

PANCHANGAM

Tithi
Krishna Paksha Tritiya
Upto : Feb 15 11:52 PM
Krishna Paksha Chaturthi
Upto : Feb 17 02:16 AM
Nakshatra
Uttara Phalguni
Feb 14 11:09 PM -
Feb 16 01:39 AM
Rahukalam
9:51 AM - 11:16 AM
Yamagandam
2:05 PM - 3:29 PM
Gulika
7:03 AM - 8:27 AM
Dur Muhurat
08:33 AM - 09:18 AM
Varjyam
07:06 AM - 08:52 AM

WEATHER

Forecast : Sunny
Temperature : 34° / 18°
Humidity : 27 %
Sunrise : 7:03 AM
Sunset : 6:18 PM

Mist or haze conditions likely in Telangana in next 3 days: Met

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Mist or haze conditions are likely to prevail during morning hours at isolated places in Telangana during the next three days, Meteorological Centre said on Friday.

In a daily weather report, here it said that maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal by 2-3 degrees Celsius in Telangana during the next 2 days.

Dry weather is likely to prevail in the state during the next seven days.

The lowest minimum temperature of 11.7 degrees Celsius was recorded at Adilabad in Telangana on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, the report added.



Kharge hints at KPCC shakeup amid power struggle



Grenade attack on mosque injures 4 in N. Afghanistan



Wholesale inflation eases to 2.31 pc in January

CM Revanth Reddy calls for boosting tourism sector in Telangana

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy emphasised that the tourism sector should not only generate revenue for the state but also create employment opportunities for the youth.

He noted that while Telangana has vast tourism potential, a lack of promotional efforts and innovative strategies in the past had hindered its growth. He urged officials to blend the state's rich history with modern attractions to pave the way for a flourishing tourism industry.

Chairing a review meeting on the tourism department at the ICCO on Friday, the Chief Minister stressed the need for



incentives to investors in semi-urban and rural tourism projects.

He proposed initiatives such as introducing boat-houses in the Nagarjuna Sagar backwaters

and promoting Telangana as a destination wedding hub.

Highlighting the significance of temples and tiger reserves in attracting tourists, he directed officials to focus on developing these sites.

The CM also instructed officials to enhance facilities and publicity for key tourist destinations such as Bhadrachalam, Kaleswaram, Ramappa, Mallela Theertham, Bogatha Waterfalls, Buddhist stupas, and Jain temples.

Reviewing the Bhuvanagiri Fort Ropeway project, he was informed about delays due to land acquisition, which has now been completed. He ordered that tenders for the ropeway be issued immediately and measures be taken to protect the fort's historic structures.

While finalising Telangana's new tourism policy, CM Revanth Reddy directed officials to coordinate with departments including Forest, IT, Electricity, TG IIC, Medical, and Sports to ensure seamless implementation.

He also stressed the (Cont. on Pg 2)



CM Revanth Reddy orders swift execution of Young India Residential Schools project

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to accelerate the implementation of the Young India Residential Schools project.

At a review meeting with Education Department officials at the Secretariat on Friday, the CM instructed them to expedite site acquisition for the proposed schools in each constituency and ensure that permits are processed for already acquired sites.

Revanth Reddy ordered district Collectors to conduct field visits and finalize site identification within a week, suggesting alternative locations where necessary. The government aims to



complete infrastructure development in 105 constituencies within two years, with work commencing immediately in areas where land acquisition is complete.

Additionally, the CM emphasized the need for high-quality infrastructure at Veerani Chakali Ailamma Women's University. He instructed officials to draft plans for playgrounds, academic blocks, and other essential facilities, assuring that the government is ready to allocate the necessary funds, according to an official statement.



PM Modi is a great friend of mine, he is a fantastic leader: President Donald Trump

Washington/New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) US President Donald Trump described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great friend" and added that the two leaders have kept the relationship going during the four years Trump was out of office.

Answering questions during a media interaction ahead of their talks in the White House, President Trump said: "Prime Minister Modi is a great friend of mine; we've had a wonderful relationship, and we've kept the relationship during the four-year period (when he was out of office). And that was a very interesting period indeed. We've started off again, and we have some very big things to talk about."

"They (India) are going to be purchasing more of our oil and gas, we have more oil and gas than any other country in the world by far, they need it and we have it. And we are going to talk about trade, and great many things."

"It's really an honour to see you, you've been a friend of mine for a long time, and congratulations on having done a great job," he said, turning to PM Modi.



"He (Modi) is doing a great job in India, everyone talks about it, a really fantastic job, a great leader!" President Trump added.

"We have great unity, great friendship. He and I, and I think it's only going to get closer. But it's very important that we remain united as countries. We are friends and we are going to stay that way," he said.

"This is a terrific man, we are going to make some great trade deals, for India and for the US," Trump added.

In his remarks, PM Modi said he was delighted to see Trump back in the White House.

He also said that he is happy that in his third term as PM he

has the privilege to be working with President Trump again. He also recalled the enthusiasm, warmth and trust between the two sides during President Trump's first term.

