR in 2002.

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, who along with his wife was issued notices un-



der the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls under the "unmapped with last SIR" category, lashed out at the EC and called the SIR "special intensive deletion" of votes.

The Delhi Chief Electoral



Officer's office, however, maintained that system-generated notices were being issued to voters with discrepancies to correct their data in ECINET and stressed that "there is no existential crisis as is being

brought out in social and print". The list of voters issued notices has been uploaded on the website of the Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). Those who have already been issued notice or who are to be issued one soon include foreign secretary Vikram Misri, ex Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, former JNU VC M Jagadesh Kumar, ex Delhi LG Najeeb Jung, former NITI Aayog vice chairman Arvind Panagariya, SEBI chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey, former army chief Upendra Dwevedi and CBI Director Praveen Sood, officials said. Most

of the prominent voters to whom notices were issued come under the New Delhi Assembly seat.

The Delhi CEO office said the issuance of a notice does not mean that the voter's name will be deleted from the electoral rolls.

Advani, 98, his daughter Pratibha and daughter-in-law Geetika have been issued notices after their names could not be mapped to the 2002 SIR electoral roll, while his son Jayant has cleared the mapping exercise. All four are voters in the New Delhi Assembly constituency.

Rahul Gandhi questions lack of safe student hostels



NEW DELHI, Sept 20 (GNS): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday hit out at the Modi government over the issue of hostel facilities for students asking why they are "forced to live in unsafe PGs" and also sought to know the status of the investigation into the Satya Niketan building collapse incident. In a social media post, Gandhi shared pictures from the interaction he had on Saturday in Indore with the family of a student from Madhya Pradesh who died in the Satya Niketan building collapse in Delhi on September 6, in which seven people, including students, were killed.

Among those killed was 21-year-old Arpit Jaj, a native of Dewas in Madhya Pradesh. Gandhi invited Jaj's family on stage during his youth outreach programme 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' in Indore on Saturday. In his post in Hindi on X on Sunday, the Congress leader said, "What was that innocent soul's fault? This is the question being asked, with tear-filled eyes, by the family that lost their son, Arpit Jaj, in the Satya Niketan tragedy."

Had there been good, safe hostels, they would not have

been forced to house their child in such a dangerous place, the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said. And had safety standards truly been adhered to, perhaps this tragedy, "one that neither the students nor their parents could have ever imagined, "would never have occurred, he said. The system's irresponsibility and corruption have snuffed out lives full of dreams and devastated families filled with hope, Gandhi alleged.

"Like the rest of the country, Arpit's family is demanding accountability. They want responsibility to be fixed regarding the lives of students, ensuring that no other parent has to endure the pain of losing a child in this manner," he said. "I have a direct question for the system: Why aren't new, safe hostels being built? Why are students forced to live in unsafe PGs? What is the status of the investigation into the Satya Niketan incident?" Gandhi said. Earlier in the day, he also flagged the issue of lack of hostels for female students and sought answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the problem being faced by them.

Akhilesh Yadav claims 151 Ambedkar statues vandalised in Uttar Pradesh

Lucknow, Sept 16 (UNI): Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday, September 20, claimed that 151 statues of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar were damaged across 72 districts of Uttar Pradesh during the BJP rule, but only 14 arrests have been made so far. He alleged that the vandalism was done deliberately because the BJP wanted to change the Constitution but failed to do so. There was no immediate response from the BJP.



That is why whenever the BJP and those who share its ideology attack, the first thing they target is a hand-held copy of the Constitution," he said. He said the Samajwadi Party could track a total of 151 cases of vandalism of Ambedkar statues. "In all, we have been able to document 151 cases. If we calculate the average, more than 15 statues were damaged annually under this government. There may be undocumented and uncounted cases too," he said.

Citing government figures, Yadav said arrests were

made only in 14 cases. In 45 instances, cases were registered against unknown persons. In eight instances, a named FIR was lodged. In 84 cases, no action was taken.

The BJP government neither respects Ambedkar, his statues, nor his people, Yadav said. Later, the Samajwadi Party posted a district-wise break-up on social media platform X. Citing media reports, the post said nine Ambedkar statues were attacked in Ballia; six in Azamgarh; five each in Mathura, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur.

Four-year-old girl dies after getting locked in parked car in Telangana

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): In a tragic incident, a four-year-old girl died of suffocation after being locked inside a parked car in Telangana's Bhadrachalam district on Sunday. The incident took place in Vinobha Nagar village of Julurupadu mandal, police said. The child was identified as Tanvisri, daughter of Vinobha Nagar sarpanch, Gangawat Naveen.

The girl, while playing near the house, opened the door of a parked car. The incident went unnoticed, and the door of the vehicle got locked while the child was inside. As Tanvisri did not return home for a long time, family members began searching for her in the neighbourhood. After a two-hour-long search, someone peeped into the car and saw the girl lying between the two front



seats. They broke the window panes and pulled out the girl. She was rushed to the government hospital at Kothagudem, but doctors declared her brought dead.

Police suspect that the girl may have died of suffocation due to lack of ventilation inside the closed car.

The incident shocked the villagers. Police have registered a case and taken up further investigation.

Police have advised parents to be careful and ensure that children do

not have access to parked vehicles. They also urged people to check cars before locking them, especially when children are around.

A similar incident had occurred in Nalgonda district in April, 2026. A five-year-old girl had died after getting locked inside a parked car. In April last year, two children had died of suffocation after they were found trapped inside a parked car in Damaragidda village of Chevella in Ranga Reddy district

Canada PM Carney mocks Trump during Ottawa

Toronto, Sept 20 (GNS): Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney poked fun at US President Donald Trump during a public address in Ottawa, mimicking the American leader's signature "accordion hands" gesture to rapturous applause from the crowd.

