

SC says conscientious objectors should not face penalty over Vande Mataram

NEW DELHI, Sept 22 (GNS): Underscoring that a "conscientious objector" should not be punished for refusing to sing Vande Mataram, the Supreme Court on Tuesday told the Centre to keep in mind its 1986 judgment protecting children who said no to singing the national anthem on grounds of conscience. The apex court sought the Centre's response on the plea challenging the penal provision to amended

Vande Mataram law.

A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana said it would expect the principle laid down in the 1986 judgment in the Bijoe Emmanuel vs state of Kerala to govern the amended law while hearing a petition by Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna, challenging the law mandating the singing of all six stanzas of Vande Mataram,

arguing that the last four stanzas violate the secular character of the nation. "... We are not inclined to issue notice. But we would expect that the law of the land, as declared by this court in Bijoe Emmanuel, will govern the (amended) Act," Justice Bagchi observed orally while addressing solicitor-general Tushar Mehta.

"What is the national song is not in dispute. The declaration of law in the Bijoe Emmanuel is not yet



questioned. It is for the democratic state to decide what is the national song, whether two stanzas or four

stanzas. But nobody who feels an infraction of Article 25 and 26 rights (fundamental right to freedom

of religion) or a conscientious objector would be subjected to (penal consequences)," Justice Bagchi said. Indicating that it is not for the court to determine what constitutes the National Song, the top court said it will examine whether the rights of a "conscientious objector", particularly one who declines to sing on religious grounds, are protected under the law.

The petition challenges Section 3 of the Prevention

of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, amended in 2026, along with Union home ministry orders dated January 28 and July 9, 2026. The amended Section 3 provides for imprisonment of up to three years or fine or both for anyone who intentionally prevents the singing of the National Anthem or National Song or causes disturbance to an assembly engaged in such singing.

Justice Bagchi said it is not the remit of the court

to "second guess" what are the national sentiments or aspirations associated with Vande Mataram. That is for the state to decide, he said.

Senior advocate S. Muralidhar, appearing for Mr Krishna, said the amendment does not define the expression "National Song", leaving scope for uncertainty and possible misuse. The amendment had been enacted without defining which version or stanzas constituted the National Song, he said.

CM Revanth calls for Telangana heritage in New Airport designs

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday emphasised that the upcoming airports at Warangal and Adilabad, as well as the Telangana Bhavan in Delhi, should be symbols of Telangana's rich culture. The Chief Minister instructed the officials to conduct a study of the architectural and sculptural styles of the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam, Ramappa Temple, and Pillalamarri Temple, which embody the state's history and culture and to incorporate the Telangana heritage in the new constructions.

The Chief Minister held a review on the construction of Adilabad and Warangal



airports and the Telangana Bhavan in Delhi.

Reviewing the designs for the Adilabad and Warangal airports and the Telangana Bhavan in Delhi, the Chief Minister suggested several modifications to elevate the Telangana culture, sculpture, and architectural styles in the construction of the airports. The

officials briefed the Chief Minister on various logistical issues at the airport sites, including the shifting of power lines, diversion of streams and roads, and the relocation of BSNL lines and drinking water supply pipelines. CM Revanth Reddy issued several directives to the officials on the construction of roads along the airport compound walls and connecting them to nearby district, state, and national highways.

The Chief Minister cautioned that numerous complications would arise if the departments execute the works in their purview without coordination with other wings.

AIMPLB says police denial led to Jantar Mantar sit-in cancellation

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): All India Muslim Personal Law Board spokesperson Dr. Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas said the Board decided to cancel its September 17 sit-in at Jantar Mantar after police did not permit the protest.

He said some people were criticising the Board in the media and on social media without knowing the facts. He urged the public to understand the circumstances and possible consequences before commenting on the decision. Ilyas said that since its establishment, the Board and its leaders have followed the Sharia and the laws of



the country. He said the Board's approach has always been based on serious, legal and principled struggle rather than emotional reactions.

He said the Board does not take decisions based on momentary emotions, but considers the situation, interests of the community and long-term consequences. He added that the objective of any protest

should be to protect rights and resolve issues without unnecessarily putting young people at risk.

Referring to the current situation, Ilyas said thousands of Muslim youth were already in jails and their families were facing difficulties. He said the Board considered its responsibility to assess the possible consequences of any protest action.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar Meets 3 Envoys on Democracy

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): Chief Election Commissioner and Chairman of the Council of Member States of International IDEA Gyanesh Kumar on Tuesday discussed issues related to democratic cooperation with envoys from Moldova, the Philippines and the Kyrgyz Republic, an official said. CEC Gyanesh Kumar met Ambassador of Moldova to India Inga Ionesii at Nirvachan Sadan.

"Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening democratic cooperation, in line with the vision set out at IICDEM 2026. They also agreed to work closely together to deepen collaboration on election management and the train-

ing of election staff," said a statement. The Chief Election Commissioner also interacted with Josel Francisco Ignacio, Ambassador of the Philippines to India at Nirvachan Sadan. Issues related to election management and the training of election staff also came up during the meeting, the statement said.

Askar Beshimov, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to India, also discussed matters related to democratic cooperation with CEC Gyanesh Kumar. Last month, CEC Gyanesh Kumar met the Ambassador of Mongolia, Ulziit Luvsanjav and discussed democratic cooperation and training for election staff.

Sharjeel Imam Gets Interim Bail from Oct 4 to 10

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): Delhi's Karkardooma Court has granted interim bail to Sharjeel Imam from October 4 to 10 to enable him to attend his cousin's wedding. Imam is facing trial under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and other provisions in connection with the 2020 North-East Delhi riots conspiracy case. The interim bail has been granted specifically for the stipulated period to allow Imam to participate in the wedding celebrations. He is required to comply with the conditions imposed by the court during the period of interim release.

Earlier, the Delhi High Court had issued notice to the Delhi Police on Imam's petition challenging the trial court's refusal to grant



him regular bail. A division bench of Justices Pratibha M. Singh and Vikas Mahajan sought the police's response and listed the matter for further hearing.

The trial court had earlier rejected the regular bail pleas of Imam and co-accused Umar Khalid. The court referred to the Supreme Court's January 5 order denying bail and also set out the circumstances under which the accused could approach the court again with their bail pleas.