PM Modi also recalled the Howdy Mody event in Houston and the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad and added that the resounding echo of those mega events can still be heard across India and the world.

"President Trump has made great contribution towards strengthening bilateral ties and giving them new scope and taking them to unprecedented heights. And I firmly believe that in your second term we will work with even more speed," PM Modi added.

Banking system backbone of rural farmers : Deputy CM Bhatti

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Emphasizing the crucial role of the banking system in supporting rural farmers Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka urged financial institutions to step forward in extending their assistance.

Speaking at the NABARD State Credit Seminar held at a private hotel in Begumpet on Friday, the Deputy CM stated that the Telangana government is giving top priority to the agriculture sector. He highlighted that Telangana has secured the top position in the country for paddy cultivation.

Criticising the previous BRS government for neglecting the agriculture sector, Vikramarka urged NABARD to support initiatives such as drip irrigation and the promotion of oil palm cultivation. He cited Maharashtra's large-scale mango exports and Kenya's widespread use of mobile banking as examples of effective agricultural and financial models.

The Deputy CM pointed out that Telangana has 29 lakh agri-



cultural pump sets and suggested that converting them to solar-powered systems would significantly benefit the state.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to sustainable development, clean energy policies, and large-scale investments in renewable energy, including solar parks and pump storage projects.

He urged NABARD to increase financial assistance for renewable energy projects, not-

ing that the current allocation of Rs 70 crore was insufficient to meet the state's ambitious renewable energy goals.

He called for increased financial support for small farmers and priority sector projects, emphasising that they are not commercial investors but essential contributors to the state's agricultural economy.

Vikramarka stressed the importance of financial literacy and digital banking initiatives for rural

communities. He mentioned the need for solar fencing to manage crop damage from wild animals, requesting additional funding for such renewable energy-based solutions.

Agriculture Minister Thummalapati Nageswara Rao, who was present at the event, reaffirmed the state government's commitment to supporting the agriculture sector.

He highlighted Telangana's leading position in agriculture and urged banks to extend support for oil palm and other crops. He also emphasised the need for financial backing for exports and storage facilities, stating that despite having ample land and resources, the state continues to rely on imports.

The Minister urged bankers to treat farmers with respect when they visit banks and not to harass them over loan repayments. He stated that if farmers are unable to repay loans this year, they should be allowed to pay in the following year, ensuring that banks serve the interests of the people.

Kishan Reddy appeals to people to support BJP in MLC elections

(Capital Information)

Sangareddy, Feb 14 : Union Minister and BJP Telangana State President Kishan Reddy appealed to people to support BJP candidates in the upcoming MLC elections on February 27.

Participating in the MLC election campaign in Sangareddy, on Friday, Kishan Reddy paid tribute to the martyrs of the Pulwama attack and emphasised BJP's strong presence in Telangana's political landscape.

He introduced BJP candidates contesting for three MLC seats-C Anji Reddy (Karimnagar-Nizamabad-Medak-Adilabad Graduate MLC), Malka Komuriah (Karimnagar-Nizamabad-Medak-Adilabad Teachers MLC), and Sarottam Reddy (Nalgonda-Warangal-Khammam Teachers MLC).

Kishan Reddy highlighted that the BJP has historically represented graduates effectively in the Legislative Council, with leaders like V Rama Rao, Dr Rajeshwara Rao, DSP Reddy, and PV Chalapathi Rao serving as strong voices for public issues.

He accused the previous BRS government of weakening the Council by absorbing Congress leaders into BRS, thereby



suppressing the voices of teachers, unemployed youth, and graduates.

He urged intellectuals, teachers, and unemployed youth to support BJP candidates, promising that they would act as strong representatives of the people in the Council.

Criticising the Congress government, Kishan Reddy alleged that it had failed to deliver on its election promises. He accused Congress of misleading voters by assuring guarantees within 100 days of coming to power but failing to fulfill them.

He claimed that job vacancies remained unfilled despite promises of a job calendar, government employees faced delays in salary revisions and DA pay-

ments, government schools were neglected due to a lack of basic maintenance and furniture, and unemployment allowances and financial aid for women were not provided.

He also accused Congress of betraying unemployed youth by not fulfilling job appointment promises and failing to fill teacher vacancies.

Outlining the BJP-led central government's contributions to Telangana, Kishan Reddy highlighted several key initiatives. He mentioned the development of an industrial park in Zaheerabad, a mega textile park in Warangal, and the rapidly progressing coach factory in Kazipet.

In agriculture, he pointed out that Rs 26,000 crore was allo-

cated for paddy procurement, fertiliser subsidies were provided, and small and marginal farmers received financial support. Healthcare investments included the establishment of AIIMS, ESI Medical College, and multi-specialty hospitals with central government funds.

Infrastructure expansion efforts connected 33 districts in Telangana with national highways, improved railway networks, and facilitated the construction of a railway station in Komuravelli for temple devotees.