The light-hearted moment occurred as the 61-year-old Prime Minister discussed a massive C\$70 billion clean-energy package, which he termed the "functional equivalent of 18 Hoover Dams". While repeating "18 Hoover Dams", Carney exaggeratedly moved his hands in and out, parodying the widely recognised mannerism frequently associated with the 80-year-old US President. After pausing as the audience erupted into laughter and cheers, Carney smiled, told the room

"enough", and repeated the physical impression once more before settling back into his address. The speech took place against a backdrop of frosty relations between Ottawa and Washington, with trade discussions having collapsed in August. Carney stated that Washington had "asked too much and they offered too little" and alleged that the US sought to restrict Canada's freedom to negotiate trade pacts globally.

Following the breakdown in talks, the US levied 50 per cent tariffs on roughly USD 20 billion of Canadian products. In response, Canada enacted retaliatory dollar-for-dollar levies between 15 and 50 per cent on an equivalent volume of American imports, affecting sectors such as steel, dairy, electronics, and agricultural machinery.

New Jammu facility to speed up employee grievance redressal

New Delhi, Sept 20 (UNI): The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Jammu Bench's disposal of service cases has gone beyond expectations and is among the highest in the country, 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 said today.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the new Office-cum-Court Complex of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, at Bahu Plaza, Jammu. He said the high disposal of cases by the CAT Benches in Jammu and Srinagar demonstrates the capacity built by the Tribunal to provide speedy and accessible justice in service matters. Dr. Jitendra Singh re-



called that the Central Administrative Tribunal was established in 1985 under the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, with the broad objective of providing speedy and affordable justice in service matters concerning government employees, while also reducing the burden on constitutional courts.

He said the Tribunal's purpose could broadly be understood in three dimensions, speedy justice in service matters, affordable justice for government employees, and reduction of the burden

on constitutional courts. CAT provides for a nominal fee of 50 for filing an Original Application, while no fee is charged for Miscellaneous Applications, Review Applications and Contempt Petitions, among others.

Referring to the Tribunal's overall performance, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that since its inception and up to June 30, 2026, a total of 10,01,177 cases had been filed before CAT across the country, of which 9,32,723 had been disposed of, resulting in an overall disposal rate of approximately 93.16 per cent. The Minister said the experience of the Jammu and Srinagar Benches was particularly significant in view of the substantial workload transferred from the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir High Court as well as the fresh cases instituted before the Tribunal.

Mann launches AAP door-to-door campaign for 2027 Punjab polls

Dhuri, Sep 20 (UNI): Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday launched the AAP's door-to-door election campaign for the 2027 Punjab assembly polls, pitching his government's 'Mann Da Munafa' narrative, claiming that every family is receiving an annual benefit of Rs 1.82 lakh from its welfare initiatives like free electricity and healthcare.

Mann said the AAP would go to every household with its record of work undertaken since 2022, while asserting that the campaign would remain positive and focus on what the government has delivered for Punjab. He said the AAP would seek people's support based on the work delivered on the ground and question the opposition over its record and the issue of combating drugs. During the outreach, Mann went door-to-door in



Dhuri, met several families and interacted with elderly residents, women, youngsters and children.

He listened to their views, discussed the work undertaken by the government over the past four-and-a-half years and explained how various schemes and initiatives were translating into direct benefits for ordinary households.

"Every family in Punjab is today benefiting by Rs 1.82 lakh annually from the initiatives rolled out by our government. This is not an abstract figure. It represents money a house-

hold no longer has to take out of its own pocket for electricity, healthcare, education and other essential services," he said.

"I want every family to sit down and calculate for itself how much it is saving every month. That is the real meaning of 'Mann Da Munafa'," Mann added.

Claiming that his welfare initiatives reduced the financial burden of essential services on families, the chief minister said the government allowed them to use their hard-earned money for other household needs.

Enhanced India-EU Partnership Strengthens in a Fractured World

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In today's fractured world, fissures caused mostly by the ongoing Trumpomania, every nation is working post haste to forge new alliances particularly focussed on trade. The best example of this is the India-EU partnership FTA, formalised on Tuesday (January 27). The enhanced partnership is going to eliminate tariffs on more than 90% of traded goods, besides imparting a thrust to services and facilitate investments between the two sides. For every nation today, guarding its trade interests to boost its own manufacturing sectors and the associated services sector is of paramount interest. Bogged down by non-business-like tariffs imposition accompanied with various illogical concessions, by the Trump Administration, the global economy has faced a churn of its own based on the imperatives of conducting trade on an equal footing with other nations.

This has not only gone against but in favour of countries like India. India has been able to stitch together a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the European Union (EU) after 18-years long parleys, but which got an additional boost to reach a deal during the last year, particularly.

Today, i.e. Tuesday January 27 India and the European Union will elevate their long-standing strategic engagement with the signing



of a Security and Defence Partnership (SDP) at the 16th India-EU Summit.

The EU-India FTA conclusion marks the end of a two-decade-old process, initiated in 2007. With bilateral trade already crossing \$136 billion, this would be "one of the biggest" bilateral deals in the world.

The underlying emergency and interests which both the sides showed to agree to an FTA were coherently expressed by EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, when she said that India and the European Union are giving a "fractured world" an alternative.

While the FTA will be watched most closely, in terms of bilateral gains for both countries, it is the timing of the Summit, amidst unprecedented transatlantic tensions between the EU and the United States over territorial issues and trade, that is most significant.

"India and Europe have made a clear choice... strategic

partnership, dialogue and openness," said Ms. Von Der Leyen in a social media post. "We are showing a fractured world that another way is possible," she added.

European Council's President António Costa, has said that, "In our multipolar world, it's essential that the EU and India become closer and closer partners because we can together be strong providers of stability, protectability and reliability in international relations and to protect our international rules-based order.