Centre: NTA Reforms, NEET-UG CBT Plan

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): The Centre has told the Supreme Court that the National Testing Agency (NTA) is being strengthened through a functional-vertical structure, the appointment of senior government officers and the creation of specialised professional positions as part of ongoing reforms.

In an additional affidavit filed before the apex court in the batch of petitions concerning reforms in the functioning of the NTA, the Union Ministry of Education said a total of 14 officers, including a Joint Secretary, four Directors, a Joint Director, two Deputy Secretaries, two Under Secretaries, two Section Officers and

two Assistant Section Officers, were posted to the examination body in August 2026.

The affidavit was filed in compliance with the Supreme Court order directing the Ministry of Education to place on record details of the process being followed for implementation of the recommendations of the High-Level Committee of Experts (HLCE) headed by former ISRO Chairman K. Radhakrishnan.

The Centre said the NTA is being restructured into a "functional-vertical structure" to enable domain-specific capability building, replacing the earlier system in which personnel were deployed into exam-wise verticals.

Jaishankar, EU and Indo-Pacific foreign ministers discuss cooperation to uphold international law

United Nations, Sept 22 (GNS): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with European Union (EU) and some Indo-Pacific foreign ministers and discussed cooperation among them to defend the principles of international law.

After the meeting on Monday, Poland's Deputy Prime Minister Radosław Sikorski, who was at the meeting, said on X that "cooperation between Europe and the Indo-Pacific region to defend the fundamental principles of international law" was one of the topics they discussed. EAM Jaishankar said on X that he "appreciated meeting my European Union colleagues". He said added that they "discussed India-EU cooperation, multi-



lateral issues and current developments, including in the Gulf, Ukraine and Indo-Pacific". Some foreign ministers from the Indo-Pacific region, including Australia's Penny Wong and South Korea's Cho Hyun, were also at the meeting.

Sikorski said the discussions at the informal meeting covered "strengthening the role of the UN in maintaining international peace and security", and

coordination of actions in international forums. Developing "a common framework for technology, in particular AI," was another topic covered by the ministers. The ministers are in New York for the high-level session of the General Assembly that starts on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, EAM Jaishankar held a meeting with Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis during

the UN High-Level Week, reviewing the strengthening of India-Switzerland economic ties following the entry into force of the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA).

The two ministers also exchanged views on global issues and ways to strengthen multilateral cooperation.

EAM Jaishankar shared the update on X, saying: "A warm meeting with Swiss FM @ignaziocassis #UNHighLevelWeek. Took stock of our strengthening economic ties with the entry into force of the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement. Also discussed global issues and closer multilateral cooperation."

India-EU partnership opens new avenues for cooperation in AI, Quantum technologies: Dr Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): India and the European Union (EU) are poised to expand cooperation across a wide range of strategic sectors, including artificial intelligence (AI), quantum technologies, semiconductors, biotechnology and advanced research, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jiten-

dra Singh, said on Tuesday. The remarks came during a meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), led by Angelika Winzig of Austria and MEP Raffaele Stancanelli.

The discussions focused on the implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA),

strengthening scientific collaboration and advancing partnerships in critical and emerging technologies. Dr Singh said the India-EU strategic partnership offers significant opportunities for deeper engagement in areas of mutual interest, with science, technology and innovation forming a key pillar of the relationship.



He stressed that the early signing and effective implementation of the proposed FTA should remain a shared priority, adding that the agreement would unlock new opportunities for businesses, consumers and skilled professionals while providing fresh momentum to the broader India-EU partnership.

Speaking on behalf of the

delegation, Angelika Winzig described India as a key strategic partner for the EU and said the visit was aimed at gaining a better understanding of India's industrial and technology policies while identifying avenues for greater cooperation. She highlighted shared interests in strengthening industrial competitiveness, building resilient supply chains and

advancing green and digital transitions. Highlighting India's innovation agenda, Dr Singh said research and innovation are central to the government's vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

He noted that India is increasingly focusing on high-impact research, technology commercialisation and stronger industry participation.

India’s middle class can now pursue startup ambitions

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When I quit my job and became an entrepreneur in 1990, there was no policy framework for startups. No venture capital, no tax incentives, no regulatory support. We were simply small business people navigating an indifferent system. Today, India has over 5,00,000 startups (of which 200,000 are registered with DPIIT) and more than 120 unicorns, a transformation driven significantly by deliberate policy interventions over the past decade.

As we complete 10 years of Startup India, it is a good moment to take stock of how far we have come. Startups are central to India's growth strategy. Consider Infosys and HCL; both were startups in the early 1980s. Look at them today: in terms of industry and employment creation, market capitalisation, and building the Indian brand globally. I started my working career in 1984, and there has been a massive difference in the landscape between then and now. Most of the growth and employment has come from new companies and sectors that didn't even exist in the eighties.

IT services didn't exist. The internet didn't exist. Private sector banks barely existed. E-commerce didn't exist. Company after company and industry after industry have been created, often led by startups. HCL, Infosys, Wipro: these



were once small ventures started by ambitious entrepreneurs. Today, they employ thousands and have become symbols of India's capabilities on the world stage. Therefore, we believe the giant companies of tomorrow are the startups of today. This is precisely why the government's recognition of startups as engines of growth was so consequential. Startups had been happening anyway. The policy push accelerated the pace.

The Startup India Initiative was launched on 16 January 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, which marked a watershed moment. I did not attend because my father had passed away earlier that month and the family was in mourning. However, for someone who had spent two decades building an internet business, seeing entrepreneurship receive focused policy attention was significant. The recognition that startups would

be crucial for New India's economy positioned entrepreneurship as central to the nation's growth strategy.

The initiative introduced a comprehensive Action Plan addressing regulatory burden, funding access, and ecosystem development. Company incorporation, which once took months, now happens in days through online portals. The concept of self-certification replaced cumbersome inspection processes. These weren't mere procedural changes; they signalled that the government viewed startups as partners in nation-building.

One of the most significant policy contributions has been the government's Fund of Funds for Startups, which is managed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Having served on the Venture Capital Investment Committee, I've witnessed its transformative impact firsthand. The Fund, with its

corpus of Rs 10,000 crore, didn't just provide capital—it kickstarted an entire ecosystem of Indian venture capital funds.