Additionally, he noted that the central government had provided funds for village sanitation, crematoriums, and farmers' forums.

Kishan Reddy challenged BRS leader KCR and CM Revanth Reddy to debate BJP's contributions to Telangana over the past ten years.

He criticised both parties for failing to use funds for village development while the central government consistently provided financial assistance.

He urged voters to support BJP candidates in the MLC elections, assuring them that BJP representatives would fight for their rights in the Legislative Council.

CM Revanth Reddy unveiled 'Vijaya Telangana' book, written by senior leader T Devendar Goud

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Personally, Devendar Goud is at the top of the leaders who I admire the most. Devendar Goud included the history of the Telangana movement from the perspective of the people in the book.

family, one political party is Telangana.

The decision taken by Devendar Goud to launch a political organization to the cause of Telangana was courageous. Devendar Goud was the second-in-command of the party at that time. Goud sacrificed a

Devendar Goud's padayatra.

During the Telangana movement, youth wrote not only on their vehicles but also on the hearts that Telangana means TG. Devendar Goud wrote TG on the walls that day.

Respecting the aspirations of the people, the Congress



Some leaders projected the Telangana history in their favour. The sacrifices of the students and youth who participated in the Telangana movement should be included in the history. KCR family tried to write the history that one person, one

good life and came out with the Telangana flag. Goud conducted padayatra to give a strong message that Telangana will be prosperous only with the waters of river Godavari. The then rulers took up the Pranahita-Chevella project after

government changed TS to TG soon after coming to power. Introduced Jaya Jayahe Telangana song as the official song of the state. These are all people's ideas and not me.

Government announced a house and Rs one crore for 9 Telangana activists who sacrificed everything during the Telangana movement.

The absence of people like Devendar Goud in active politics is an irreparable loss for Telangana. Leaders who maintain values should join the Telangana politics.

Shallow to moderate fog likely in Coastal AP & Yanam in next 48 hours : Met

Amaravati, Feb 14 (UNI) Shallow to moderate fog is likely to occur at isolated places in the morning in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam during the next 48 hours, Meteorological Centre said on Friday.

In a daily weather report here, it said that the maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal by 3-5 degrees Celsius in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Rayalaseema during the next five days.

Dry weather is likely to prevail in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Rayalaseema during the next seven days.

The lowest minimum temperature of 16.9 degrees Celsius was recorded at Kadapa in Rayalaseema on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, the report added.

Aster Prime Hospital conducts free health camps for secretariat employees

(Capital Information) Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Aster Prime Hospital, in association with the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Association, organised a free health camp at the Secretariat on Friday, offering a range of essential health check-ups and specialised consultations.

Telangana Health Secretary Christina Chongthu inaugurated the camp and emphasised the importance of prioritising health across all age groups.

She reiterated the state government's commitment to enhancing public healthcare services and improving facilities in government hospitals.

The camp provided screenings for Body Mass Index (BMI), blood pressure, random blood sugar, haemoglobin levels, and eye examinations. Additionally, based on medical recommendations, ECG, 2D Echo tests, oral and breast cancer screenings, dental check-ups, and expert consultations were made available.

Operating from 1100 to 1700 hours, the camp featured specialists in General Surgery, Cardiology, Orthopedics, Gynecology, and Gastroenterology. A dedicated team of 35 medical staff ensured smooth operations, and free medicines were distributed to those in need. The initiative received an enthusiastic response from secretariat employees, who benefitted from the medical services provided.

Prominent attendees at the event included Secretariat Employees' Association President Giri Srinivas Reddy, General Secretary Prem, Treasurer Kailash, and several other officials.

CM Revanth Reddy calls for boosting tourism sector in Telangana

(Cont. from Pg 1) importance of adventure sports and making Telangana a medical tourism-friendly destination. He assured that the state budget allocation for tourism would be increased.

The review meeting was attended by State Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, CM's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy, Principal Secretary Shanti Kumari, Infrastructure Advisor Srinivasa Raju, Principal Secretaries to CM V Seshadri and Chandrasekhar Reddy, CM's Joint Secretary Sangeetha Satyanarayana, Tourism Secretary Smita Sabharwal, Tourism Development Corporation MD Prakash Reddy, and other officials, according to an official statement.

Bhatti Vikramarka: Uninterrupted Power Supply Despite High Demand

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Despite the daily power demand in the state reaching a record high of 15,998 megawatts on the 10th of this month, uninterrupted power supply has been ensured, stated Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. He assured that with the current power availability at 21,398 megawatts, there are no issues in maintaining continuous supply.

He also made it clear that there is no question of installing meters for agricultural borewells. Addressing the media at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday night through a PowerPoint presentation, Bhatti Vikramarka elaborated on the rising power demand and continuous supply in the



state.

"With an annual growth of 8%, the daily power demand is expected to reach around 24,215 megawatts by 2030. From 2030 to 2035, the demand will grow at a rate of 5.6% annually, reaching 31,809 megawatts. With the upcoming developments around the Regional

Ring Road and new data centers, the power demand will increase further.

