

Army engineers to be deployed for SLBC, Kaleshwaram works

Telangana likely to take three Corps of Engineers officers on deputation

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THE Telangana Government is set to strengthen the execution of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal tunnel and the rehabilitation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages by engaging additional officers from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers. The Military Secretary's Branch of the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence has offered three officers for selection by the Telangana Government: Lt Col Satyadev Singh, Lt Col Ranjit A Menon and Lt Col HV Bhalu. The State Government is likely to take all three officers on deputation and deploy them in its most technically challenging irrigation works. Irrigation and Civil Sup-



plies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy recently met Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth at his official residence in New Delhi and requested the deputation of experienced Army engineers to Telangana. He explained the technical complexity

and strategic importance of the SLBC tunnel and the repair and rehabilitation of the three Kaleshwaram barrages. Col Mehra has been closely associated with both the SLBC tunnel, the repair and rehabilitation planning for Medigadda, Annaram and

Sundilla barrages. His technical knowledge, field-level involvement and ability to coordinate complex operations have been of immense value to the Irrigation Department. "Our experience with Col Parikshit Mehra has been

extraordinary. His contribution has reinforced our belief that experienced military engineers can add tremendous value to technically complicated infrastructure projects. In light of that experience, we requested the Army Chief to depute more officers. I am grateful that General Dhiraj Seth and Army Headquarters responded so positively and promptly," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

Under the deployment being considered, one of the three officers would supervise operations at the SLBC tunnel's two excavation fronts, including work inside the tunnel near the excavation faces. The remaining two officers would be assigned to the repair and rehabilitation works covering the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages.

Scuffle breaks out over 2BHK allotments

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MADDIRALA (SURYAPET)

TENSION prevailed in Maddirala village of Tungaturthi constituency in Suryapet district during the draw conducted for the allotment of double-bedroom houses, after several villagers staged a protest alleging irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries.

Officials had initiated the process to allot a total of 58 double-bedroom houses to beneficiaries through a draw. However, a few villagers objected to the process, alleging that houses were being allotted to ineligible persons instead of

Beneficiaries argue with police during protest alleging irregularities



deserving poor families.

The protesters claimed that beneficiaries who already owned houses had also been included in the allotment, while several poor families who had been living without houses for years were being denied the benefit.

As villagers staged a protest and dharna questioning the allotment process, the situation became tense.

An argument reportedly broke out between the protesters and police personnel. Police dispersed the protesters to bring the situation under control, and some of them were reportedly taken to the police station.

The villagers demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the allotment process and a fresh verification of the eligibility of beneficiaries. They urged the authorities to identify genuinely deserving families and allot the houses transparently in accordance with government norms.

An official response from the authorities and public representatives concerned to the allegations of irregularities in the allotment was awaited.



SCR intensifies water quality checks at Nizamabad station

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SOUTH Central Railway (SCR) has intensified water quality monitoring and maintenance at Nizamabad railway station and adjoining railway colonies under the Hyderabad division to ensure safe drinking water for passengers and residents.

During a special drive conducted from August 21 to September 28, officials tested 531 drinking water samples for residual chlorine, with all samples found satisfactory. Another 134 samples underwent bacteriological analysis and tested negative for E. coli

contamination.

Engineering and medical department officials jointly inspected groundwater sources, municipal supply lines, storage facilities, Ground Level Reservoirs and High Level Reservoirs. Chlorination systems and distribution networks were also reviewed.

SCR General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava directed officials to maintain continuous vigilance and ensure compliance with Indian Railways Medical Manual standards.

He stressed frequent sampling and prompt preventive measures to ensure uninterrupted access to safe drinking water.

Opposition protests agenda approval at Bodhan Council meet

Heated exchanges erupt as councillors demand discussion before decisions are taken



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NIZAMABAD

TENSIONS erupted at the Bodhan Municipal general body meeting on Tuesday after opposition councillors protested the unilateral ap-

proval of the agenda without allowing them an opportunity to speak.

The meeting, presided over by Municipal Chairperson Thumu Padma, witnessed heated exchanges as BJP and AIMIM councillors

respond to their constituents if they were not permitted to voice their concerns during official deliberations. Their protest led to a heated argument with ruling party members and municipal officials.

The situation intensified when Municipal Commissioner attempted to leave the meeting hall. Councillors led by Vice Chairman Mir Ilyas Ali and BJP floor leader Kollipaka Renuka reportedly gheraoed the official and prevented him from leaving, prompting police to intervene and restore order.