When the government commits as an anchor investor, it provides validation that helps funds raise capital from other limited partners. By November 2023, the scheme had facilitated investments totalling Rs 17,534 crore in 938 distinct startups. The requirement for Alternative Investment Funds to invest at least twice the amount received from the Fund of Funds in eligible startups has channelled considerably more capital into the ecosystem. This multiplier effect has been instrumental in addressing the funding gap that once constrained Indian entrepreneurship.

The three-year tax holiday for eligible startups helped young companies preserve precious capital for growth. More significantly, the eventual exemption from

angel tax, achieved through sustained advocacy from the ecosystem and government responsiveness, removed a major impediment to early-stage funding. The reduction in corporate tax rates further improved the operating environment.

The introduction of regulatory sandboxes by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) marked an evolution in how India approached financial innovation. These controlled environments, where startups could experiment, enabled small finance banks and payment banks to emerge. Rather than stifling innovation with rigid regulations, policymakers created space for experimentation while maintaining oversight. The government's investment in digital public infrastructure has been foundational. The India Stack, combining Aadhaar for identity, UPI for payments, and affordable data connectivity, created platforms that enable innovation at scale. Customer onboarding used to take days, but now happens in minutes. The Unified Payments Interface, launched in April 2016, exemplifies successful public digital infrastructure. By 2024, UPI was processing over 12 billion transactions monthly, more than the US, UK, Germany, and France combined.

India’s nuclear-power goal needs more than capital

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Nearly two decades ago, India promised itself — and the US — that nuclear power would be its next big bet. The two countries signed a landmark deal on civilian nuclear energy in 2008, amid protests from politicians and activists alike. The late Manmohan Singh, then prime minister, bet his government's survival on passing that legislation — a wager he won, contributing to its re-election. But all that political capital was wasted in the years that followed. Investment didn't flow in. No new plants that used world-class technology or private-sector expertise got built. That might, finally, be about to change. In December, parliament passed a new bill that is supposed to make it easier for private companies, including foreign ones, to build and operate nuclear power plants. It ends a de-facto state monopoly on the source of energy and, even more importantly, aligns India's legal framework with global norms, so investors know what they're getting into.

Hopefully, this hasn't come too late for power-hungry India. Nuclear contributes only about 3% of its electricity. As renewable energy scales up across the country, many worry that its intermittent nature will keep dirty coal plants in business longer than necessary. But New Delhi has finally accepted that the base load power demand of the future will



need supplementing, and nuclear plants are one way to go about it.

These ambitions are small compared to India's size — but vast by any other standards. The government plans for 100 gigawatts of nuclear-energy capacity by 2047, the 100th anniversary of independence, up from less than nine gigawatts today. In other words, it intends to build the equivalent of America's entire reactor fleet over the next generation. This is one of the biggest opportunities in the energy sector in years. Unsurprisingly, there are a few companies that are already interested. Bloomberg News has reported that Adani Group intends to kick things off with small modular reactors in the most populous state, Uttar Pradesh. Several other large conglomerates are also apparently keen.

But that won't be enough. Officials have estimated a build-out of this scale will cost \$217 billion. Domestic

capital can't do that alone; foreign companies will need to get involved. This is where the second part of the December law comes in. The rules have been changed to reflect global liability standards, removing the biggest reason that the 2008 nuclear deal underperformed.

This has been a political land mine for a very long time. In 1984, a pesticide plant in the central Indian town of Bhopal leaked a highly toxic gas. Thousands died. We still don't know exactly how many — but enough to make it the world's deadliest industrial disaster. Many Indians still believe the plant's operator, the US company Union Carbide, got off too lightly. The shadow of Bhopal has meant that the Indian state has always wanted to ensure it could go after suppliers of industrial equipment if needed; but, across the world, the liability for nuclear accidents is usually shouldered by a plant's operator, not those who

provide the technology and equipment. Moving beyond this was essential to finally make nuclear energy projects financeable. But the government shouldn't skip out on the other half of the bargain: Regulation.

The controls the new law proposes appear strong enough — on paper. But unless the government is very careful, things might be different in practice. This is particularly true once well-connected business groups get involved. In sectors from coal to airports to telecom, apparently independent regulators have been accused of being too weak on politically influential Indian corporations. That's bad anywhere. In the nuclear sector it could be disastrous. The problem of information asymmetry is unusually severe, the care required unusually high, and the damage that an accident could cause uniquely irreversible. Regulators thus have to believe they can delay projects, shut down plants, even embar-

ass tycoons in public. India tends to build sectors first and regulate them later. With nuclear power, it must do both together. It will save billions by allowing the private sector in, but it must also spend billions on independent laboratories, well-paid inspectors, and real-time monitoring.

The government is right to hope that private capital will help manage the awesome up-front cost of building the world's second-largest fleet of reactors. But it has a start-up cost of its own to pay: The creation of regulatory expertise and governance capacity. This column reflects the personal views of the author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board or Bloomberg LP and its owners. Mihir Sharma is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist. A senior fellow at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi, he is author of “Restart: The Last Chance for the Indian Economy.”

Bengal's reservation policy violates the RPwD Act

Recently, Kolkata witnessed a protest against the faulty 100-point roster, which violated the RPwD Act 2016, by barring General, OBC-A, and OBC-B locomotor disabled candidates from their rightful reservation. The eligible candidates were sitting outside Bikash Bhavan in this chilly winter, from 15 to 23 December, asking their grievances be addressed by the concerned authority. The protesters, including high-ranking candidates who were denied recruitment due to these roster flaws, are now demanding direct intervention from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to rectify the legal discrepancies before further recruitment processes are finalised.

The 100-point roster is a structured reservation framework used by the government of West Bengal for direct recruitment to state government jobs. It allocates 100 consecutive vacancies across categories such as SC, ST, OBC, EWS, PwD, ex-servicemen, and unreserved slots. In 2025, the government issued an updated model roster via the labour department, consolidating different rules for reservation in government jobs, which was supposed to ensure transparency in upcoming recruitments.