The Telangana government is making efforts to set up new hydroelectric power projects in Himachal Pradesh and is set to sign agreements for 3,100 megawatts of power generation units in

Rajasthan. Since the Congress party came to power in Telangana, the construction of the Yadadri power plant has been expedited. We have built 29 new substations in overloaded areas.

In the last year, ₹18,615 crore has been paid as subsidies to DISCOMs. We have also decided to construct an 800-megawatt thermal power plant in Ramagundam under the supervision of Telangana GENCO. Additionally, Singareni is constructing a new 800-megawatt thermal power plant in Naini, Odisha," Bhatti Vikramarka stated.

The event was attended by CMDs Krishna Bhaskar, Musharraf, Varun Reddy, and Energy Department Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania.

MUNNURU KAPUS WERE EXCEEDS 50 LAKHS IN STATE SHOWING 14 LAKHS IN SURVEY IS SERIOUS OBJECTION : MUNNURU KAPU LEADERS

(Capital Information)

KHAMMAM BUREAU, Feb 14 : The state government's recent caste survey, which is 22 per cent of the three -and -a -half per cent lower three and a half per cent of the state government's recent caste survey, has been misled by the state vice -president of the state.

They spoke at a press

conference held at the Press Club in Khammam on Friday. The survey has been outraged over the low of 14 lakhs in the state. 28 lakh in the last BRS government and the current government has expressed dissatisfaction with the show. The government demanded immediate re -survey.

The state committee

called on the survey of the state committee, which will soon be successful in the parade ground in Hyderabad with a population of 10 lakhs. The government has called on the district collectors to conduct a re -survey on the 17th of this month in the respective district collectors. He said that they would be unfair in the allocation of



welfare, jobs and political parties on the reservation of the reservation. The basis of reservation in the Constitution of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, 78 years after independence, today it is painful for the people of SC, ST, BC and minority to avoid their welfare. The government, which has reduced our number in the reservation and hurt our self -esteem, warned that in the future, there would be no proper lesson.

State EC member Papsuleti Devender, Munnuru kapu Trust Board President Mekala Bhikshamaiah, Paleru Constituency Incharge Mariseti Venkateswara Rao, Sathupalli constituency Incharge Manukota Satyanarayana (Madhuri Madhu) and others were participated the press conference.



On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Damodaram Sanjivaiah, the first Dalit Chief Minister of the united Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid floral tributes to the portrait of the great man at his Jubilee Hills residence. Adviser to CM Vem Narender Reddy, Corporation Chairman L Patel Ramesh Reddy, Manala Mohan Reddy, MLAs Rajender Reddy, Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy, Education Commissioner members Charagonda Venkatesh, former MLA Sampath Kumar and others paid tributes to Sanjivaiah's portrait.



WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE ARE FOR HELP : SP D UDAY KUMAR REDDY

(Capital Information)

Medak, Feb 14 : Medak District SP D Uday Kumar Reddy Suggested that is a polite invite everyone who comes to the help of the people. The district SP attended the first batch training closing ceremony of the newly appointed police personnel at the district police headquarters on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, the district SP said that the police station should be welcomed by a variety of difficulties, requests, complaints, information and help to ensure that we have them.

Every citizen wants to ensure that the coalition is done. He said the public should use technical resources to make it quick. Our duties have a good talent and get a good name.

DCRB Inspector Madhu Sudhan Goud, Anil, CCTNS, Laxmikant, Fayaz Ali, and staff participated in the event.

Google India delegation explores advanced traffic solutions

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Feb 14 : A delegation from Google India visited the Telangana State Police Integrated Command and Control Center (TG-ICCC) to study the existing traffic management system and explore ways to enhance its operational efficiency through cutting-edge Google technologies and solutions.

The visit follows the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Google and the Telangana Government to develop and implement technology-driven solutions across key sectors.

The delegation included Chandu Thota, VP, Google DeepMind, Rao Surapaneni, VP, Google Cloud, Shalini Puchalapalli, Country Manager, Google Customer Solutions and Seshu Ajjarapu, Senior Director, Google DeepMind. They were accompanied by Ra-

jesh Ranjan, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, and Srinivas Kodali, Government Affairs and Public Policy.

City Police Commissioner C V Anand delivered a comprehensive presentation on the ICCC's functioning, highlighting how real-time traffic management is executed through advanced surveillance, data analytics, and integration with Google Maps data to identify congestion hotspots.

Discussions between the Google delegation, Anand, and the ICCC team focused on enhancing the center's capabilities by integrating live Google Maps traffic data, automating traffic signals based on volume counts, real-time tracking of patrol vehicles, and deploying drone surveillance for improved traffic monitoring. The delegation also explored strategies to enhance the effectiveness of

the existing traffic management framework.

Google's experts provided valuable insights on optimizing ICCC operations by leveraging cloud solutions for efficient data storage and deploying new applications. They also recommended better methods for storing the vast amounts of CCTV footage beyond the current 30-day limit, utilizing AI for quick retrieval and analysis.