"Our trade agreement, I think, is a very important geopolitical stabiliser and a showcase of how it's possible to protect international rules-based trade," Costa, who traces his roots to Goa, said against the backdrop of the turmoil created by the trade policies of the US.

The EU is India's largest trading partner bloc, accounting for trade in goods worth 120 billion in 2024, or 11.5% of India's total trade.

In 2023, trade in services was worth 59.7 billion in 2023. The EU's share of FDI in India touched 140.1 billion in 2023, up from 82.3 billion in 2019. Once the FTA is signed and ratified by the European Parliament, a process that could take at least a year, the agreement could expand bilateral trade and lift Indian exports such as textiles and jewellery, hit by 50% US tariffs since last August.

For the EU, which has signed a new security and defence partnership and a free trade agreement with New Delhi, India will provide heft to the 27-nation European bloc on multiple fronts. For instance, the security and defence pact will lead to strengthening co-operation in areas such as maritime security, counter-terrorism, cyber-defence, and maritime domain awareness, with a focus on stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Analysts say India-EU defence and security partnership would result in

placing New Delhi within a framework that the 27-nation European bloc has so far extended to Japan and South Korea. It would provide an institutional platform for advancing security cooperation at a moment when both sides are reassessing their long-term security and defence priorities.

Moreover, a shift in geopolitical situation combined with Trump's unpredictable behaviour, has compelled the EU to bring a change in its outlook towards India. Instead of just maintaining a buyer-seller relationship, largely dominated by France and Germany, the EU-India engagement will now evolve into a structured industrial partnership with long-term implications. With the signing of the long-negotiated FTA, the EU will be benefited by gaining deeper access to India's huge market, thus diversifying supply chains, while at the same time expanding services exports. More than this, it will ultimately result in the EU decoupling itself from the US and other unreliable partners such as China. For India, the FTA will provide it a much-needed opportunity to restore the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) – which removes import duties from products coming into the EU market from developing nations. India's garment, pharmaceutical and steel industries in addition to petroleum products and machinery will see a rise in exports to the EU market.

SC alternative to Electoral Bonds Turns out to be more Vicious

BY K RAVEENDRAN

When the Supreme Court of India struck down the electoral bond scheme introduced under the government led by Narendra Modi, it did so on the realisation that the anonymity offered by the bonds, far from curing the malaise of black money, had institutionalised it. But the alternative of electoral trusts that the court suggested has provided a bigger camouflage for black money and illegal gratification.

What has unfolded since the ban, however, complicates that neat constitutional logic. The first year without bonds has not ushered in a golden age of clean funding. Instead, it has exposed the brittleness of India's political finance architecture and the limits of judicial remedies when political incentives remain unchanged. Reports indicate that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has garnered an overwhelming share of declared political donations, as much as 85 per cent of the total, dwarfing the resources available to its rivals. The concentration of funds is not merely a statistical curiosity; it speaks to the power asymmetry that now defines the electoral arena. If the stated goal of reform was a level playing field, the outcome appears to tilt it even further.

The worrying aspect is that the voluntary contri-



butions received by the BJP in 2024-25 rose almost 54 per cent to Rs. 6125 crore from Rs. 3967 crore in 2023-24 with an increase of Rs. 2158 crore during the year. This compensates the BJP much more than its loss through electoral bonds. The ruling party at the centre got only Rs. 1686 crore in 2023-24 through electoral bond route. The Congress on the other hand had an income of only Rs. 918 crore during 2024-25. The contributions saw a 54 per cent dip during the year. This huge difference in the financial resources power of the two major national political parties, makes a mockery of level playing field in the elections.

Defenders of the post-bond landscape argue that at least the bonds' opacity has been removed and that the public can now see who reports what. Critics counter that this misses the larger point. Political finance does not operate

in a vacuum of good faith. When formal channels become inconvenient or risky, money does not evaporate; it adapts. The fear voiced quietly across party lines is that the disappearance of bonds has nudged donors back towards cash or other undisclosed routes, recreating the very shadows the court sought to dispel. In that sense, the cure risks becoming worse than the disease. An anonymous but bank-mediated instrument has been replaced by a fragmented ecosystem where disclosure is partial and enforcement uncertain.

The deeper problem lies in the structural imbalance between the ruling party and the opposition. Access to state power brings with it visibility, influence over policy signals, and the ability to reassure donors of stability and returns. Even without explicit quid pro quo, businesses read the political weather. When one party dominates fundrais-

ing to such an extent, the market for political donations ceases to be competitive. Smaller parties and challengers are left scrambling, not because their ideas lack resonance, but because their coffers do. Democracy, in such conditions, risks sliding from a contest of visions to a test of financial endurance.

This imbalance has ramifications beyond campaign arithmetic. The analysis becomes more troubling when political funding patterns are read alongside governance outcomes. Observers have pointed to a proportionate rise in highway collapses and other infrastructure failures that appears to mirror the surge in funds flowing to the ruling party. Correlation is not causation, and it would be irresponsible to draw straight lines without rigorous evidence. Yet the perception matters. Large, centralised political war chests can

encourage a culture where regulatory oversight is softened and accountability diluted, particularly in sectors like infrastructure where contracts are vast, timelines compressed, and public safety at stake. When failures occur with unsettling frequency, citizens naturally ask whether political money has distorted priorities.

The electoral bond verdict was celebrated as a triumph of constitutional morality over executive convenience. It reaffirmed that the right to information includes knowing who funds those who seek power. But the aftermath suggests that judicial interventions, however principled, cannot by themselves re-engineer political behaviour. Electoral trusts, the alternative favoured by the court, demand compliance and robust monitoring. Without a strong, independent enforcement regime, they risk becoming another formal shell, observed more in the breach than the practice. The persistence of opacity in new forms raises an uncomfortable question about institutional responsibility.

Courts are rightly cautious about overstepping into policy domains. Yet when a judicially mandated change produces outcomes that arguably undermine the very values it sought to protect, can the judiciary avert its gaze? Constitutional.