The eligible locomotor-disabled candidates demonstrated against the alleged error in the 100-point model roster established in 2019, as per a notification by the State Labour Department. In the 32nd vacancy in the 2025 roster, it is mentioned that only a locomotor-disabled person (including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy) who belongs to the SC category will be eligible for reservation in the upcoming government jobs. This is a clear violation of the RPwD Act 2016. According to the disabled protesters, this roster incorrectly limits locomotor disability reservations solely to the candidates from the Schedule Caste (SC) category, effectively excluding all other locomotor-disabled applicants from the General, OBC-A and OBC-B categories, regardless of their score or merit.

The RPWD Act 2016, mandates a minimum 4 per cent reservation in all government establishments, which is horizontal and must apply across all vertical categories (UR, SC, ST, OBC). However, in the 2019 roster, the 32nd point or clause clearly contradicts the RPwD Act 2016.

What is particularly troubling is that this contradiction has been acknowledged within the government itself. Representations made to the Department of Women and Social Welfare were forwarded to the Labour Department, which reportedly accepted the error and returned the file with necessary corrections. Yet the process appears to have stalled thereafter, with no public explanation. An RTI response indicating that the file remains pending only deepens concerns about administrative accountability.

The protesters tried to contact the department secretary, Sanghamitra Ghosh, but she refused to meet them. In July 2025, a case was filed against this apathetic attitude, which violates their lawful rights, before Justice Amrita Sinha. However, after the vacation, they were transferred to the bench of Justice Krishna Rao. Even in court, the Advocate General isn't appearing systematically, resulting in a delay in obtaining justice.

According to the aggrieved candidates, the roster not only violates the RPwD Act 2016, but also Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution. However, no rightful actions are being taken by the government. While the eligible candidates continue to suffer mental and physical harassment, the state government celebrated World Disability Day on 3 December. Even when they were protesting, they had to face police brutality and the denial of access to toilets inside Bikash Bhavan. They have also sent a letter to the office of the President of India, Draupadi Murmu. The Office of the President sent a letter to the relevant state authorities to investigate this matter, but the authorities seem to have ignored the letter. Individual accounts from the movement—such as that of Saddam Hossain, a TET-qualified candidate with locomotor disability—underscore this structural failure. His experience is not exceptional but emblematic: Repeated assurances, postponed meetings, and symbolic engagement without policy resolution.

In an interview, Hossain said, “I am an ordinary citizen of India and a person with disability, yet I was not provided even the minimum protection. This is completely unjust. Why must one suffer in this manner simply to claim legitimate rights?... This caused me deep emotional hurt. These authorities are paid from taxpayers' money, yet they behaved in this manner towards a citizen with disability. I was compelled to ask: Am I not an Indian citizen?” Biswarup Barui, another protesting candidate, said that they didn't receive any assistance from organisations working for persons with disabilities. No discussions or assistance had been offered to them in this movement.

On 27 November 2025, Hossain and other candidates began a protest in front of Bikash Bhavan, which they later temporarily withdrew after being assured by MLA Nausad Siddiqui that a meeting with Social Welfare Minister Shashi Panja would be held on 1 December. When the meeting did not take place, the group again visited Bikash Bhavan on 2 December, only to be informed that the Minister was busy at a disability-related event and would not be attending the office that day.

A written deputation was submitted, but no concrete response followed. After nearly two weeks of silence, a fresh protest was organised at Central Park Metro Station on 15 December. In the middle of a scuffle, Hossain alleges he was thrown out of his wheelchair by the police and left on the road, where he continued his protest. He says a police officer then assured him that he would be allowed to meet the minister and the principal secretary the next day. On 16 December, Hossain reached Bikash Bhavan at 9 am, hopeful that someone in authority would finally listen. Instead, he says, the Minister did not meet him, and Principal Secretary Sanghamitra Ghosh passed by him near the lift, briefly remarking that “it will take time” before leaving.

The protesters said their demand is not for any special concession but for implementation of the reservation framework in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. They maintained that eligible candidates with locomotor disabilities should be considered on an equal basis irrespective of their vertical category, subject to the applicable recruitment rules. The candidates also sought clarity from the state government on the status of the corrections reportedly made to the roster. They demanded that the authorities make the relevant files and decisions available publicly so that affected candidates can understand how the disputed provision will be applied in future recruitments. The prolonged uncertainty has also raised concerns among candidates who have already qualified in various examinations and are awaiting recruitment opportunities. They said any further recruitment based on a disputed roster could potentially affect candidates who have spent years preparing for government examinations.

The protesters have appealed to the state government to hold a formal meeting with representatives of the affected candidates and disability-rights experts. They said a time-bound mechanism should be established to examine the roster, address any legal discrepancies and communicate the final decision to all stakeholders. The candidates said they would continue to pursue the matter through constitutional and legal avenues until their grievances are addressed. They also appealed to disability-rights organisations, civil society groups and other stakeholders to take up the issue and ensure that eligible persons with disabilities are able to access reservation benefits provided under law.

“Historic expansion of infrastructure in rural India”: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday reacted to the Economic Survey and said that the survey’s data clearly demonstrates that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the country has made unprecedented progress on both, the agriculture and rural development, fronts.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that over the past five years, the agriculture and allied sectors have recorded an average annual growth rate of 4.4 percent at constant prices, which is higher than the global average. During the decade from fi-

“ Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouha said that the Economic Survey reflects how consistent policy focus, institutional reforms and targeted investments have strengthened agriculture and transformed rural India. He added that these outcomes underline the government’s commitment to inclusive growth, farmer welfare and sustainable rural development, ensuring that villages play a central role in India’s journey towards becoming a developed nation. ”

nancial year 2016 to 2025, the agricultural sector posted a decadal growth rate of 4.45 percent, the highest compared to previous decades. He added that even in the second quarter of financial year 2025–26, the agriculture sector registered a growth rate of 3.5 percent, reflecting its strength and resilience.

The Union Minister said that in the financial year 2024–25, the country’s foodgrain production reached a record level of 357.73 million tonnes.

This increase was primarily driven by improved output of rice, wheat, maize and coarse cereals, including ‘Shree Anna’ (millets). Today, India is not only self-reliant in foodgrain production but is also playing a leading role globally in several crops. Chouhan said that with nearly a 33 percent share in agricultural gross value added (GVA), the horticulture sector has emerged as the brightest spot in Indian agriculture. Horticulture production increased from 280.70 million tonnes in the financial year 2013–14 to 367.72 million tonnes in 2024–25.