The delegation commended the Telangana Government's commitment to public safety through technology-driven governance and agreed to extend cooperation in advancing traffic management solutions.

P Viswa Prasad Additional CP Traffic, J Parimala Hana Nutan Joint CP Admin; Pushpa, SP ICCC, and other senior officers were present during the discussions, a police statement said on Friday.

Cyberabad CP Applauds Police Personnel for Bravery in Gachibowli Firing Incident

(Capital Information)

Cyberabad, Feb 14 : Cyberabad Commissioner of Police, Avinash Mohanty, IPS, today commended the courageous efforts of Head Constable M. Venkat Reddy (2003 batch), K. Pradeep Reddy (2000 batch), and P. Veeraswamy (2000 batch), all serving at Madhapur CCS, for their exemplary bravery during a recent firing incident in Gachibowli. The brave Police officers were commented and rewarded by Cyberabad CP at the Cyberabad CP Office, in presence of DCP Crimes K. Narasimha, IPS, and other senior officials.

On February 1, 2025, during an operation to apprehend notorious criminal Bathula Prabhakar, the Police team faced gunfire at a pub in



Gachibowli. Head Constable Venkat Reddy sustained a gunshot injury to his left foot and was immediately shifted to a private hospital, Gachibowli, for treatment. Despite the risks, the team successfully arrested Prabhakar, who has over 70 criminal cases registered against him in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

CP Avinash Mohanty, IPS., also acknowledged the dedication of DCP Crimes Mr. K. Narasimha, IPS, CCSACP Mr. Shashank Reddy, and CCS Madhapur Inspector Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, emphasizing the importance of recognizing such valor in ensuring public safety. The Cyberabad Police remain committed to maintaining law and order and protecting citizens.

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(for candidate to publish in news papers, TV)

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(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Drs. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of Candidate	: THIRUMALAREDDY INNA REDDY H.No.B-4, S,V. Residency By pass Road Mancherial, Telangana – 504208
Name of Political Party	: INDEPENDENT
Name of Election	: Legislative Council
Name of Constituency	: MEDAK-NIZAMABAD-ADILABAD-KARIMNAGAR TEACHERAS

I, **THIRUMALAREDDY INNA REDDY**, a candidate for the above mentioned election declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents

(A) Convicted Criminal Case

SI NO	Name of Court	Case No .Status of case	Section[s] of acts concerned and brief of offence[s]
1	I Additional judicial Magistrate of First Class ,Mancherial	STC/2053/2023	U/S 9[1] OF TS Gaming Act

In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

Sd/- THIRUMALAREDDY INNA REDDY

MEDAK-NIZAMABAD-ADILABAD-KARIMNAGAR-LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT

Stalker throws acid on woman for rejecting his love

Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), Feb 14 (UNI) In a gruesome incident, a stalker threw acid on a young woman at Perampalli village in Gurramkonda Mandal of Annamayya district on Friday for rejecting his love.

Police said that the accused Ganesh had been stalking the 23-year-old victim, Gauthami, for the last few months. He had been forcing her to accept his love which she refused.

April 29. Furious over this, the accused Ganesh threw acid on her face when she was going alone on the road and later he stabbed her with a knife.

She was immediately taken to the Government Hospital in Madanapalle. As her condition turned out to be critical, she was shifted

to a hospital in Bangalore.

Responding to the incident, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed the officials of Annamayya district to provide the best medical treatment to the injured woman. He assured the parents of the victim to extend all needed support.

Minister for IT Nara Lokesh spoke to the parents of the acid attack victim and assured them all help.

Minister for Transport M Ram Prasad and district Superintendent of Police Vidyasagar Naidu visited the acid victim in Madanapalle GH. The Minister said that the accused Ganesh was arrested by the police within a few minutes of the incident.

Meanwhile, former Chief Minister and YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy strongly condemned the acid attack on a young woman in Annamaiah district. He demanded the government take stringent action against the accused.

He urged the authorities to ensure the best medical treatment for the victim and called on the government to provide full support to her family.

The former Chief Minister criticised the government's failure to ensure women's safety, stating that such incidents are occurring due to its negligence. Reddy demanded that the government take immediate steps to improve women's security in the state.



Telangana Youth Congress Gets New President, Vows to Strengthen Party Ideology

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Feb 14 : In a grand ceremony held at the Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, Jakkidi Shiva Charan Reddy was sworn in as the President of the Telangana Youth Congress on Friday, February 14. The event was attended by a massive gathering of Congress supporters and leaders, including Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, AICC Telangana In-charge Deepadas Munshi, and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud.

Reddy's swearing-in ceremony marked the beginning of a new era for the Telangana Youth Congress, with a

focus on strengthening party ideology and promoting social empowerment. As many as five members took oath as Youth Congress office bearers, including Chakali Shailender as the General Secretary, Ponnamp Tarun as the Vice-President and Thumukunta Anksha Reddy among them.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized the importance of strengthening Rahul Gandhi's leadership to combat divisive politics. He also underscored the significant responsibility that Youth Congress workers bear in safeguarding Telangana's in-



terests and promoting Congress ideology at the grassroots level.