Vice Chairman Mir Ilyas Ali, BJP floor leader Kollipaka Renuka and other councillors strongly protested against what they described as the administration's high-handed conduct and demanded greater opportunity for opposition members to participate in council proceedings.



SRSP storage rises to 46.65 TMC as water inflows continue

Reservoir receives 1,736 cusecs inflow; 2,157 cusecs released for irrigation and drinking water needs

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NIZAMABAD: Water storage in the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) has reached 46.654 TMC, according to official figures recorded on Tuesday. The reservoir's water level stood at 1,080.60 feet, with the project receiving an average inflow of 1,736 cusecs over the past 24 hours.

Against the inflow, project authorities released 2,157 cusecs of water through the project's main canals and lift

irrigation schemes to meet agricultural and drinking water requirements in downstream areas.

Irrigation department officials said water was being actively supplied through the canal network and lift irrigation systems to meet the ongoing needs of farmers and communities in the region. The continued releases are aimed at ensuring adequate water availability for irrigation as well as drinking water requirements in downstream areas.

Technology to play key role in strengthening crime control

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JAYASHANKAR BHUPALPALY

AS part of annual inspections, SP Sirishetty Sankeerth on Tuesday inspected Mahamuttaram Police Station and the Katarm Circle Office and reviewed cleanliness, records, armory management, staff discipline, uniforms and departmental performance. He interacted with police personnel to understand duty management, performance and welfare concerns.

The SP inspected CCTV systems and directed officers to use technology effectively for crime prevention and public safety. He stressed road accident prevention, visible policing, surveillance patrolling and community policing.

He urged personnel to im-

prove skills in CCTNS 2.0, e-Sakshya, digital forensics, cyber investigation and social media monitoring. He also directed prompt disposal of



pending cases and continuous surveillance of drug offences, cybercrime, traffic violations, rowdies and habitual offenders.

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Surprise checks conducted at fertiliser shops in Chigurumamidi

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KARIMNAGAR: Agriculture officials conducted surprise inspections at fertiliser shops across Chigurumamidi mandal on Tuesday to ensure the availability of quality fertilisers and seeds to farmers during the ongoing kharif season.

The inspections covered shops at the mandal headquarters and several villages. Officials examined stock registers, sales records, displayed prices and dealers' licences to verify



compliance with regulations.

The Mandal Agriculture Officer warned dealers against selling fertilisers above the

prescribed Maximum Retail Price (MRP), cautioning that violations would attract legal action. Dealers were also in-

structed to issue computer-generated or authorised bills for every transaction. Officials urged farmers to insist on bills when purchasing fertilisers and check the manufacturing date, batch number and expiry date printed on the bags. Farmers were also advised to report any suspected sale of counterfeit or substandard fertilisers to the Agriculture Department.

Officials said inspections would continue across the mandal to prevent malpractice and protect farmers' interests.

Students learn about use of robotics in education

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WANAPARTHY

AN awareness programme regarding the use of robotics in education was organised on Tuesday to enhance the technical skills of students at the Government Women's Degree College here under the auspices of the Computer Science department. The event featured resource person Akanksha, who educated students on the importance, applications and prospects of robotics.

Topics such as robot construction, programming, use of sensors and automation were explained. Robotics fos-



ters creativity, problem-solving abilities, critical thinking and teamwork skills among students. The principal noted

the growing importance of technology in modern education and advised students to gain knowledge in emerging

technological fields, such as robotics and artificial intelligence, alongside their regular academic curriculum.

TUWJ, IJU call for 'Demands Day' on Oct 2

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WANAPARTHY: D Madhava Rao, the Wanaparthi district president of TUWJ-IJU, announced that a nationwide 'Demands Day' would be observed on October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti, to advocate for journalists' rights, safety, and socio-economic welfare, in response to a call by the Indian Journalists Union (IJU).

At a press conference held at the collectorate complex, he urged journalists across all district headquarters in Telangana to stage protests at Gandhi statues and subsequently submit representations to collectors, ministers, MPs, and MLAs.

Rao called upon journalists to participate in large numbers in the event here and ensure its success. He demanded a media commission to address changes in

the media landscape and enactment of a special national law to ensure journalists' safety. He called for the restoration of rights previously guaranteed by law regarding job security, service conditions, wages and grievance redressal mechanisms for journalists.

Rao demanded the Centre to constitute a wage board to ensure wages for the media staff that align with current cost of living. He urged the

Telangana government to fulfil its election promise by sanctioning house-sites and houses to journalists, and to provide health cards and cashless treatment, like those extended to employees.

He requested the government to focus specifically on providing house-sites and healthcare to eligible journalists in the district, address issues related to accreditation, ID cards and amenities for performing duty.