During this period, fruit production stood at 114.51 million tonnes, vegetable

ments in rural development, Shri Chouhan said that there has been remarkable progress in rural infrastructure, including roads, housing, drinking water and digital connectivity. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), more than 99.6 percent of eligible habitations have now been connected with all-weather roads.

He said that under various phases of PMGSY, construction of lakhs of kilometres of roads and thousands of bridges has been completed. Under PMGSY-IV, road projects covering more than 10,000 kilometres have been approved, which will ensure access to essential services for nearly 3,270

World’s Largest capital expenditure Broadband Programme Set to Create Digital Highways Across India: Minister Scindia

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): Union Minister for Communications and Development of the Northeastern Region, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, today informed the Rajya Sabha about the significant progress and future roadmap of the Department of Telecommunications in providing connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs), underlining that BharatNet has evolved into the backbone of India’s digital transformation.

Replying to a question in the House, the Union Minister said that the government’s vision is to provide world-class, fast, and reliable broadband connectivity to every citizen, enabling

transformative change in education, healthcare, governance, business, and employment. BharatNet, he said, is no longer just a connectivity project but a national digital infrastructure empowering both rural and urban India.

The Union Minister stated that under BharatNet-1 and BharatNet-2, a target was set to connect more than 2.22 lakh Gram Panchayats across the country. So far, around 2.15 lakh Gram Panchayats—i.e., nearly 97%—have been connected, with close to 7 lakh kilometres of optical fiber cable laid nationwide. This has significantly strengthened e-governance, digital payments,

online education, telemedicine, and local entrepreneurship in rural India.

Scindia highlighted that the government approved the Amended BharatNet Scheme during late 2023 and 2024, marking the world’s largest capital expenditure broadband program, with a total outlay of 1.40 lakh crore (approximately USD 16 billion). The scheme aims to extend broadband connectivity not only to Gram Panchayats but also beyond to nearly 6.5 lakh villages.

Key features include up-grading network architecture from linear to ring topology to ensure 100% redundancy, connecting around 47,000

additional Gram Panchayats, and providing up to 25 Mbps broadband connectivity directly to households. The network is also being modernized through a shift from GPON to MPLS technology, alongside the establishment of State-level Network Operating Centres (S-NOC) and a Central Network Operating Centre (C-NOC) for 24x7 monitoring. These changes will increase the reliability, speed, and continuity of the network manifold, thereby minimizing any disruption to digital services.

The Union Minister informed the House that the Government has launched the BharatNet Udyami (Entrepreneur) Model to link

rural connectivity with employment and entrepreneurship. Under this model, so far 7,570 BNUs have been selected, and the remaining more than 380,000 villages will be connected through a demand-driven model. Capital and operational subsidies will be provided to BNUs to support last-mile connectivity, creating new self-employment opportunities and strengthening local digital service delivery.

Scindia said the government aims to provide 1.5 crore Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) connections across the country through BharatNet, of which over 14 lakh connections have already been delivered till now.

Fourth Railway Line Approved Between Baikunth and Urkura at 426 Crore

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): The Ministry of Railways has sanctioned the construction of a fourth railway line between Baikunth and Urkura, covering a length of 26.40 kilometres, at an estimated cost of 426.01 crore, under the South East Central Railway. The Baikunth–Urkura section is a vital part of the Bilaspur–Raipur–Nagpur main line, which also falls on the Mumbai–Howrah high-density railway network, one of the busiest rail corridors in the country. At present, this section is operating with saturated capacity, underscoring the urgent

need for capacity expansion.

The sanctioned fourth line will significantly ease congestion and enhance the smooth movement of trains. The project will create capacity for additional passenger and coaching services, reduce delays, and improve punctuality on this heavily utilised section. In addition to passenger benefits, the project is expected to facilitate additional freight traffic of approximately 14.25 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). This increase in freight handling capacity is projected to generate additional annual earnings.

Renewed Momentum in India–Canada Bilateral Relations

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): Hon’ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri JP Nadda, held a meeting with high level Canadian delegation led by Mr. Tim Hodgson, Hon’ble Minister of Natural Resources, Canada in New Delhi on 29th January, 2026.

Welcoming the Canadian delegation, Shri Nadda said that strengthening potash availability in India remains central to restoring soil fertility and promoting balanced nutrient application under India’s Integrated Nutrient Management framework. Appreciating Canada’s role as a reliable supplier of Muriate of Potash (MOP), Shri Nadda noted that India imports nearly 25% of its total requirement of MOP fertilizer from

Canada. He also highlighted Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (GSFC) investment of CAD 49.68 million in Karnalyte Resources Inc., a Canadian potash development company. GSFC currently holds a 47.73% equity stake in the project, giving India a substantial strategic share in this important potash asset project.

During the deliberations, Mr. Hodgson affirmed Canada’s commitment to supporting India’s agricultural productivity, noting that potash is a mineral critical for agriculture. He outlined Canada’s new investment environment and conveyed that any investment made by Indian partners in the natural resources sector would be matched by the Canadian government. Both sides also

discussed India’s long-term strategy for potash security, including opportunities for technical collaboration in mining and exploration and India’s interest in securing more long-term supply contracts with Canada for MOP.

The discussions highlighted the shared commitment of India and Canada to enhance collaboration in the fertilizer sector and strengthen the strategic partnership between the two nations for long-term food and agriculture security. Both the countries stand to gain from this initiative which will promote deeper economic cooperation and support mutually beneficial investments in fertilizer sector.

India and Canada also discussed the importance of en-

suring stable and predictable supplies of potash to meet the needs of Indian farmers. The two sides recognised that reliable access to key agricultural inputs is essential for maintaining productivity and supporting sustainable farming practices.

The Indian side highlighted the need to diversify and strengthen sources of fertilizer supply in view of growing agricultural requirements. Long-term arrangements with major potash-producing countries such as Canada could help provide greater stability to India’s fertilizer availability.

The meeting also explored possibilities for expanding cooperation in potash exploration, mining technologies and resource development. Greater techni-

cal engagement could help Indian companies build expertise and participate more actively in international mineral-resource projects.