Reddy's remarks were echoed by the newly sworn-in President, Jakkidi Shiva Charan Reddy, who has a proven track record of dedication to public service and community empowerment. As the founder of the Jakkidi Charitable Trust, Reddy has been instrumental in promoting education, healthcare, and economic development in Telangana.

The ceremony was followed by a PowerPoint presentation on the caste census and categorization of Scheduled Castes (SC) in Telan-

gana. The presentation, conducted under the guidance of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar, aimed to provide detailed information to party members on the Backward Classes caste census and SC categorization in the state.

With the new leadership in place, the Telangana Youth Congress is poised to play a more active role in promoting social justice and empowerment in the state. The focus on strengthening party ideology and promoting Congress values at the grassroots level is expected to energize the youth base and drive the party's electoral success in the region.

Doctors must be appointed at Chityal Government Hospital

(Capital Information)
JS Bhupalpally, Feb 14 : MRPS-TS Submits Petition to District Collector - Warns of Protest if Ignored.

Under the leadership of MRPS-TS Bhupalpally District President Elukati Rajayya Madiga, a petition was submitted to the District Collector demanding the immediate appointment of doctors at Chityal Government Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajayya Madiga stated that Chityal Hospital, which once handled numerous deliveries and emergency cases, is now in a pathetic condition. The hospital, which should have 18 doctors, is currently operating with just six, leading to inadequate healthcare services.

He pointed out the severe shortage of Gynecologists, Anesthetists, and Pediatricians, which has resulted in many pregnant women and emergency patients being



forced to travel to Bhupalpally, Parkal, or Hanamkonda for medical care. This delay in treatment has even led to loss of lives. The situation has been deteriorating for the past six months, yet Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao has failed to take any action, showing a lack of concern for the health of poor people.

Rajayya Madiga urged the District Collector to immediately appoint specialist doctors

at Chityal Hospital to provide proper healthcare to the underprivileged. He warned that if the issue is not addressed, a massive protest will be staged in front of the hospital.

The petition submission event was attended by MRPS-TS State Secretary Shastrala Tirupati Madiga, Bhupalpally Constituency In-Charge Seelapaka Harish Madiga, Malhar Mandal President Mantri Rajababu Madiga, and others.

Electricity Department ADE Caught by ACB

(Capital Information)

Ranga Reddy, Feb 14 : Ranga Reddy District Gachibowli Division Electricity ADE Satish Kumar has bribed Rs. 75 thousand demands for transformer grant. He took 25 thousand from the consumer as the first.

The customer then resorted to the ACB ... while taking the remaining 50 thousand, ADE Satish Kumar was caught on Thursday with evidence.



Gouravarajula Venkateswara Rao Met Chilukur Rangarajan

(Capital Information)
Ranga Reddy, Feb 14 : Gouravarajula Venkateswara Rao Met Chilukur Temple Main Priest Rangarajan.

On Thursday to express solidarity with the attack on the priest of Chilukur Sri Balaji Temple in Moinabad Mandal of Rangareddy District.

In the presence of the President of the Brahmin Community Shadnagar Constituency Gouravarajula Venkateswara Rao, Shadnagar Town President Sujeevan Kochaganti, Bhanu Sharma, Venugopalakrishna, Pooranachandra Rao, Gouravarajula Manipanthalu,



Rajagopal, Gouravarajula Saipantulu, Bharat, Sunil Kumar Sudarshan Rao and Brahmin Samakhya Women President Samyukta, Lakshmi Padmavati, Kamalamma, Madhavi, Veena Mata Sri Janakamma. They said that those who attacked

them should be severely punished, and that all Brahmin associations would also support them.

Later, Rangarajan thanked the Shadnagar Brahmin Association for expressing their admiration and solidarity with him.



South Central Railway Vijayawada Division celebrates 69th Railway Week

DRM presents 'Rail Seva Puraskar' 2024 to 54 Awardees

(Capital Information)
Vijayawada, Feb 14 : Vijayawada Division, South Central Railway celebrated 69th Railway Week Divisional Level Function at Railway Auditorium, Vijayawada today i.e., on 14th February 2025. Narendra A Patil, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division, South Central Railway graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. P E Edwin, ADRM (Infrastructure) and Srinivasa Rao Konda, ADRM

(Operations) were the Guests of Honour.

At the outset, Katta Anand, Sr. Divisional Personnel Officer welcomed the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour on to the dais and delivered the welcome address. Speaking on the occasion, Narendra A Patil, DRM said that the Division has performed exceptionally well on all fronts and that is because all the staff have shown brilliance and innovation in their work. The team-

work improves efficiency of the Division and overall working of the Railways, in turn boosting operations and enhancing passenger satisfaction. He also said the Division will surpass Gross Revenue of Rs.5000 Crore during 2024-25 comfortably.

