



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar inaugurating the newly constructed facilities at the SSB's 4th Battalion in Lucknow on Friday. SSB senior officials are seen

Bandi Sanjay hails SSB's high-tech border guarding

Union Minister praises SSB's modernisation drive, welfare initiatives and role in securing India's 2,450-km borders with Nepal and Bhutan

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UNION Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday lauded the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) for its commendable role in securing the approximately 2,450-km international borders with Nepal and Bhutan and strengthening border management through modern technology.

Addressing a programme at the SSB headquarters in Lucknow during his visit to Uttar Pradesh, Bandi Sanjay said the force was enhancing its operational capabilities through drones, CCTV surveillance systems, thermal imagers, night-vision devices, GPS-based patrolling, secure digital communication and GIS-based planning.

The Union Minister inaugurated newly constructed barracks, a subordinate officers' mess and residential buildings of the SSB's 4th Battalion at Mohanlal Ganj in Gomtinagar. He also laid the foundation stone online for the Regional Headquarters, Training Centre and

Joint Hospital in Gorakhpur and the 22nd Battalion in Maharajganj. The Centre has sanctioned Rs 191 crore for the construction works.

Bandi Sanjay said the new facilities reflected the government's commitment to the welfare of Central Armed Police Forces personnel and their families. He said providing jawans with safe, dignified and comfortable living conditions would enable them to concentrate fully on border security and national service.

He noted that the SSB was taking stringent action against organised crimes along the borders, including drug trafficking, arms smuggling, human trafficking, illegal migration, counterfeit currency and wildlife smuggling.

Highlighting emerging security challenges, he said criminals and anti-national forces were increasingly using drones, cyber channels and digital communication, making technology-driven security systems essential.

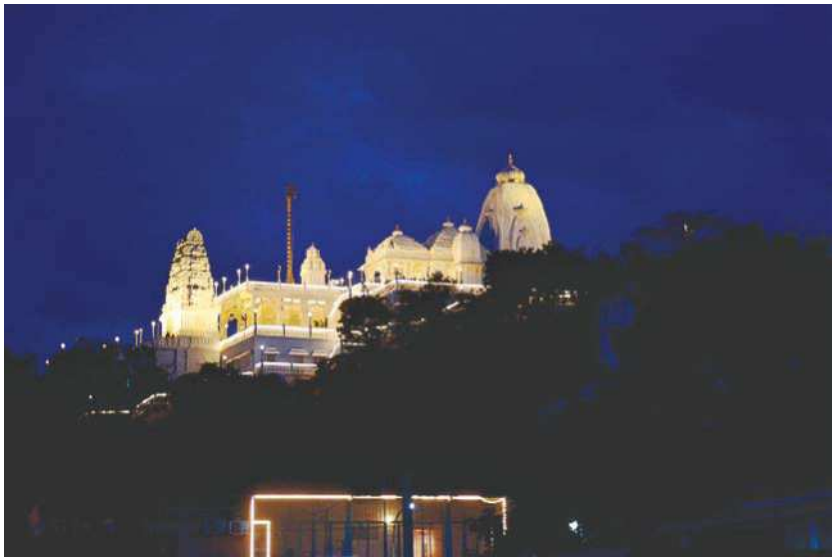
The minister also praised the SSB's disaster-response

role, noting that its 18 relief and rescue teams remain prepared to respond to floods, earthquakes and landslides. He appreciated the force's outreach programmes, including medical camps, educational assistance, skill development, sports, women's empowerment and awareness initiatives, saying these helped build trust between security personnel and border communities.

Paying tribute to SSB personnel who sacrificed their lives, Bandi Sanjay said 51 personnel had laid down their lives in border and internal security operations since the force's inception. He conveyed his respect and condolences to their families.

He said the government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, remained committed to modernising the CAPFs, upgrading training and technology, and improving medical, housing, mess, education and sports facilities for jawans and their families.

BIRLA MANDIR BATHES IN DIVINE RADIANCE



Birla Mandir glows in illuminated splendour on the auspicious occasion of Varalakshmi Vratam in Hyderabad on Friday
Photo: Srinivas Setty

GHMC goes full steam on monsoon cleanup across Hyderabad

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THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's (GHMC) 10-day special monsoon drive, being conducted from August 11 to 21 across the city, has intensified civic and sanitation activities, with teams filling over 900 potholes and cleaning around 800 catch pits across the city.

The intensive campaign covered 30 yards on the 10th day, with teams focusing on garbage removal, pothole repairs, desilting and measures to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of monsoon-related illnesses.

On Friday, the GHMC filled 94 potholes and cleaned 106 catch pits, removed 40.5 metric tonnes (MT) of legacy municipal solid waste and 19.0 MT of construction and demolition waste. Another five MT of floating material and silt was cleared as part of monsoon preparedness.

As part of the drive the sanitation facilities were inspected, with eight public toilets checked and 58



commercial waste bins installed at shops to improve waste collection and prevent dumping on roadsides. The civic body also initiated five rainwater harvesting structures and surveyed four non-residential buildings.

With stagnant water and accumulated waste raising concerns over mosquitoes and monsoon-related diseases, GHMC stepped up awareness and preventive measures and conducted 249 health and veterinary awareness activities, besides pyrethrum spraying and measures related to stray-dog vaccination and shelter transfer.

As many as three Bulk Waste Generator (BWG) awareness meetings were

conducted, while two new BWG registrations were taken up. IEC and training programmes were held in five schools, covering around 186 participants.

Further, GHMC lifted 20.8 MT of pruned tree branches and 7.7 MT of dry and green waste from 28 parks. In addition, 09 awareness camps were held for Self-Help Group women, involving 39 participants, while 296 Indiramma sarees were distributed.