Canada’s proposed approach to matching investments by Indian partners in its natural resources sector was also seen as an opportunity to encourage greater private and public-sector participation. Such investments could deepen commercial ties while supporting the development of critical mineral resources.

Both sides emphasised the role of industry partnerships in strengthening the fertilizer supply chain. Greater cooperation between Indian and Canadian companies could create opportunities for investment, technology,

IEA bioenergy outlook and PPAC journal highlight policy-led scale-up and role of States in energy

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): India’s bioenergy sector has the potential to grow significantly faster than the country’s overall energy demand and emerge as a key pillar of energy security, emissions reduction and rural development, said Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, on the third day of India Energy Week 2026 which is being held in Goa from 27th January to 30th January 2026.

Speaking on the Addition Stage at the release of the IEA India Bioenergy Market Report: Outlook for Liquid and Gaseous Biofuels to 2030 and the 5th edition of the PPAC Journal Ensuring Energy Security: Role of State Energy Policies, Dr. Mittal emphasised the urgency of scaling sustainable energy solutions. “India’s energy consumption is in the lower half globally on a per capita basis, but its growth rate is almost twice the world average. In the next decade, India’s energy growth could outstrip global growth by a factor of two or more,” he said.

Highlighting the success of policy-driven outcomes, Dr. Mittal cited the ethanol blending programme as a global benchmark. “In 2014, ethanol blending was just 1.4 percent. Today, we are close to 20 percent, and we have enough domestic ethanol to go beyond that if technology and national vision take us there,” he

added. He noted that similar blending targets have been set for biodiesel, compressed biogas (CBG) and sustainable aviation fuel, underlining India’s commitment to responsible and low-carbon energy growth.

The IEA India Bioenergy Market Report, released during the session by the International Energy Agency, presented a strong growth outlook for liquid and gaseous biofuels through 2030. Presenting key findings, Dr. Paolo Frankl, Head of the Renewable Energy Division at IEA, said India has already tripled its consumption of modern bioenergy since 2020, driven by a combination of blending mandates, targeted incentives, research support and supply-chain development. He added that under enhanced policy implementation, India could double biofuel deployment again by 2030, making it one of the fastest-growing bioenergy markets globally.

Dr. Frankl highlighted compressed biogas as a major emerging opportunity for India due to the country’s vast agricultural residues and organic waste potential. He added that improved feedstock aggregation, infrastructure proximity and stable offtake mechanisms would be critical to sustaining growth and lowering costs.

Complementing the IEA report, Petroleum Plan-

ning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) released the 5th edition of its bi-annual technical journal. P Manoj Kumar, Director General, PPAC, said the edition focuses on the pivotal role of state-level energy policies in strengthening availability, affordability and resilience. He added that the journal brings together contributions from states, policymakers and institutions, reinforcing evidence-based policy-making and cooperative federalism in the energy sector.

Charlotte Morton, Chief Executive of the World Biogas Association, contributed to the Panel’s deliberation with crucial insights on the need for a cohesive national framework for biogas. She highlighted biogas as a multi-benefit solution that supports waste management, rural livelihoods, emissions reduction and decentralised energy systems, and called for stronger coordination across policies, finance and markets.

About India Energy Week India Energy Week is the country’s flagship global energy platform, bringing together government leaders, industry executives and innovators to accelerate progress toward a secure, sustainable and affordable energy future. As a neutral international forum, IEW drives investment, policy alignment and technological collaboration shaping the global energy landscape.

India concludes free trade agreement with the european union after 3 years of negotiations

New Delhi, Sept 22 (GNS): India’s GDP growth for FY26 is estimated at 7.4 per cent driven by the double engine of consumption and investment. It reaffirms India’s status as the fastest-growing major economy for the fourth consecutive year. This was highlight of the Economic Survey 2025-26 tabled by the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament today.

The Survey says the real GDP growth for FY27 is projected at 6.8-7.2 per cent, while the potential growth for India is estimated at around 7 per cent.

The Survey points out that the domestic demand continues to underpin

economic growth in FY26. According to the First Advanced Estimate, the share of final private consumption expenditure (PFCE) in GDP rose to 61.5 per cent in FY26. This strength in consumption reflects a supportive macroeconomic environment, characterised by low inflation, stable employment conditions, and rising real purchasing power. Moreover, steady rural consumption, bolstered by strong agricultural performance, and the gradual improvement in urban consumption, aided by the rationalisation of direct and indirect taxes, reaffirm that the momentum in consumption demand is broad-based.

Along with consump-

tion, investment has continued to anchor growth in FY26, with the share of gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) estimated at 30.0 per cent. Investment activity strengthened in the first half of the year, with, GFCF expanding by 7.6 per cent, exceeding the pace recorded in the corresponding period last year and remaining above the pre-pandemic average of 7.1 per cent.

The Survey highlights that Agriculture and allied services are estimated to grow by 3.1 per cent in FY26. Agricultural activity in first half of FY26 was supported by a favourable monsoon. Agricultural GVA grew by 3.6 per cent, higher than the 2.7 per cent growth recorded in first half

of FY25, but remained below the long-term average of 4.5 per cent. Allied activities, particularly livestock and fisheries, have grown at relatively stable rates of around 5-6 per cent. As their share in agricultural GVA has increased, aggregate agricultural growth has increasingly reflected a weighted outcome of volatile crop performance and a relatively stable expansion in allied sectors.

The Economic Survey mentions that the industrial sector is showing signs of strength, with manufacturing growing by 8.4 per cent in the first half of FY26, surpassing the FY26 estimate of 7.0 per cent. Additionally, the construction industry has remained resilient,

“ The Union government’s landmark step of notifying the implementation of the Labour Codes marks a significant reform in the regulatory framework. The consolidation of 29 central laws into four Labour Codes aims to simplify compliance, enhance labour market flexibility, and extend security to a broader section of the workforce, while maintaining safeguards for wages, occupational safety, and social security. ”

underpinned by sustained public capital expenditure and ongoing momentum in infrastructure projects. The manufacturing sector share has remained steady at around 17-18 per cent in real (constant) price terms. Manufacturing’s gross value of output (GVO) has remained broadly stable at around 38 per cent, comparable to services, indicating that output has been sustained.