From Marks to Mindfulness

For decades, the image of a "good student" in India has been framed by high marks, perfect report cards, and a place on the merit list. In recent years, however, classrooms across the country have begun quietly revealing another reality: scores alone do not capture whether a child is confident, resilient, empathetic or ready to navigate an increasingly complex world. This shift in understanding opens the door for a profound reimagining of Indian schooling-one where social?emotional learning (SEL) becomes the spine that holds together academic excellence, mental well?being, and responsible citizenship. Social?emotional learning goes beyond "soft skills". It encompasses a set of learnable capacities: understanding and managing emotions, setting and pursuing meaningful goals, showing empathy, sustaining healthy relationships, and making responsible decisions. When these capacities are nurtured deliberately, they help students flourish in academics, relationships, and later professional life, while also strengthening the social fabric of schools and communities.

India's educational vision already recognizes the need to move from rote learning to holistic development. Policy thinking increasingly emphasizes that education must cultivate not only knowledge and skills but also character, compassion, and a sense of shared responsibility. In this context, SEL is not an imported add?on; it is an organic extension of long?standing Indian educational values that have always placed importance on harmony, self?reflection, and balanced growth.

The post?pandemic years have further highlighted the importance of emotional well?being. Children have navigated disruptions, loss, uncertainty, and rapid changes in how they learn and socialize, which has brought mental health and emotional support to the center of educational conversations. As schools stabilize and innovate, there is a natural opportunity to embed SEL into timetables, pedagogy, and school culture in a calm, constructive and forward?looking manner.

For many schools, the idea of nurturing values and emotions is not new. Morning assemblies, moral science periods, and inspirational talks have long attempted to touch this dimension. SEL, however, invites a more systematic, evidence?informed and participatory approach that weaves emotional and social growth into everyday learning, rather than confining it to occasional activities.

This means that a language class can include reflective writing about feelings and viewpoints, helping students articulate and regulate their emotions. A science or mathematics lesson can feature group problem?solving that encourages cooperation, listening, and constructive disagreement. Classroom norms can be co?created with students, inviting them to share responsibility for a respectful and inclusive environment. In such settings, the curriculum remains rigorous, yet the process of learning becomes more humane, engaging, and supportive.

Teachers sit at the heart of any meaningful SEL journey. Their own sense of well?being, emotional awareness, and reflective practice shapes how they respond to students, frame success and failure, and handle conflict. Supporting teachers through continuous professional development, peer learning circles, and access to simple SEL tools can make classrooms calmer, more compassionate spaces where each child feels seen and heard. When teachers model mindful communication, empathy, and self?regulation, students learn far more from observation than from instruction alone. A teacher who listens attentively, acknowledges different perspectives, and handles stress with composure demonstrates, in real time, the very capacities SEL seeks to build. Investing in teacher well?being and SEL competence thus becomes an investment in the emotional climate of the entire school.

A common concern is that dedicating time and attention to SEL might dilute academic focus. In reality, a growing body of global and Indian experience suggests the opposite: students with stronger social?emotional skills often show better concentration, improved classroom behaviour, and more sustained engagement with learning tasks. They are better able to cope with exam pressure, organise their work, and seek help when they need it.

By helping students manage anxiety, build persistence, and approach challenges with a growth mindset, SEL complements rigorous academic preparation. A child who can bounce back from setbacks, work collaboratively, and express doubts without fear is likely to achieve more-not less-in examinations and beyond. In this way, SEL supports the traditional aspiration for high performance while broadening what success truly means. SEL has particular significance for inclusion. In every classroom, there are first?generation learners, children from diverse socio?economic backgrounds, and students with different learning needs and abilities. SEL?infused practices-such as co-operative learning, restorative conversations, and explicit teaching of empathy and respect-can help ensure that all children feel safe, valued, and connected.

When students learn to recognize and respect differences, including language, culture, gender, and ability, the classroom slowly transforms into a microcosm of a more inclusive society. A sense of belonging reduces dropout, improves attendance, and allows quieter voices to emerge with confidence. In this way, SEL not only benefits individual learners but also supports broader goals of equity and social harmony. Social?emotional learning does not stop at the school gate. Families are children's first teachers in managing emotions, relationships, and values. When schools share simple SEL practices with parents-such as encouraging regular family conversations, mindful screen use, or collaborative problem?solving at home-it creates a shared ecosystem around the child. Parent workshops, community meetings, and school events can highlight how listening, patience, and non?judgmental dialogue help children thrive. This is especially relevant in an era of rapid technological change, where children often juggle academic expectations, social media, and evolving peer dynamics. A strong school?family partnership grounded in SEL principles can give children a stable emotional anchor as they grow. The journey from marks to mindfulness does not require abrupt changes or grand declarations. It can begin with small, steady steps: a weekly circle time for sharing feelings; group projects designed to build collaboration; teacher development sessions that include self?care and emotional awareness; and school policies that promote restorative rather than purely punitive responses.

Across India, many schools-urban and rural, government and private-have already begun experimenting with such approaches in a quiet but determined way. These efforts show that SEL is not a luxury reserved for a few; it can be adapted and integrated in resource?conscious, context?sensitive ways that respect local culture and community realities. Each thoughtful initiative adds a new strand to the emerging spine of social?emotional learning that supports the entire system.

India stands at a moment where demographic energy, technological advancement, and educational aspiration are converging. The young people in today's classrooms will soon be called upon to solve complex problems, navigate diverse workplaces, and participate actively in democratic life. They will need not only intellectual strength but also emotional balance, ethical clarity, and the ability to collaborate across differences. By making social?emotional learning the spine of schooling, India can nurture generations who are not only exam?ready but life?ready-children and young adults who combine sharp minds with compassionate hearts. Such citizens will be well placed to build workplaces that value dignity, communities that resolve conflicts peacefully, and a nation that approaches progress with both intelligence and empathy.