GHMC officials said the special drive would focus on keeping roads, drains and public spaces clean and strengthening Hyderabad's preparedness to deal with the continuing monsoon.

Yogi predicts saffron surge in Telangana

UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER TELLS BANDI SANJAY THAT A BJP GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE CAN REPLICATE UTTAR PRADESH'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL

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UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed confidence that the BJP will also win in Telangana and form a double-engine sarkar, as in Uttar Pradesh.

The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister's remarks came during a meeting with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday. The two leaders' meeting lasted half an hour, during which Yogi said that the Centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government would fully cooperate for Telangana's development. However, when a double-engine sarkar is formed in Telangana, it will witness all-round development, as in Uttar Pradesh.

As part of his visit to Uttar Pradesh, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar met Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday evening. After participating in several development programmes of the Central Paramilitary Sashastra Seema Bal, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, who went directly to the CM's official residence in Lucknow, paid a courtesy call on Yogi Adityanath. The meeting lasted for more than half an hour.

Both leaders discussed the party's situation in Telangana and the UP election. Yogi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fully cooperating with Telangana's development. He said that Uttar Pradesh is proof of this that if a double-engine government comes

to power, Telangana will benefit even more. He said that with the continuation of the double-engine government in UP, a large amount of funds is being brought in and development is being carried out with the help of Modi. He believed that a double-engine government in Telangana would also address the problems plaguing the state, and that the people would benefit.

He said that there is a positive atmosphere for BJP in Telangana and if all the leaders work together, there are plenty of chances of it definitely coming to power. He expressed confidence that the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh will be held soon and that under Modi's leadership, the saffron flag will be hoisted for the third time.



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar presents a memento to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Friday

ACCIDENT CASE AGAINST MP LINGAMANENI RAMESH'S SON

Police send blood samples of Sanjush for forensic tests

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IN a major development in the fatal road accident case involving Jana Sena Rajya Sabha MP Lingamneni Ramesh's son Sanjush, Cyberabad Police on Friday said blood samples of the accused had been sent for forensic examination to find whether he consumed any alcohol or drugs.

The police however confirmed that the preliminary tests for alcohol and drug turned out to be negative. The Motor Vehicle Inspector also completed the inspection of the seized Aston Martin car.

On August 16, the Aston Martin car which Sanjush was driving allegedly hit 26-year-old Bharati Mukhi, a saleswoman at a retail out, near Inorbit Mall in Madhapur in Hyderabad. She later died. Madhapur police booked a case against Sanjush and released him on bail.

Police clarified that San-



jush was granted station bail because the offence registered against him is punishable with less than seven years of imprisonment and there were no circumstances warranting his arrest at that stage of the investigation.

Police said Section 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which carries a maximum punishment of five years, was invoked based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Since the offence carries a punishment of less than seven years, the Investigating Officer was required to consider whether arrest was necessary under Section 35 of

the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Supreme Court's guidelines in the Arnesn Kumar vs State of Bihar case.

According to DCP Ritiraj, the accused was apprehended immediately after the case was registered. He was subjected to preliminary tests for alcohol and drugs, and both tests returned negative. His blood samples were subsequently collected and sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory for scientific examination. The police also collected CCTV footage and other evidence, and they are examining the footage to determine the speed of the car that caused the accident.

DCP further said after assessing the material available at that stage and found no circumstances requiring the accused to be arrested. A notice under Section 35 was therefore served on him, directing him to appear and cooperate with the investigation. The police are investigating the case.

55 Karnataka liquor bottles seized, one held

HYDERABAD: In a major operation, Ameerpet police seized 55 bottles of Karnataka premium and defence liquor worth around Rs 1.5 lakh and apprehended a person allegedly involved in selling the liquor illegally. According to police, the team intercepted a person

carrying four liquor bottles suspiciously near the Umesh Chandra statue in SR Nagar. The bottles were identified as premium liquor from Karnataka. During questioning, the person revealed that he had purchased the liquor from K Govardhan Reddy. Based

on the information, police searched Reddy's house and seized 51 bottles of different varieties of Karnataka Defence liquor, police said.

During the investigation, Govardhan Reddy reportedly told police that he was procuring Defence liquor from Karnataka at a lower price and selling it at a profit margin of Rs 300 to Rs 500 per bottle.

A case has been registered against the accused and further investigation is underway.

TRSMA demands protection for private school teachers

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DEMANDING robust government protection for private school teachers, representatives of the Telangana Recognised Schools Managements Association (TRSMA) conducted a massive protest rally in Bodhan on Friday.

Over a thousand private

school teachers marched through the town's streets, raising slogans of "Roopa Reddy Amar Rahe" to protest the brutal murder of Principal Roopa Reddy in Nalgonda. Expressing deep outrage over the incident, the protesters highlighted the growing vulnerabilities faced by teaching staff in private institutions and urged the

state government to initiate immediate safety measures to secure their workplace environment.

Following the demonstration, the union leaders submitted a formal representation to the Bodhan Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), demanding exemplary punishment for those responsible for Principal Roopa Reddy's

killing to deter future occurrences.

The leadership underscored the urgent necessity for policy-level safeguards to protect educators from harassment and violence across the state. TRSMA District President Kodali Kishore and Town President Harikrishna spearheaded the protest march and delegation.



CEIR helps Rein Bazar police recover 11 missing phones

HYDERABAD: Rein Bazar Police recovered 11 lost or missing mobile phones worth around Rs 1 lakh with the help of the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal on Friday.

According to police, the phones were traced using their respective IMEI numbers after complaints were received from the owners. The police team used the CEIR portal to track the missing devices and successfully recover them.

The recovered mobile phones were subsequently handed over to their respective owners. Police said the recovery highlights the effective use of technology and the CEIR portal in tracing lost or missing mobile phones and helping members of the public recover their devices.