Moreover, in FY26, the industrial sector is expected

to gain momentum, growing at 6.2 per cent, up from 5.9 per cent in FY25. The high-frequency indicators for Q3 of FY26, including the PMI manufacturing, IIP manufacturing, and e-way bill generation, signal a strengthening of manufacturing activity underpinned by robust demand. Construction indicators, such as steel consumption and cement production,

, have witnessed a steady growth. Looking ahead, momentum in industrial activ-

ity is expected to remain buoyant, boosted by the rationalisation of GST and a favourable demand outlook.

The Economic Survey highlights that on the supply side, services remain the main driver of growth. In the first half of FY26, the Gross Value Added (GVA) for services increased by 9.3 per cent, with an estimated 9.1 per cent growth for the entire fiscal year. This trend indicates a broad-based expansion across the sector.

Within the service sector, all

sub-segments have grown past 9 per cent, save for the heavily Covid-impacted ‘trade, hospitality, transport, communication and related services, which is still 50 basis points away from the pre-pandemic average.

The Economic Survey mentions demand-led growth in the economy has unfolded alongside a marked easing of inflation, which has improved real purchasing power and supported consumption. Domestic inflation dynamics in FY26 (April-December) reflect a broad-based easing in price pressures, led by a sharp disinflation in food prices. Headline CPI inflation declined to 1.7 per cent, driven primarily by corrections.

CM Revanth Reddy Orders Green Channel Funds for SC/ST Assault Victims



Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed the officials to release funds through the 'Green Channel' for compensation to the victims of sexual assault from the SC and ST communities.

The Chief Minister held a meeting of the implementation of the State-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee on the implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. This was the first time

after the formation of Telangana State that the State-level High-Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting on the Act was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), the Committee reviewed the implementation of the Act, cases registered, investigation, trial proceedings, case resolution, and the assistance and rehabilitation provided to victims till date. CM Revanth Reddy as-

serted that the government was responding to the incidents of sexual assault on humanitarian grounds. Numerous welfare schemes have also been launched to uplift the SC and ST communities, including providing fine rice and nutritious food to the Dalit and tribal groups in the state, he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that the government was moving forward inspired by the spirit of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and allocating funds in propor-

tion to population demographics. Dalits constituted 31 per cent of the total beneficiaries of 'Indiramma' houses, and 17 per cent of 'Indiramma' houses were sanctioned to STs (Scheduled Tribes).

The government was also providing breakfast to 27.5 lakh students across the state, from nursery to the 12th grade. CM Revanth Reddy recalled that Indira Gandhi distributed assigned land titles (pattas) covering 25 lakh acres to the SC and STs

who considered 'Indiramma' as their beloved mother. The Chief Minister emphasised that education alone transforms lives and the problems cannot be resolved unless the marginalised communities are provided quality education.

He appealed to the communities to encourage their children to pursue education and sports.

"Let us work towards the development of these communities, rising above politics," he added

Telangana EAGLE force wins National anti-drug award

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Telangana's EAGLE Force has earned national recognition for its anti-drug operations after scoring more than 80 per cent in a seven-parameter assessment conducted by the Centre. EAGLE Force Director Sandeep Shandilya received the national-level award from Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. The assessment covered intelligence operations, synthetic drug control, prosecution, demand reduction, coordination, research and administration.

The Telangana Police has strengthened its anti-drug investigations by creating dedicated cells for legal searches, judicial analysis, witness protection and prosecution support.



DGP C.V. Anand has been reviewing anti-drug operations and directing district police officers to intensify action against drug trafficking and consumption.

Anand said protecting future generations from the drug menace remains a key priority and congratulated

the EAGLE Force team and other departments for the national recognition. The recognition comes in view of the force's efforts to strengthen intelligence-led operations, improve coordination among enforcement agencies and ensure effective prosecution of drug-related cases.

Heavy Rain Triggers Waterlogging, Traffic Jams in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Heavy rain lashed parts of Greater Hyderabad in Telangana on Tuesday evening, inundating roads and disrupting vehicular traffic. The rain, under the impact of a cyclonic storm in the Bay of Bengal, flooded the roads in several areas, causing traffic snarls during peak time.

There was a massive traffic jam at the Sheikhpet flyover due to the overflow of storm water drain. Techies returning home from HITEC City and Gachibowli were caught in the jam. Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) went on alert following 3.3 centimetres of rainfall. HYDRAA said vigilance of its staff and cleaning of silt from flood drains and culverts ensured that there was no waterlogging in many areas.

HYDRAA Commissioner

AV Ranganath was on the ground. He oversaw the work of removing stagnant water under the Secunderabad Clock Tower bridge using motors. HYDRAA control room received complaints of fallen trees at nine locations and water stagnation at four places. Meanwhile, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed the official machinery to remain alert.

The Chief Minister instructed the Commissioners of the three Municipal Corporations in the Greater Hyderabad region, HYDRAA and police commissioners to work in coordination and monitor the situation constantly. The civic authorities were ordered to take immediate measures to prevent waterlogging on main roads, junctions and residential colonies. According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), he asked the officials to promptly

deploy required personnel and machinery in water-stagnant areas The Chief Minister also instructed the Energy Department to ensure there are no power outages. The Traffic Police wing was directed to take proactive measures to prevent traffic congestion.

CM Revanth Reddy suggested paying special attention to low-lying areas and colonies prone to flooding. Special teams should be pressed into service to clear the obstructions to the flow of water in drains and storm-water channels. Rescue teams will remain ready for immediate response during emergencies, and control rooms will remain vigilant. The Chief Minister emphasised that officials must be available on the ground to monitor the situation and take all necessary measures to ensure the public does not face any inconvenience.

Ganesh Immersion Must Proceed Peacefully and Safely

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Cyberabad Commissioner of Police (CP) Dr. M. Ramesh directed officials to work in coordination to ensure that Ganesh immersion activities conclude peacefully and safely. He instructed them to remain vigilant on the ground until the immersion process is complete and to respond immediately to resolve any issues that may arise. During a review meeting with senior officials held on Tuesday at the Cyberabad Commissionerate auditorium, he assessed the immersion status, security arrangements, and traffic management for each police station jurisdiction. The CP inquired about



the number of Ganesh idols immersed so far and the number of idols yet to be immersed within each police station's limits. He also enquired about any difficulties faced by the public and Ganesh festival committee organizers during the immersion proceedings. He dis-

cussed ground-level conditions with officials regarding potential traffic congestion, vehicle parking issues, or route-related problems along the immersion paths.

