Collector educates people on Central govt insurance schemes

Tells bankers to make banking services more accessible to the rural population

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Wanaparthy

WITH the objective of bringing banking services, government insurance, and pension schemes closer to the rural population, an awareness camp on financial inclusion schemes—organised by Union Bank of India—was held at the government school in Nachahalli village, Wanaparthy mandal on Thursday.

District Collector Adarsh Surabhi explained the significance of various government schemes to the attendees.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector urged everyone to utilise government insurance and pension schemes to ensure their financial security. He highlighted that schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana are highly beneficial to the public.

The Collector explained that under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, one can obtain accident insurance coverage of Rs 2 lakh by paying an annual premium of just Rs 20. He further noted that through the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, by paying an annual premium of Rs 436, one can secure an insurance benefit of Rs 2 lakh in the event of death, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Furthermore, considering the current economic climate and the rising cost of living, it was suggested that people should become better informed about the Atal Pension Yojana.

It was explained that by making regular contributions in accordance with the scheme's eligibility criteria and terms, individuals can secure financial stability for their old age.

The Collector emphasised that the three schemes play a crucial role in providing financial protection to families and urged all eligible individuals to enroll.

Those who have not yet joined these schemes were advised to contact their nearest bank branch immediately to complete the registration process.

The event was attended by RBI AGM Pradeep Chandra, NABARD DDM Manohar Reddy, LDM Shiva Kumar, DLPO Raghunath Reddy, Village Sarpanch Abdullah, as well as relevant officials, bank representatives, and local villagers.

PANDUGA SAYANNA FOUGHT FOR POOR: SP

Grand celebrations held at district Police Office to mark his birth anniversary

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JOGULAMBA Gadwal district SP T Srinivasa Rao paid rich tributes to Panduga Sayanna, popularly known as the Palamuru hero, on his birth anniversary at the District Police Office on Thursday.

The SP offered floral tributes to his portrait and recalled his services and fighting spirit.

Panduga Sayanna holds a special place in Telangana's folk history as a people's hero who stood by the poor and the oppressed. He hailed from Merugonipalle village in Nawabpet mandal of present-day Mahabubnagar district. He is remembered for his fight against social inequality, oppression and exploitation, as well as his efforts to support weaker sections and promote self-respect among people.

The celebration of his birth anniversary is not only an occasion to remember a great personality but also an opportunity to introduce his ideals and fighting spirit to the younger generation. His life conveys a strong message of equal respect for all, justice for weaker sections, humanity and service to society.

On the occasion, officials emphasised that along with maintaining public safety and law and order, everyone should uphold social responsibility, a spirit of service and the values of equality. They called for efforts to familiarise future generations with the lives of people's heroes such as Panduga Sayanna and preserve their ideals in society.

District Office Administrative Officer Sai Krishna, Reserve Inspector Venkat, Reserve Sub-Inspectors Chandrakanth and Maddaiah, DPO staff and police personnel from various departments participated in the programme.

Foundation stone laid for Panduga Sayanna's statue

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MLA Rajesh Reddy called upon people to draw inspiration from the life and ideals of Panduga Sayanna, who is remembered as a champion of the poor and weaker sections of society.

The foundation stone for the installation of Panduga Sayanna's statue was laid on Keshari Samudram Tank Bund in Nagarkurnool on Thursday.

The statue installation programme was undertaken under the aegis of the Fishermen Cooperative Society, with community leaders and public representatives participating in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh Reddy said Panduga Sayanna, a son of the Mudiraj community, had become a symbol of inspiration for the weaker sections. He stressed the need to work towards realising Sayanna's ideals and assured the Mudiraj community and other weaker sections of his continued support.

The MLA said he was committed to the all-round development of Nagarkurnool and assured the Fishermen Cooperative Society of all possible assistance. He added that the unveiling of Panduga Sayanna's statue would be organised on a grand scale, with prominent leaders invited to the event. Municipal Chairperson Teegala Suneendra, vice-chairperson Badam Ramesh, leaders of the Fishermen Cooperative Society, public representatives and community members participated in the foundation stone-laying ceremony.

'Completely unacceptable'

India condemns attacks on Saudi airport, oil field

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday condemned attacks on civilian and energy infrastructure in Saudi Arabia after an attack on King Fahd International Airport in Dammam killed an Indian national and injured two others Wednesday, while another Indian was injured in a separate attack on the Shaybah oil field a day before. Earlier in the day, the Indian Embassy in Riyadh said an Indian national was among two people killed and two other Indians were among eight injured in an attack on the Dammam airport Wednesday evening. According to Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation, among the eight injured were two Indian nationals, two Yemenis, two Bangladeshis, one Nepalese national and one Saudi citizen. It said some of those injured are in serious condition.

