NRPT: Draft Electoral Rolls Released

Narayanpet. August 18 (TSIT): As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the draft voter lists for the Narayanpet and Makthal Assembly constituencies have been released, District Collector Priyanka said.In Narayanpet constituency, a total of 1,02,663 male voters and 1,03,503 female voters are enrolled across 271 polling stations. In Makthal constituency, 1,05,444 male voters and 1,07,598 female voters are enrolled across 287 polling stations, the Collector said.

Vigilance officer inspects minority residential school and college in Narayanpet

Narayanpet (TSIT): Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) Vigilance Officer M.A. Masood, along with Azizullah, inspected the Minority Residential School and College in Narayanpet to review their functioning and facilities.

During the inspection of

the residential school, Masood visited the dining hall, storeroom and warehouse and reviewed the facilities and arrangements being provided to students. School Principal Mahboob Khan accompanied the vigilance team during the inspection.

The team later visited the Minority Residential College in Narayanpet and inspected its facilities and arrangements. College Principal Jagadish Reddy was present during the visit.

The inspections were conducted to assess the functioning of the minority residential educational institutions and ensure that required standards, facilities and arrangements are properly maintained.

Nalgonda officials step up drive against drug menace

Nalgonda, August 18: Nalgonda Additional Collector (Revenue) J. Srinivas directed officials to intensify surveillance and inspections to completely curb the supply and consumption of narcotic substances in the district.

Addressing a review meeting at the Collectorate conference hall on Tuesday as part of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, Srinivas called for coordinated efforts by all departments to eradicate the drug menace.

Officials were instructed to organise awareness programmes in medical colleges, degree colleges and schools on the harmful effects of drug abuse. He also directed authorities to establish anti-drug committees in every school and prevent paan shops from operating near educational institutions.

Special awareness campaigns should be conducted for high school students, while wardens of government hostels were asked to take responsibility for educating students and monitoring their behaviour regularly.

Additional SP Ramesh said police teams were conducting continuous checks across the district to prevent drug trafficking and consumption. He said 29 FIRs had already been registered and surveillance had been intensified along national highways to intercept the transportation of narcotics.

Task force teams have been deployed for regular inspections, with special focus on areas surrounding schools and colleges.

Officials urged the public to share information about drug supply or usage with the police. Authorities assured that the identities of informants would be kept strictly confidential.

Overseas patient regains knee function after complex reconstruction at Medicover

Hyderabad, August 18: A 36-year-old man from Sudan, who had been left with a severely disabled knee after multiple surgeries, has regained the ability to stand and move following a complex, staged knee reconstruction at Medicover Hospitals, Hitec City.

The patient had sustained a knee injury three years ago and underwent several procedures in his home country. His knee eventually became fused in a fixed, bent position, accompanied by severe pain, extensive scarring and an old, badly fractured kneecap. He said multiple hospitals had assessed the condition as highly risky for further surgery.

He was later evaluated by Dr. Koteshwara Prasad Veeragandham, Senior Consultant–Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement, Medicover Hospitals. A multidisciplinary treatment plan was developed with the Plastic Surgery team led by Dr. Rajasekhar Madala.

Due to extensive scarring around the knee, corrective plastic surgery was first performed to prepare the affected area. Dr. Veeragandham subsequently carried out a hinged total knee replacement, a specialised implant used when the knee's bones and ligaments can no longer provide adequate stability.

Stanley College welcomes first-year engineering students with grand orientation programme

Hyderabad, August 18: Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women (Autonomous), Abids, organised a grand orientation programme for first-year engineering students, focusing on engineering education, career opportunities, emerging technologies and skill development.

Ms. Sirisha Somayajula, Assistant Vice President–Engineering, Ness Digital Engineering, was the Guest of Honour, while Mr. Upendra Pisupati, Director and Market Leader–US Delivery, Kindryl Solutions, was

the Chief Guest. Mr. Raj Kumar Bonagiri, Director, Blankup, and Mr. Srinivas Kaligatla, Associate Director, IBM Kindryl, were also present.

Addressing students, Sirisha Somayajula highlighted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence and urged students to understand and use AI creatively and responsibly. She also stressed the importance of women's education and encouraged students to contribute to society and nation-building through their knowledge and skills. Upendra Pisupati emphasised continuous learning, curiosity and strong fundamentals. He advised students to develop the habit of asking "why" and "how" to encourage creativity and innovation, while building a strong foundation before adopting emerging technologies.

Academic Excellence Awards were presented to students for outstanding performance in the previous academic year. The college Anti-Ragging Squad also conducted a parade, followed by the administration of the Anti-Ragging Pledge.

Principal Dr. B.L. Raju, management representatives, deans, department heads, faculty members, students, parents and well-wishers attended the programme.

The 376th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud on Tuesday at the Warangal Collectorate Conference Hall were presided over by District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada.Wardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraju participated as the chief guest in this programme and paid floral tributes to the portrait of His Excellency Shri Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud.