The CP directed officials to take proactive measures to prevent traffic congestion along the immersion routes.

tinuously monitor conditions along the immersion routes and immediately deploy personnel wherever necessary.

The Commissioner of Police (CP) highlighted the importance of coordination among the police, traffic, GHMC, and other relevant departments. Officials were instructed to identify and resolve potential issues proactively to prevent minor problems from escalating into major difficulties. Orders were given to immediately bring any issues to the attention of senior officers for resolution and to maintain continuous monitoring until the immersion process concludes.

DCP Kajal Singh Leads Road Safety Awareness Drive at Hyderabad School

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
On the occasion of World Peace Day, as part of the "Arrive Alive" road safety awareness programme a prestigious initiative of the State Government a road safety awareness event was conducted today at Oasis International School, Shaikpet, Hyderabad.

Smt. Kajal Singh, IPS, DCP Traffic, Hyderabad, attended the programme as the Chief Guest and interacted with the students on various aspects of road safety and traffic regulations. Highlighting that road safety and respecting the rights of fellow com-

muters are essential components of building a peaceful and harmonious society, she explained the importance of adhering to traffic rules, responsible road behaviour, and the prevention of road accidents.

An interactive Question-and-Answer session was conducted, during which students enthusiastically asked questions regarding traffic rules, road safety, and relevant laws. Smt. Kajal Singh, IPS, patiently addressed their queries and explained the applicable laws, their importance, and enforcement mechanisms in

a clear and detailed manner.

Appreciating the students' enthusiasm and awareness, the DCP Traffic encouraged them to act as responsible road users and to spread the message of road safety and mutual respect among their families and peers, emphasizing that safe roads contribute directly to peaceful communities. Around 650 students attended the programme and actively participated in a road safety awareness display holding placards with key messages on traffic rules, road safety, and peaceful co-existence on roads.

Seethakka Congratulates Tribal Mountaineers

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Telangana Minister Seethakka congratulated two aspiring mountaineers from tribal communities who are preparing to embark on their journey to scale Mount Everest. Madavi Kanni Bai (31) from the Kolam tribe, belonging to Bheemandgondi village in Kerameri mandal of Asifabad district, and Kathle Anand Rao (23) from the Toti tribe, hailing from Dhoo-parpeta village in Ichoda mandal of Adilabad district, are set to begin their Everest expedition soon.

Minister Seethakka provided personal financial assistance to both mountaineers to support their expedition. She expressed her wishes for the two climbers to not only reach the highest peaks but also rise to greater heights in life, inspiring others from tribal communities to pursue their dreams.

The Minister appreciated their determination and courage in taking up the challenging Everest expedition and said their efforts would serve as an inspiration to tribal youth across the state. She hoped their achievement would en-

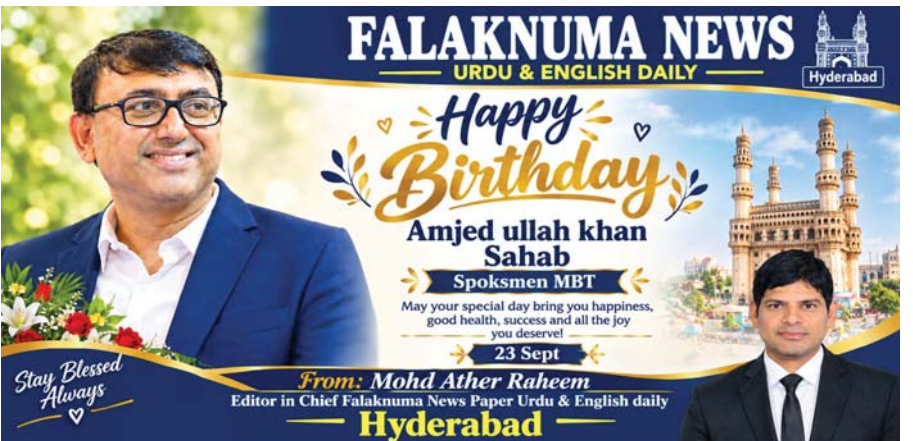
Sabitha Indra Reddy Inspects Drainage Issues in Jalpally

Hyderabad, Sept 22 (GNS):
Maheshwaram MLA and former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy visited Adnan Colony, Sadath Colony and Sudha Colony in Jalpally Division 65 on Tuesday to inspect the problems being faced by local residents.

During the visit, resi-

dents and local BRS leaders brought several civic issues to the MLA's attention, particularly the lack of a proper drainage outlet in the colonies. Sabitha Indra Reddy inspected the drainage-related problems and spoke over the phone with the Zonal Commissioner and Deputy Com-

missioner from the spot. She directed the officials to prepare an estimate immediately and take steps to resolve the drainage issue at the earliest. She also said efforts would be made to secure funds for the construction of a main drainage outlet connecting the colonies.



Late Gazi e Millat
Aman Ullah Khan Sahab
Founder of Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT)

MEGA FREE MEDICAL CAMP

Date: 26 September 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Venue: Hidayath Function Hall, Talabakatta, Hyderabad Assembly Constituency

The camp is being organised by
(Adv.) Affan Ullah Khan
MBT youth leader

SPECIALIST CONSULTATIONS - Cardiologist - Orthopedic Surgeon - General Physician - Gynecologist - Ophthalmologist	FREE HEALTH SERVICES - Sugar Testing - Blood Pressure (BP) - Weight Check - X-Ray 2D Echo 3D Echo - ECG	Free Medicines and Free Spectacles will also be distributed to eligible beneficiaries. For patients requiring surgery, treatment will be provided at 50% of the applicable cost, subject to the Government Multi-Specialty Hospital's terms and medical assessment.
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INAUGURATION
The Mega Medical Camp will be inaugurated by
Dr. Mir Jawad Zair Khan
Orthopedic Surgeon

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