

HYDERABAD LOSES ₹400 CR TO CYBERCRIME

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Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Wednesday, August 5, said that city residents were losing Rs 400 crore to cybercrimes every year. That comes to an average of Rs 1 crore loss per day, he said. In comparison, thefts and robberies were causing a loss of Rs 30 crore every year. The senior officer was speaking at the 'Cyber Jagarooka Divas' organised by the City Cyber Crime Department at Visvesvaraya Bhavan in Khairatabad, attended by retired officials and the elderly.

Former Andhra Pradesh director generals of police Ratan, Malakondayya, and retired engineer-in-chief (ENC) Kareem were also present at the event. Speaking at the session, Sajjanar detailed how senior citizens are being targeted through digital arrests, pension service scams, and online banking frauds.

He cautioned that under no circumstances should they believe threats claiming to be from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), or police officials in the name of digital arrest. He advised that if calls come from unknown persons like that, they should immediately hang up without panicking. He warned against falling for online investment ads or trading links that come via WhatsApp or Telegram groups. Share trading should only be



done through SEBI-approved registered brokers and authorised Demat accounts, he said. He also recalled some incidents where parents' retirement savings vanished because children took their phones and signed up for online gaming or betting apps. He urged not to share banking details, PIN numbers, or OTPs with anyone, including family members. In case one falls victim to a cybercrime, he suggested responding immediately by calling the 1930 helpline within the golden hour or filing a complaint on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP). Providing information prompt-

ly increases the chances of freezing the victims' money and recovering it, he noted.

Former DGP M Ratan said that to avoid falling prey to cyber scams, he has personally instructed banks not to clear any checks or withdrawals exceeding Rs. 5,000 from his account without his prior permission. He also advised senior citizens to exercise extreme caution when handing their phones to children since there is a risk that accidentally pressing a button or suspicious link could empty bank accounts in moments.

HONoured WITH DEVOTION, RENEWAL OF LOYALTY, AND ALLEGIANCE IN KARBALA

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On the sacred land of Karbala, Mr. Aman Abbas, Editor of Sahafat, and Syed Jaffer Hussain, Editor of Sada-e-Hussaini Daily—two distinguished editors of leading Indian Urdu newspapers—visited the holy shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S.) and were blessed with the honour of reaffirming their devotion, renewing their loyalty, and pledging their allegiance to Imam Hussain (A.S.).

On this occasion, both editors paid rich tribute to Imam Hussain (A.S.) and the martyrs of Karbala, reaffirming their com-



mitment to uphold truth, honesty, justice, and to continue promoting the message of the Ahlul Bayt (A.S.) through responsible and ethical journalism. They also offered special

prayers for the unity of the Muslim Ummah, lasting world peace, the safety and well-being of Arbaeen pilgrims, the progress and prosperity of India, and the welfare, success, and well-being of all believers.

SCCL receives first coal stock from Odisha's Naini block

Hyderabad: The first rail rake carrying 4,000 tons of coal from the Naini coal block in Odisha reached the thermal power project of state-run Singareni Collieries (SCCL) in Telangana on Thursday, August 6. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a coal mining company jointly owned by the Telangana government and union government on a 51:49 equity basis. Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka hailed the arrival of the coal from the Naini coal block. "Heartfelt congratulations to the management and workers of Singareni. It is a proud moment for us all as the first rail rake of coal arrives from the 'Naini Coal Block' allocated for the Singareni Thermal Power Project (STPP)," he said in a post on X. This marks a historic milestone in the legacy of Singareni, whose role in fulfilling Telangana's power needs and driving the state's development is unparalleled, he said. Under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the state government is extending its complete support to further strengthen the mining company, he added. The ruling Congress alleged that the previous BRS regime between 2014 to December, 2023 ignored the coal block.

25 Forest Officials' Transfers Cancelled Despite Ministers' Recommendations



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A controversy has emerged in Telangana's Forest Department after Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Vinay Kumar allegedly cancelled the deputations of 25 officers and staff members despite recommendations from Forest Minister Konda Surekha and several senior ministers and public representatives. According to sources, the affected officials had sought deputation to other locations or departments citing local circumstances and family-related

reasons. Their requests were reportedly supported by Forest Minister Konda Surekha, Ministers D. Sridhar Babu, Ponnamp Prabhakar, Jupally Krishna Rao, Tummala Nageswara Rao, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and MLAs Chikkudu Vamshi Krishna and Sanjay. The deputations had earlier been approved by former PCCF Suvarna. However, after assuming charge on June 30, the new PCCF, Vinay Kumar, is said to have cancelled all 25 deputation orders. Sources claim that Forest Minister Konda Surekha later instructed that the cancelled deputations be restored and that the recommended officers be allowed to proceed on deputation. However, the orders were allegedly not implemented. The issue has sparked political and administrative discussions, with speculation in official circles that the refusal to act despite ministerial recommendations indicates the possibility of backing from influential quarters. However, no official statement has been issued by the PCCF or the state government regarding these allegations. The matter has raised questions about administrative decision-making and coordination between the Forest Department and the state government's leadership.