"We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and wish speedy recovery to those injured. The Indian Embassy in Riyadh is in contact with the Saudi authorities and will provide all possible assistance," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement. "We also reiterate that the attacks on civilian and critical infrastructure are completely unacceptable and must cease immediately. We stand in solidarity with the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in safeguarding its sovereignty, and hope that peace and normalcy would return to the region at the earliest," it added.

Google CEO saves Atlantic Ocean from being renamed as Trump Ocean!

Trump-Pichai exchange follows US Prez's earlier push to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America

Washington

US President Donald Trump says Google CEO Sundar Pichai rejected his idea to rename the Atlantic Ocean, after the company previously adopted his administration's Gulf of America name change for users in the United States. Trump recounted the conversation at a rally in South Carolina on Wednesday, saying he had asked Pichai whether Google could handle a new name for the Atlantic.

"So we seriously looked at the Atlantic Ocean, and I called Google Maps, who were really great with the lake," Trump told supporters.

He said he spoke to Pichai, whom he described as a "brilliant guy", about the proposal. "And I said, Sundar, I'm thinking of the Atlantic Ocean. Can you handle it?" Trump recalled asking.

According to the President, Pichai replied: "No, no, no. This time I'm not doing it. Oceans are different, sir. You know, they cover a lot of countries."

Trump said he would probably abandon the idea, asking the crowd whether the Atlantic Ocean should keep its existing name.

There was no immediate independent confirmation from Google or Pichai of Trump's account of the exchange.

Trump also floated another possible name change, suggesting the Pacific Ocean could become the "American Ocean".

"How do you think Europe would fit?" he asked, joking about how European leaders might react.

He mentioned European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, suggesting she would be delighted by the idea.

Trump said he had considered putting his own name or America's name on an ocean but indicated he would leave the Atlantic alone. His remarks appeared to be a joke rather than a formal proposal. The comments follow his administration's earlier geographic renaming efforts. Shortly after taking office in January 2025, Trump signed an executive order changing the Gulf of Mexico's name to the Gulf of America.

Google Maps subsequently adopted the new name for users in the United States, while people elsewhere continued to see the Gulf of Mexico or both names, depending on their location.

The earlier change had also led to a dispute with the Associated Press over its use of the Gulf of America name, highlighting how geographic naming decisions can become political issues.

Modi, Shah to visit TG

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The Election Commission has announced the schedule for the election to Graduates MLC constituencies of Rangareddy-Hyderabad-Mahbubnagar and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda. A senior leader of the party said that the visit of Amit Shah will work as a morale booster for the party cadre during the election time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also slated to visit Telangana during December.

The PM is likely to lay the foundation stone for the development of the Mamnoor Airport in Warangal. The Prime Minister would be inaugurating the Sammakka Sarakka Tribal University, Kazipet Wagon Factory, and the Kakatiya Textile Park.

Party leaders said that a massive public meeting was also being planned in Warangal to coincide with this visit.

Revanth pitches Rahul for PM

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Revanth Reddy also suggested to Minister Ponnam Prabhakar to bring to the attention of TPCC president Mahesh Goud the need to provide an MLC ticket to the Mudiraj community. "It is my responsibility to ensure the Mudiraj community is made a partner in the government," he remarked

The Chief Minister mentioned that certain misconceptions and doubts raised by other castes regarding Mudiraj in BC - A category needs to be addressed. The Chief Minister highlighted the BC Census conducted by his government.

The census data helped every community to raise their voice with greater strength. All the communities have been requested to furnish full details to rectify the errors if their population count was not correctly mentioned in the Census report. The first caste Census was conducted during British rule, he said, adding: "Now, we undertook the caste census successfully after 100 years."

Strong quake hits Tibet

NEW DELHI: A strong earthquake of magnitude 7.0 struck Tibet on Thursday. The earthquake occurred at a depth of 173km. The most recent earthquake to strike Nepal was on September 8. The earthquake came amid ongoing rescue and recovery operations following floods triggered by an ice-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26. Chinese researchers have warned that climate change is accelerating glacier loss across the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, potentially increasing the risks of future disasters.

Iran says 7 tankers attacked in Hormuz

Fears of return to war in West Asia grow

Tehran

SEVEN oil tankers caught fire or were damaged in the Strait of Hormuz overnight after being hit by Iran or striking naval mines, Tehran said Thursday, a markedly high number as tensions rise over concerns about a return to all-out war.

With days before a close election in Israel in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could lose power, and before next month's U.S. midterm election in which war-linked high prices have sparked voter anger, there are concerns that U.S.-Israeli attacks on Iran could resume.