Ashwini Vaishnaw interacts with Semiconductor Chip Design Companies approved under the DLI Scheme

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, interacted with semiconductor chip design companies approved under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme of the Semicon India Programme in New Delhi today. The interaction focused on reviewing progress, understanding design innovations, and reinforcing the Government's commitment to building a robust, indigenous semiconductor design ecosystem. The DLI Scheme aims to accelerate domestic chip design capabilities by supporting startups and companies across areas such as SoCs, telecom, power management, AI, and IoT, thereby strengthening India's self-reliance in critical semiconductor technologies.

The DLI-supported companies are engaged in semiconductor design across a broad range of areas, including indigenous SoCs and ASICs for surveillance, networking and embedded systems, RISC-V-based processors and accelerators, and AI-enabled, low-power chips for IoT and edge applications. Their work also covers telecom and wireless chipsets, power management and mixed-signal ICs, and strategic sectors such as automotive, energy, space and defence, contributing to the development of a self-reliant semiconductor design ecosystem in the country. Advanced EDA tools have been provided to these organizations, leading to approximately 2.25 crore tool-hours of usage, with 67,000 students and over 1,000 startup engineers actively engaged. In academia, 122 designs have been taped out, with 56 chips fabricated at 180 nm at SCL, Mohali, while startups have completed 16 tape-outs, resulting in six chips fabricated at advanced foundry

nodes as advance as 12 nm. Additionally, 75 patents have been filed by academic institutions and 10 patents by startups.

Addressing the stakeholders, Shri Vaishnaw said that the government's multi-year, ecosystem-driven approach to semiconductor development is delivering tangible results. He added that the programme was conceived in 2022 with a clear vision articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to build the entire semiconductor ecosystem, pursue a long-term strategy rather than isolated schemes, and transform India from a services-led economy into a product nation.

Highlighting the success of the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme, the Minister noted that while expectations were modest initially, the programme today supports 24 startups, many of which have already com-

pleted tape-outs, validated products and found market traction. This, he said, has validated the government's core approach of removing key barriers faced by semiconductor startups by providing access to advanced design tools, IP libraries, wafer and tape-out support—an architecture of support that is unique globally.

The Minister underlined that the comprehensive support extended by the India Semiconductor Mission to semiconductor startups is unparalleled, and the government now intends to scale up the programme, with a target of enabling at least 50 fabless semiconductor companies in the country in the next phase. He expressed confidence that India would, in the coming years, see the emergence of globally competitive fabless companies comparable to leading international players.

Sharing feedback from re-

cent global engagements at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the Minister said that international industry leaders have increasingly recognised the seriousness, scale and execution capability of India's semiconductor programme. From initial scepticism in 2022, global perception has shifted significantly, with industry leaders now keen to partner with India's growing semiconductor ecosystem.

The Minister outlined a focused strategy to strengthen India's semiconductor design capabilities across six key system categories - compute, RF and wireless, networking, power management, sensors, and memory. These categories, he said, form the foundational building blocks for most modern electronic systems and would enable India to design and build solutions for a wide range of applications spanning defence, space, automotive, railways.

India Post ties up with SHSL for capital market services

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): The Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, signed an agreement with Stock Holding Services Limited (SSL) on 27 January 2026 at Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, to promote access to regulated capital market services for citizens across the country. With its extensive nationwide network of more than 1.65 lakh post offices, including a strong presence in rural and remote areas, India Post plays a significant role in extending financial services to underserved populations.

This collaboration seeks to leverage the reach and trust of India Post to encourage wider participation of citizens in organized and regulated capital markets.

Under the Agreement, citizens will be enabled to access SSL's services through digital utilities such as onboarding links and QR codes made available through of-

ficial platforms and at selected post office locations. The services include opening of demat and trading accounts, mutual fund investments, participation in IPOs, and other permitted investment products.

A key focus of the partnership is financial awareness and investor education. SSL will conduct investor education and financial literacy programs, with the support of the Department of Posts, to promote informed participation in financial markets, particularly among first-time investors and citizens in rural and semi-urban areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Vandita Kaul, Secretary (Posts), said that the collaboration reflects a shared commitment towards financial inclusion and aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. She highlighted that the initiative will leverage India Post's extensive network and recent digital transformation to enable wider and se-

cure citizen participation in capital markets.

Shri Prabhat Kumar Dubey, MD & CEO, Stock Holding Services Limited, expressed his happiness at being associated with the Department of Posts for this initiative. He stated that SSL is committed to expanding access to transparent and regulated capital market services and enhancing investor awareness across the country. The partnership marks another step in India Post's ongoing transformation into a digitally enabled, citizen-centric service delivery entity and is expected to contribute significantly to investor awareness, citizen empowerment, and economic growth.

The initiative is expected to particularly benefit first-time investors and people in rural and semi-urban areas by bringing information and access to regulated investment services closer to them.

Government Strengthening EV Ecosystem and Indigenous Manufacturing: H.D. Kumaraswamy

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy, inaugurated the three-day Symposium on International Automotive Technology (SIAT) 2026 in Pune, marking a significant milestone in India's journey towards safe, sustainable and globally competitive mobility solutions. Organised by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) in association with SAE International and SAEINDIA, SIAT 2026 is being held during ARAI's Diamond Jubilee Year and focuses on innovative pathways for future-ready transportation systems.

Addressing the gathering of automotive experts, industry leaders, researchers and policymakers, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel Shri H.D.Kumaraswamy congratulated ARAI for its six decades of contribution in driving innovation and em-

powering safer and cleaner mobility. He described ARAI's role in strengthening India's automotive ecosystem as "commendable and transformative."