Govt to Distribute 1.05 Crore New Ration Cards from August 15



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The Telangana government has announced that it will begin distributing 1.05 crore newly approved laminated Public Distribution System (PDS) ration cards across the state from August 15, coinciding with India's Independence Day. The decision was formalised through an official memorandum issued by Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. The initiative aims to ensure that every newly eligible family

receives access to government welfare schemes through the new ration cards. The state-level launch of the distribution programme will be led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Sangareddy. Simultaneously, ration card distribution events will be conducted across all 119 Assembly constituencies in Telangana. According to the government, the distribution programme will be co-ordinated by the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) in each constituency, with district administrations responsible for ensuring smooth implementation. The ration cards will be distributed on August 15 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Officials have been instructed to complete all necessary arrangements in advance, including the finalisation of beneficiary lists, printing and transportation of the laminated ration cards, establishment of distribution centres, public convenience facilities, and media coverage, along with photography and videography of the events. The government said the large-scale distribution drive is intended to strengthen the Public Distribution System and ensure that eligible families can seamlessly access food security benefits and other welfare programmes offered by the state.

KTR Pays Tribute to Prof. Jayashankar



Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), along with senior party leaders and workers, paid floral tributes to the statue of Professor K. Jayashankar at Telangana Bhavan on the occasion of his Jayanti on Thursday. The leaders remembered Professor Jayashankar's immense contribution to the Telangana statehood movement and hailed him as the chief ideologue who dedicated his life to the cause of a separate Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, BRS leaders said Professor Jayashankar's vision, com-

mitment, and unwavering efforts continue to inspire generations. They reiterated the party's commitment to safeguarding the ideals and aspirations for which he fought throughout his life. Several party leaders, elected representatives, and supporters participated in the tribute programme, offering flowers and observing the occasion with reverence. Professor Jayashankar is widely regarded as one of the principal architects of the Telangana movement, and his birth anniversary is commemorated every year across the state with tributes and remembrance events. Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), along with senior party leaders and workers, paid floral tributes to the statue of Professor K. Jayashankar at Telangana Bhavan on the occasion of his Jayanti on Thursday.

MAJALIS-E-AZA & ARBAEEN PROCESSION CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY AT JAORA HUSSAIN TEKRI

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(Reporter Baquer Ali): Majalis-e-Aza and the Arbaeen of Imam Hussain (A.S.), marking the Chehlum of the Martyrs of Karbala, were observed with great devotion and reverence at Hussain Tekri, Jaora (Madhya Pradesh), under the auspices of Anjuman-e-Hyderiya Al-Hind Khooni Matam Julooos (Regd.). Majalis-e-Aza were held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of Safar, while the traditional Khooni Matam (blood mourning) procession took place on the 19th of Safar. Thousands of mourners from Jaora, Hyderabad Deccan, and various other parts of the country participated in the religious gatherings and paid glowing tributes to Imam Hussain (A.S.) and the martyrs of Karbala. Syed Sarwar Hussain expressed his gratitude to Union Minister and Senior BJP leader Sri G. Kishan Reddy for issuing a recommendation letter to facilitate the arrangements for the Majalis and the mourning procession. He also thanked Chairman Sanswar Patel, Superintendent of Police Amit Kumar, Jaora Police Station In-charge Ravi Kumar, Jaora MLA Rajendra Pandey, Abdul Hakim, Bablu Patel, and other senior police officials for ensuring excellent security and smooth management of the events. As a mark of appreciation, Syed



Sarwar Hussain, General Secretary of Anjuman-e-Hyderiya Al-Hind Khooni Matam Julooos, Madhya Pradesh, and Co-Convenor of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch, Telangana, presented Shawl-e-Aza to the dignitaries and police officials in recognition of their support and services. He stated that the wholehearted cooperation of the district administration and police enabled all the religious programmes to conclude peacefully and successfully. Syed Sarwar Hussain also extended his heartfelt thanks to all the Mominene and Azadars from Jaora, Hyderabad Deccan, and other parts of the country whose sincere participation made the Arbaeen observance a memorable and spiritually significant event.

Govt taking concrete steps to boost private investment in coal sector: Minister

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He said the Ministry of Coal is actively engaging with industry bodies and private companies by organising roadshows and stakeholder consultations, to ensure greater awareness and wider participation. The minister informed the members

that 14 rounds of commercial coal mine auctions have already been completed and the 15th round is currently under process. He said that transparent auction process has transformed India's coal sector by promoting competition and investment.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Vikram Dev Dutt, senior officials of the Ministry and coal PSUs.

Dutt said the captive and commercial mines have played an important role in achieving 1 billion tonne coal production in the last two financial years.

He highlighted that captive and commercial coal mines

have contributed around 20 per cent of the country's coal production in last financial year. The Secretary also informed that continuous reforms introduced in the coal sector have reduced time-lines of operationalisation for fully explored blocks from 51 months to 40 months, and partially explored blocks from 66 months to 52 months. Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, gave a presentation on 'Commercial Coal Mining Reforms and leveraging Private Sector participation'.

The committee members appreciated the Ministry's efforts towards reforming the coal sector and offered



suggestions on further improving private sector participation and balancing commercial mining growth with environmental and community concerns.

The minister assured the MPs, who attended the meeting, that their suggestions would be duly examined

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