"Netanyahu wants to attack Iran, that's not even a question," Danny Citrinowicz, a researcher at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies and a former Iran specialist in Israel's military and intelligence services, said. He accused Israel of rushing into another round with Iran without revamping its strategy. A clear Netanyahu victory in the Oct. 27 election means an attack is almost guaranteed, he said.

Main Opposition candidates are likely to focus on domestic issues first, but Citrinowicz said he believed the region is on the way toward "another kinetic escalation."

Iranian state television reported the claims about the latest attacks on ships, which the AP couldn't independently confirm. The report cited the Revolutionary Guard Corps navy, which again threatened to strike US military bases in the region if the US keeps helping to guide commercial ships through the strait.

The report didn't mention casualties. Iran still asserts control over the waterway, a central point of leverage in any talks with the US over the war. October has had the most reported attacks on commercial shipping since March in the war's opening weeks, according to a British military monitor, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations. UKMTO didn't report the latest attacks, but it has noted new reluctance by some shippers to report incidents. Oil producers have found ways to keep crude flowing, experts say, but at a mounting cost.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Wednesday said that a wary Tehran remains open to diplomacy but is ready to defend itself. Iran has warned that it has learned important military lessons from the war that began with US and Israeli attacks on Feb. 28. In recent days, Tehran has indicated that it could expand targets to include infrastructure such as undersea cables and data centres.

The United States, for its part, is sending more military assets to the region, including a third aircraft carrier and thousands of troops, to join the largest force of American warships and aircraft in the Middle East in decades. Mediators, meanwhile, have been trying to bring Washington and Tehran back to formal talks.

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Any motion against CEC will be examined under rules: Birla

NEW DELHI: Amid protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said if the Opposition brings any fresh impeachment motion against the country's top poll officer, it will be examined according to rules and procedures.

The Opposition has twice attempted to remove Kumar. In the first move, the notices were rejected by both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha while the notices submitted in the second attempt are still pending in the Upper House. "If any fresh notice comes, we will see and examine it accordingly under rules and procedures," Birla told a press conference here, responding to a question on a possible impeachment motion against the CEC.

There have been protests in the last fortnight in different parts of India seeking the resignation of Kumar for alleged irregularities while carrying out the special intensive revision of voters list.

According to the Constitution and law on the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners, a CEC can only be removed by Parliament the way a sitting Supreme Court judge can be impeached.

The Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, also says the CEC or an Election Commissioner may resign at any time by submitting in writing to the President.

According to Article 124, which deals with the Supreme Court, a judge of the Supreme Court shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the President passed after an address by each House of Parliament supported by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that House present and voting has been presented to the President in the same session for such removal on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

Indian among 3 killed in Houthi attacks on Saudi airport, oilfield

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The Indian Embassy in Riyadh said Saudi authorities had informed it about the casualties in the attack on King Fahd International Airport in Dammam, eastern Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday night. "One Indian national was among two people who unfortunately lost their lives in the attack on Dammam airport on Wednesday night and two Indian nationals were injured," the embassy said in a social media post on Thursday. "We are ascertaining further details and contacting the affected families. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of the deceased and we wish speedy recovery of the injured," it added.

Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation said a Saudi citizen and an Indian resident were killed in the attack. The airport had also been targeted on October 11.

The authority said eight people, including two Indians, were injured. Bangladeshi and Nepalese nationals were also among those hurt. "Their injuries range from minor to critical, and they are receiving the necessary medical care at several hospitals," it said.

Modi, Tusk set target to double India-Poland trade by 2030

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk on Thursday set a target of doubling bilateral trade between the two countries by 2030, according to a joint statement issued after their meeting here. The leaders called for the early signing and ratification of the EU-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), as well as its timely implementation, to unlock new opportunities for trade and investment, diversify and strengthen critical value chains, and open new markets, the statement said.

PM Modi invited Polish companies to expand their investments and operations in India and benefit from India's large market, skilled workforce and growing manufacturing and innovation ecosystem. Tusk appreciated Indian investment in Poland and highlighted Poland's strength as a gateway for Indian businesses seeking to expand their presence in Central and Eastern Europe and the wider European market.

The two leaders agreed to expand cooperation in agriculture by resuming the activities of the bilateral working group, aimed at intensifying bilateral trade and cooperation.

CJP leaders seek more time, skip Delhi police questioning

NEW DELHI: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka will not appear before the Delhi Police Crime Branch for questioning on Thursday after seeking more time, sources said. Police are expected to issue a fresh notice to the two leaders, the sources said. The Crime Branch had summoned Das and Ranka to its Rajouri Garden office on Thursday, a day after they were released from judicial custody. The two were released after a Special Executive Magistrate (SEM) court accepted their personal and surety bonds and recorded their written undertakings to maintain peace and abide by the law.