Highlighting India's rapid economic progress, the Union Minister said that "India has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy with a GDP of USD \$4.18 trillion and is firmly on track to become the third-largest economy in the coming years. India's projected GDP of USD \$7.3 trillion by 2030 reflects the nation's growing confidence, capability and industrial strength". Union Minister Shri Kumaraswamy underlined that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has set a clear and ambitious roadmap towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. He stated that renewed focus on Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat is strengthening advanced

manufacturing sectors that will define India's future growth and global standing. "Electric mobility lies at the heart of this transformation. It reduces dependence on imported fossil fuels, lowers emissions and creates new opportunities for Indian industry, innovators and our young workforce," he said.

Detailing the Govt's policy initiatives, the Minister highlighted that the Ministry of Heavy Industries has taken decisive steps to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles. The FAME-II scheme, with an outlay of 11,500 crore, has supported the adoption of over 16.71 lakh electric vehicles and enabled the sanctioning of more than 9,000 public charging stations across the country.

Under the PM E-DRIIVE scheme, the government is further promoting electric mobility and strengthening the supporting ecosystem for electric vehicles.

Ministry of Jal Shakti Honours 'WaSH Warriors' from across India at a Special 'Samvad Samaroh'

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): The Ministry of Jal Shakti organized a 'Samvad Samaroh' and recognition programme for WaSH Warriors at the PSOI, New Delhi today. The event honoured individuals who have demonstrated leadership in water conservation and sanitation at the grassroots level. These WaSH Warriors have worked closely with local communities to address water and sanitation challenges by promoting inclusive and equitable solutions. Their efforts reflect the spirit of Jan Bhagidari and community ownership that underpins the flagship initiatives of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

As part of this national recognition, 58 WaSH Warriors nominated by States and Union Territories under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) participated in the programme today and attended the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path on 26 January 2026 as Special Guests. The selected WaSH

Warriors were drawn from Swachh Sujal Gaon villages, including rural households, poor and marginalised communities, Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) majority villages, and vulnerable tribal groups. A Swachh Sujal Gaon is a village that is Har Ghar Jal certified under the Jal Jeevan Mission and ODF Plus Model verified under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The representatives showcased community-led progress in drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene across rural India.

During the Samvad Samaroh, the WaSH Warriors interacted with the Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C. R. Patil, in the presence of the Hon'ble Ministers of State for Jal Shakti, Shri V. Somanna and Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary. The event was also attended by senior officers of the Ministry, including the Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River De-

velopment and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri V. L. Kantha Rao, and the Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital amongst others. Several WaSH Warriors shared their experiences from the field.

Motilal from Bijrakhar village in Chhattisgarh spoke about the challenges faced before the Jal Jeevan Mission, when access to drinking water was limited. He shared that the availability of clean tap water in every household has saved time, improved health outcomes, and brought positive changes in the quality of life, particularly for women.

He also highlighted his efforts in spreading awareness on water conservation and safe water practices within the community. Amrutbhai Parmar from Timbachudi village in Gujarat spoke about the systems developed under the Jal Jeevan Mission, including

model wells created to ensure sustainable water supply for rural households. He shared his experience of working with the community on water supply initiatives and the recognition received for these efforts at the district level.

Lentsothsi from Tutheyo village in Nagaland shared how her life has improved since the onset of JJM. Earlier, she would wake up at 4 a.m. to fetch water and manage household chores. With the availability of clean tap water, she now has more time at home, and there has been a noticeable improvement in children's health, including a reduction in cases of diarrhoea.

Ms Nijuma Devi from Kendukuchi village in Assam spoke about the WaSH-related work being undertaken in her village. She shared that earlier, children frequently fell ill, and women had to put in significant effort to manage daily water needs.

MoS Shobha Karandlaje Inaugurates Labour, Industry Conference in Vijayawada

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): The Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, inaugurated a two-day Regional Level Conference of Labour & Employment and Industry Secretaries of States/UTs in Vijayawada today. The senior officers of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, UT of Puducherry and NCT of Delhi participated in the conference. Senior officers of the organisations under the Ministry namely Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED), Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) and V. V. Giri

National Labour Institute (VVGNLI) were also present on the occasion. The conference marked the third in a series of five regional conferences planned by the Ministry at different locations across the country, covering States/UTs and key stakeholders, with the objective to facilitate smooth implementation of the four Labour Codes and deliberating on issues concerning ESIC, EPFO and the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY).

In her address, the Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment underscored the pivotal role of States and Union Territories in ensuring the effective and timely implementation of the four Labour Codes. She described the consolidation of 29 Central labour laws into four Codes as a historic and transformative reform, undertaken after extensive stakeholder consultations, including multiple rounds

of discussions with States, employers and workers' representatives. Highlighting the need to align labour regulation with the evolving world of work, the Minister stated that the Codes promote transparency, simplify compliance and strengthen worker welfare through a balanced and technology-enabled governance framework. She drew attention to key progressive provisions such as uniform definitions, web-based inspections, decriminalisation of minor offences, enhanced participation of women in the workforce, work-from-home enabling provisions and the extension of social security to gig, platform and unorganised workers for the first time. Emphasising co-operative federalism,

, the Minister called for stronger Centre-State coordination, timely finalisation of Rules, integration of State IT systems with Central portals, capacity building

of field-level functionaries, and effective last-mile dissemination. She also highlighted the expansion of ESIC coverage and employment generation initiatives, including the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, as key enablers in advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Shri Vasamsetti Subhash, Minister of Labour, Government of Andhra Pradesh while addressing the conference, stated that the Labour Codes are a significant reform reflecting the spirit of cooperative federalism between the Centre and the States. He said that the deliberations held during the conference, along with earlier regional consultations, would contribute to strengthening the implementation of the Codes. The Minister noted that the Codes aim to enhance social security for workers while simplifying compliance and improving ease of doing business. He

emphasised the need for effective coordination between employers and workers and stressed the importance of last-mile awareness on workers' rights and entitlements. Highlighting the role of ESIC, he called for expanding its outreach and healthcare facilities to ensure wider access to social security and medical benefits.