DRM said that on infrastructural front, 20 Railway stations over Vijayawada Division are being developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and Vijayawada Division has been awarded

NSG-1 with earnings of Rs.500 Crore, this is the second such station on South Central Railway and 28th in the entire nation. Our employees have been working with safety and I salute to the entire workforce and not just the awardees."

Narendra A Patil, DRM congratulated the 54 Awardees for rendering exemplary services during 2024. He also said that these individual awardees represent the disciplined work-

force of the entire Division and suggested every employee to work hard with dedication. DRM advised all the field staff to work in a coordinated and constructive manner to ensure safety of passengers by according top priority to safety & punctuality of train operations.

Around 200 Staff from across the Vijayawada Division along with the Branch officers attended the programme to make it a grand success.



People should not be afraid of anyone : Devarakonda ASP Mounika

(Capital Information)

Devarakonda, Feb 14 : Devarakonda ASP Mounika said in the Press conference that people should not be afraid. The accused, who throw died in the Akkampally reservoir, split into 2 two teams in 2 hours and the accused were identified as Ramalu of the west thaanda native. We have taken the accused to remand.

EMPLOYEES SHOULD PERFORM DUTIES WITHOUT STRESS : COLLECTOR MUJAMMIL KHAN

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, Feb 14 : District Collector Mujammil Khan said that the management of duties and providing specific services to the public in a timely manner.

On Friday, the district collector, the Special Deputy Collector in the Collectorate and the new chamber for six revenue department supervisors, cut the ribbon.

On this occasion, District Collector Mujammil Khan said that the people

would come to the Collectorate and believe that their problems would be solved and that they should work with integrity towards them and work to solve the problem. He said that the specific services should be provided to the public in a timely manner and the authorities should work responsibly and accountably.

If an application solution is not in our hands, we should provide the necessary advice and suggestions on how to solve the

problem. The employees are provided with the necessary facilities in the District Collectorate.

The Deputy Collector said that the files should be set up clean by taking advantage of the new chamber set up for the 6 departments of the Collectorate Staff.

The collector said that employees should perform duties without stress and that if we are unnecessarily under pressure, we will have better results if we work without stress.

Additional collector Dr. P Sreeja, P Srinivasa Reddy, District Revenue Officer Padma Sri, Special Deputy Collector M Rajeshwari, Collectorate AO N Aruna, supervisors of various sections, relevant officials and others were participated.



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TENDER NOTICE NO: 06/2025 Dt.14.02.2025 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website www.ireps.gov.in And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On www.ireps.gov.in."

Tender No.	Brief Description
30255005	Axle Box Housing
33241600B	Sphero elastic Rubber Bearing
67245013B	Supply, Erection, Testing
29251105	Head Light Lamp 200W
10253201	Resin Impregnated Plated
25244496	Metalized Carbon Strips
25241003	Brake Shoe Complete,
29251207	Set of BL Switches, Spec
56245255B	Procurement of 10 Pair
30252431	Lower Spring Beam Arrangement
66255054	Procurement of Transducers
29241100A	Modified Single Duct Leather
30241397	Foot Step Arrangement
66246989A	Procurement of Pumps

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: S.L.No.01 on dt.28.02.2025. S.L.No.02 on dt.03.03.2025. S.L.No.03&04 on dt.05.03.2025 S.L.No.05 to 10 on dt.06.03.2025. S.L.no.11 &12 on dt.10.03.2025. S.L.no.13 on dt.11.03.2025. S.L.no.14 on dt.17.03.2025.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above **Rs.50 Lakhs**. For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <https://ireps.gov.in>)

CE/CII/SC & CE/C-IV/SC, Construction Organisation, S.C. Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 01 NIT No.: EPC 01-CAO-C-SC-2025 Date: 12.02.2025 Name of work: South Central Railway Construction Organisation-Engineering. Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for Doubling of Track between Manyamkonda station (Excl) & Perur station (Incl) From Km 128.200 to Km 156.700 (28.500 Km) including Electrification & Signaling works in connection with Doubling of Mahabubnagar-Dhone section in the State of Telangana. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 296,03,96,442.88/- **EMD (₹):** 1,48,02,000.00 **Completion Period:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months **Date of Opening:** 16.05.2025 15:00hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <https://ireps.gov.in>
2) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.
3) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer, Const., Secunderabad

Police seizes 668 books 'promoting ideology' of a banned organization

Srinagar, Feb 14 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir police has seized 668 books in Srinagar which were allegedly promoting the ideology of a banned organization. It is learnt searches were carried at multiple locations. Police said they have initiated legal action under Section 126 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNSS).