Papanna Goud's ideals should inspire future generations: Collector

Medak, August 18: District Collector Pratima Singh called upon the younger generation to learn about the life and ideals of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud, who fought for the upliftment of Bahujans and underprivileged communities.The Collector was speaking at a programme organised by the BC Welfare Department on the occasion of Papanna Goud's birth anniversary. She paid floral tributes to his portrait and recalled his contribution to social welfare and the struggle against exploitation.Pratima Singh said Papanna Goud was a courageous leader who fought against those exploiting the labour and hardships of weaker sections and worked continuously for the welfare of society.She suggested that a comprehensive biography of Papanna Goud should be prepared and published as a book so that his life, struggles and ideals could reach future generations.

TIMS Sanath Nagar gets Telangana's first IGBC Gold Rating

Hyderabad, August 18, 2026: The Dr. MCR Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, was awarded the IGBC Gold Rating under the IGBC Green Healthcare Facilities Rating System, recognizing its commitment to sustainable healthcare infrastructure and resource-efficient design. The plaque commemorating the prestigious rating was handed over by Mr. C Shekar Reddy, National Chairman, CII Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), to the TIMS and Megha Engineering teams at a ceremony held in the presence of Shri Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana.

Speaking at the plaque handover ceremony, Shri Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana, said, "Investment in healthcare is not merely an expenditure; it is an investment in the future of Telangana and the well-being of its people. Our government is committed to strengthening public healthcare infrastructure and ensuring that advanced, quality medical care is accessible to every citizen, irrespective of their economic circumstances. Dr. MCR Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences, Sanath Nagar, is a significant step in this direction, strengthening our public health system and bringing world-class healthcare closer to those who need it most."

The IGBC Gold Rating recognizes the hospital's adoption of several green building strategies focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, sustainable materials, and patient well-being.

TIMS, Sanath Nagar, demonstrated approximately 14.89% energy savings through energy-efficient design strategies and systems. The facility has installed a 540 kW solar PV system, meeting 10.31% of the annual energy consumption and reducing dependence on conventional energy sources.The hospital also incorporated significant water conservation measures. Water-efficient plumbing fixtures have resulted in a 29.97% reduction in potable water consumption compared with baseline fixtures. Its 3,030 m³ rainwater harvesting capacity was designed to capture 100% of roof and non-roof runoff generated from the project site, strengthening its water management practices.Sustainable material selection was another key aspect of the project. 13% of the total building material cost comprises recycled-content materials, while 62% of the construction material cost is sourced from manufacturers within a 400-km radius, helping reduce transportation-related environmental impacts.

The project also incorporates dedicated healing gardens with medicinal plantations, creating restorative green spaces that support patient recovery and contribute to a healthier and more therapeutic healthcare environment.

Mr. C Shekar Reddy, National Chairman, CII Indian Green Building Council, said:

"It is a pleasure to recognize Dr. MCR Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences, Sanath Nagar, for achieving the IGBC Gold Rating under the IGBC Green Healthcare Facilities Rating System. The project is a great example of how sustainability can be integrated into large-scale healthcare infrastructure. It demonstrates 14.89% energy savings, a 540 Kw solar power system, sustainable construction practices and healing gardens with medicinal plantations. As Telangana's first hospital to achieve the IGBC Gold Certification, TIMS presents a great example of how green healthcare can support resource efficiency, patient well-being, and environmental responsibility. We congratulate the Government of Telangana, the TIMS team, Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Pvt Ltd., and all stakeholders on this important achievement."The IGBC Green Healthcare Facilities Rating System promotes the development of healthcare facilities that minimize environmental impact while enhancing the health, safety, comfort and well-being of patients, visitors and healthcare professionals. The rating framework encourages hospitals to adopt measures covering energy efficiency, water conservation, sustainable materials, waste management, indoor environmental quality, and site development. The IGBC Gold Rating for TIMS, Sanath Nagar, underscores the growing importance of sustainable healthcare infrastructure and Telangana's strong leadership potential in developing healthier, resource-efficient and future-ready public healthcare facilities.

Tirupati plans interlinking of 34 tanks to become model city

Tirupati, August 18: The Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) and district administration are working on a major project to interlink 34 tanks in and around the city, with the aim of making Tirupati a model, climate-resilient city.District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar said the proposed "City of Tanks" project would revive Tirupati's traditional water resources while strengthening flood management, groundwater recharge and urban infrastructure.

Under the project, 34 tanks will be connected through a cascade system. Tank bunds will be strengthened, while suitable areas around the water bodies will be developed with recreational and tourism facilities without affecting the water resources.The project will also include an integrated flood management system, storm-water management and separate sewage networks to prevent wastewater from entering the tanks. Sewage treatment plants will be established wherever necessary, ensuring only treated water enters the water bodies.

The authorities are exploring KfW loan assistance of around Rs.750–800 crore for the project. The first phase, estimated at about Rs.550 crore, will focus on tank interlinking in the western region, wastewater and storm-water management and flood mitigation. The first phase is expected to be completed in about four years.TUDA Chairman Divakar Reddy said the master plan was initially proposed for 12 tanks and later expanded to 20, but the authorities decided to include 34 tanks considering the future expansion of Greater Tirupati.

He said works were already progressing on the development of the Avilala tank bund, while canal works for linking Peruru tank with Avilala tank had also been taken up. Avilala, Anasamudram and other tanks are proposed to be developed as tourism and recreational centres.The project is expected to improve water availability, groundwater levels and flood resilience while creating tourism, employment and recreational opportunities. Officials also hope the initiative will encourage pilgrims and tourists to extend their stay in Tirupati.