Setting the context of the Conference, Shri Alok Chandra, Senior Labour and Employment Advisor, Ministry of Labour & Employment, stated that the Regional Labour Conferences are being organised to support smooth and coordinated implementation of the four Labour Codes and to deliberate on key labour and employment issues, including reforms related to ESIC, EPFO and initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY). Importance of timely finalisation of Rules, IT readiness.

New Delhi, Sept 20 (GNS): NITI Aayog launched three Reports on "Enhancing Circular Economy in End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Waste Tyres and E-waste and Lithium-ion Batteries in India" on 22 January, 2026 at Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI), International Material Recycling Conference (IMRC) in Jaipur. These reports analysed challenges in the circular economy ecosystem in India and provided recommendations for infrastructure development, sector formalisation, strengthening the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, and enhancing economic potential for revenue generation.

Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 is inseparable from a shift to a low-carbon, resource-efficient development pathway, which requires large-scale deployment of clean energy systems. Electronic and

electrical equipment, along with Lithium-ion Batteries and automotive vehicles, will play a pivotal role in powering digitalisation, enhancing mobility, and the broader energy transition. Electric vehicle (EV) sales increased from 50,000 in 2016 to 2.08 million in 2024, and the government seeks to attain a 30% share of EVs in total vehicle sales by 2030. Consequently, demand for Lithium-ion Batteries is projected to surge from 29 GWh in 2025 to 248 GWh by 2035. The number of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) in India is expected to increase from 23 million in 2025 to 50 million by 2030. Also, E-waste is expected to rise from 6.19 MMT in 2024 to 14 MMT by 2030. There are significant challenges of sustainable management of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), waste tyres, E-waste and Lithium-ion Batteries.

This makes a circular economy for these sectors not just an environmental necessity but a strategic imperative, central to realising the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision of sustainable and inclusive growth.

Developed through extensive consultations with key stakeholders, including line ministries, regulators, industry, and knowledge partners, these reports offer a timely and comprehensive review of current challenges, along with actionable recommendations to fast-track the transition to the circular economy. These will improve resource efficiency, strengthen material security, and enhance sustainability in India.

The reports also emphasise the need to strengthen recycling infrastructure, formalise the waste management sector and improve implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility framework.

Telangana Govt to resolve land issues in phased manner: Ponguleti

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (Patriotic Views): State Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the public would soon receive good news regarding the resolution of land issues in the state, in line with the statement made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the Legislative Assembly. He stated that the government is focusing on the 12 issues announced in the Assembly and addressing them in a phased manner; specifically, GO 118 regarding colony issues and GO 76 concerning the regularization of house sites in the Singareni region have already been issued.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, along with fellow ministers Ponnampati Prabhakar and Azharuddin, as well as



other public representatives, handed over regularization certificates to beneficiaries from 44 colonies in the L.B. Nagar constituency at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister mentioned that plans are being formulated to transform this region into a world-class area—rank-

ing number one globally—in accordance with the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. It was announced that 'Bhu-Aadhaar' cards—similar to Aadhaar cards—would be issued to resolve farmers' issues in rural areas, and that public grievances in this specific area would also be addressed. It was stated that

while they cannot answer every question raised by the opposition, public service remains their primary priority. They recalled having recently provided a detailed explanation regarding land issues in the Legislative Assembly. Acting on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's directives and addressing 12

specific points, they resolved the issues facing 44 out of the 64 colonies in the Saroornagar constituency.

They noted that the promise made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy—during his tenure as the Malkajgiri MP—to implement GO 118 for the people of the LB Nagar constituency has been fulfilled today. Prioritizing public welfare and setting aside partisan considerations, clear instructions were issued to the District Collectors to resolve the issues affecting these 44 colonies. It was clarified that, despite prohibitory orders issued by the previous government, these matters would now be resolved and the houses regularized within a month, assuring that no homes would be demolished.

Minister Tummala Orders Agriculture Reforms



Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): Based on the issues raised during yesterday's Southern States Agriculture Conference, the State Minister for Agriculture and Marketing, Tummala Nageswara Rao, conducted a comprehensive review of the Agriculture Department at the Secretariat today.

The meeting was attended by the Agriculture Department Secretary, Heads of Departments (HoDs), and the Vice-Chairmen and Managing Directors of agriculture-related corporations. The Minister conducted an in-depth, item-wise review and issued clear directives regarding balanced fertilizer usage, pulse cultivation, seed availability, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, pesticide quality control, natural/organic farming, the use of the 'Rythu Nestham' platform, and the promotion of various schemes. While reviewing the performance of the department's various wings, the Minister explicitly ordered that immediate corrective measures be taken to address identified shortcomings, rather than using them as excuses.

He directed that there be continuous monitoring at the field level, that time-bound plans be implement-

ed to bridge the gap between targets and actual progress, and that measures be taken to enhance the accountability of field-level officials. Although progress was satisfactory in many areas, the Minister expressed concern over specific issues—such as the year-on-year increase in chemical fertilizer usage, the lack of crop rotation, and severe imbalances in fertilizer application.

It was noted that while the current N:P:K ratio in Telangana stands at 14.9:5.7:1, the ideal ratio should be 4:2:1; furthermore, urea consumption is 217 kg per hectare, which is significantly higher than the national average of 160 kg. Directives were issued to take immediate corrective measures in collaboration with universities. Emphasis was placed on promoting the use of micronutrients, bio-fertilizers, green manure, and fertigation.

The Minister expressed dissatisfaction with the quality control of fertilizers and pesticides in the state.

Instructions were issued to ensure strict follow-up on every case involving misbranded or substandard products, to establish a digital tracking system covering the entire process

from sample collection to court proceedings, to expedite NABL accreditation for existing laboratories, to enhance testing capacity, and to ensure that inquiries and prosecutions are completed within a specific timeframe without delays.

The Minister commended the state for exceeding the target (achieving 127%) regarding the area under pulse cultivation. However, noting that only 47% of the target for certified seed production and 34% for distribution had been achieved, the Minister advised taking appropriate measures to address this. Officials were directed to make advance preparations for the seeds required for the upcoming Rabi season. The Minister directed that the funds sanctioned under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) be fully utilized. He advised focusing not merely on increasing the sanctioned amounts, but on the actual infrastructure being established and the value addition it brings to farmers. In this context, the establishment of cold chains to preserve vegetables, as well as dal mills and oil mills managed by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), should be encouraged.

Mega Medical Camp to be organised on eve of Amjed Ullah Khan's birthday in Yakutpura Assembly Constituency

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): On the eve of the birthday of Amjed Ullah Khan, Spokesman, Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT), a Mega Medical Camp is being organised to provide accessible healthcare services to residents of the Yakutpura Assembly Constituency.

The medical camp will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Hidayath Function Hall, Talabkatta, Yakutpura Assembly Constituency.

The camp will offer general health check-ups, free medical consultations, free medicines, eye check-ups, diabetes and blood-pressure screening, along with special healthcare assis-

tance for children and elderly persons.

The camp is being organised by Adv. Affan Ullah Khan, Youth Leader, MBT, as a community service initiative dedicated to promoting better healthcare access among the people.

Speaking about the initiative, Adv Affan Ullah Khan Youth Leader MBT said that healthcare should be accessible to every section of society and expressed the hope that residents will make use of the medical camp and benefit from the services provided. Date: 26 September 2026 Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Venue: Hidayath Function Hall, Talabkatta, Yakutpura Assembly Constituency



Laxman Kumar directs strict monitoring of welfare hostels

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar has directed officials to accord top priority to the safety, health, quality of food, and provision of basic amenities for students residing in welfare hostels, residential schools (Gurukulas), and ashram schools.

He emphasized that there should be no compromise regarding the quality

of meals provided to students and instructed that the monitoring system be strengthened to ensure the strict implementation of the prescribed diet.

He suggested that regular inspections of these hostels and residential schools be conducted under the supervision of District Collectors.

On Saturday, at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana

BRS leader Sohail accuses Congress, AIMIM of minority welfare failures

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): Senior BRS leader Shaik Abdullah Sohail on Saturday accused the Congress government and AIMIM of a "double failure" on minority welfare, saying the just-concluded Legislature session exposed both the government's poor spending record and AIMIM's failure to effectively hold it accountable. Sohail said the government's own figures showed that only Rs 1,972.17 crore was spent against Rs 5,100.97 crore allocated for minority welfare schemes over two financial years - just 38.7% of the allocation.

"This is not an allegation made by the Opposition. These are figures admitted by the government itself before the Legislature. Nearly



two-thirds of the money allocated for minority welfare schemes remained unspent. What greater proof of neglect is required?" Sohail asked. He said the position was worse in the last financial year, when only Rs 1,010.63 crore was spent against an allocation of Rs 2,844.02 crore, amounting to 35.5%.

The figures relate to the Scheme Budget and exclude salaries, establish-

ment expenditure and other non-scheme components of the Minority Welfare Department. Sohail said the government had also acknowledged that minority welfare allocations were not linked to the community's 14.27% share of Telangana's population. "Congress makes grand announcements and displays impressive figures in Budget documents, but the money does not reach the ground. An allocation that remains on paper cannot educate a student, finance a poor family or create employment," he said.

He said the scholarship and fee reimbursement crisis had further exposed what he termed the government's indifference towards students.

Telangana BJP demands resignation of all defected MLAs

Hyderabad, Sept 20 (GNS): Cyberabad Police Commissionerate one of its kind commemoration of techies, urban planners, students, journalists, government agencies through the day to work on the mobility solution for the city using the open data at the Cyberabad Mobility Datajam organised by Cyberabad Police in collaboration with Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC), a first-of-its-kind unique attempt to bring government departments, active citizens, civil society organizations to collectively find solutions for mobility challenges was a resounding success with about 100 participants representing a cross-section of society with techies, urban planners, students.



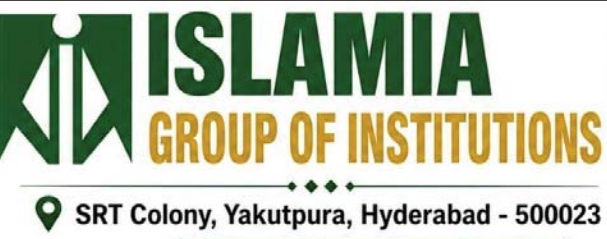
Amjed Ullah Khan (Spokesman) MBT met renowned Islamic Scholar Hazrat Moulana Mohammed Mirza Yasoob Abbas from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Member All India Shia Personal Law Board during his visit to Hyderabad, Telangana.



State Secretariat, Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar held an extensive review meet-

ing with senior officials. The review covered hostels and residential schools under the SC Welfare Department (including TGSWREIS and TGTWREIS), ST residential and ashram schools, and accommodation facilities managed by the Department for the Welfare of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens. The Minister reviewed various aspects, in-

cluding the quality of meals served to students, the utilization of diet charges, the supply and quality of essential commodities, kitchen hygiene, drinking water facilities, sanitation (toilets), electricity supply, building maintenance, and the provision of bedding and other basic amenities. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar.



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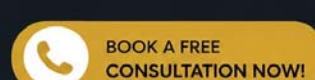
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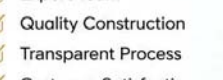


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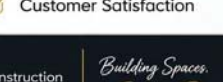
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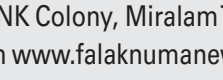
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