Tender No. C_SG_36_542 Dt.14/02/2025

ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SR.DIVISIONAL SIGNAL & TELECOM ENGINEER, SECUNDERABAD DIVISION, SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, SECUNDERABAD INVITES OPEN TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT UP TO 15.00 HOURS 07/03/2025

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: C_SG_36_542 Dt.14/02/2025 Name of the work: 1.S&T arrangements for in connection with BPQ-KZJ section Provision of SUFWAYS to facilitate crossing of Railway track at identified vulnerable location bet. PDPL-KZJ station for 13 location. 2. S&T arrangements for in connection with BPQ-KZJ section Provision of SUFWAYS to facilitate crossing of Railway track at identified vulnerable location bet. ASAF-PDPL station for 13 location. 3. S&T arrangements for in connection with BPQ-KZJ section Provision of SUFWAYS to facilitate crossing of Railway track at identified vulnerable location bet. ASAF station for 12 location. 4. Shifting of Signaling cable in connection with provision of 03 stabling lines at secunderabad station. **Approx Value (₹):** 67,05,027/- **Bid security / EMD (₹):** 1,34,100/- **Tender Book cost (₹):** 0/-

For further details visit the website www.ireps.gov.in; Bid security/EMD to be paid as per GCC-2022

"As per IRSGCC-2022, e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers.(Ref:IRGCC 2022 part-I, Clause-3

Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Co-ord/ Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/33/OEW/OT/2024-25 Dt.13.02.2025

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to 15.00 hours on 07-03-2025

S.No.: 01 e-Tender No.: etender No.C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/33/OEW/OT/2024-25 tender No.E-M-SC-33-OT-2024-25 Name of work: Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - Schedule A-(i) Provision of CLS Panels in place of defective and over aged CLS panels over SC division. (ii) Shifting of Fans from Gutter to adjacent channel at stations over SC division.(iii) Provision of timers in place of defective for lighting circuit 30/70% on platforms lighting and fan circuits, street light circuit over SC division. Schedule B - Provision of Solar geyser, solar street lights, Solar pumps, and Occupancy sensors, energy saver for welding transformer to meet HQ action plan targets - Electrical arrangements. **Tender Value (₹):** 1,72,84,463.20/- **EMD (₹):** 2,36,400.00/- **CTF (₹):** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/ A0208 M/Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Editorial

Role of maritime sector vital for India to become developed nation by 2047

Former President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday emphasised on the critical importance of India's maritime resources, trade routes, and strategic positioning in the global geopolitical landscape.

Speaking at the Vice Admiral KK Nayyar Memorial Lecture, Kovind highlighted the vital role of the maritime sector in realising India's aspirations to become a developed nation by 2047, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The former President's lecture focused on "Increasing Maritime Consciousness in India: A Strategic Imperative for National Prosperity and Security."

He emphasised on fostering a robust maritime culture to enhance economic growth, strengthen national security, and solidify India's stature as a leading power in the Indo-Pacific region.

The 2025 edition of the Vice Admiral KK Nayyar Memorial Lecture coincided with the 20th Foundation Day of the National Maritime Foundation (NMF).

This prestigious event commemorates the enduring legacy of VAdm KK Nayyar, whose vision and intellectual rigour established the National Maritime Foundation as a premier institution for maritime thought and policy advocacy.

Speaking on the occasion, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, highlighted the National Maritime Foundation's role as India's premier maritime think tank, dedicated to the study and advocacy of maritime issues critical to the nation's growth and security, that through its research, publications, and policy recommendations, continues to shape India's maritime future in alignment with the nation's aspirations.

He underscored the Indian Navy's increasing role in ensuring a stable and secure maritime environment, exemplified by its ongoing maritime security missions and enhanced regional cooperation.

The CNS exhorted all present to honour VAdm Nayyar's legacy by continuing to strengthen India's maritime capabilities and strategic vision.

The event was attended by senior serving and retired officers of the Indian Defence Forces, members of the diplomatic community, eminent academicians, strategic experts, and close friends and family members of the late Vice Adm KK Nayyar.

India Will Once Again Become a Global Power: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

(Capital Information) (JAG MOHAN THAKEN)

Chandigarh, Feb 14 : Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has stated that India is set to re-emerge as a global power in the 21st century. He emphasized that India is currently the fifth-largest economy in the world and is soon expected to reach the third position. He credited the visionary, positive, and long-term decisions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for ensuring that by 2047, India will become a developed nation and one of the world's most prosperous economies.

The Education Minister was addressing the 11th Convocation Ceremony of SGT University as the chief guest. SGT University is one of the country's prestigious institutions located in Gurugram, the city of Guru Dronacharya. Eminent lawyer and President of the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), Rohan Jaitley, was present as the Guest of Honour at the convocation. SGT University's Chancellor, Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Bahadur Rai, and Management Trustee Manmohan Chawla were also in attendance. On this occasion, the souvenir of the university was unveiled by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour.

The Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan emphasized that India's immense youth power will accelerate its progress. He highlighted that out of India's 1.42 billion population, over 680 million people are below 25 years of age, making India's youth demographic unparalleled globally.

Addressing the graduating students, Pradhan urged them to map out the next two to three decades, create strategic plans, and stay connected to their roots. He stressed that the students receiving their degrees today should develop a roadmap for making India a developed nation by 2047 and determine their own contribution to the country's growth.

"To achieve the goal of developed India by 2047, we will also have to focus on the roadmap for personal development of our children. Our universities will have to take the responsibility of making India the leader of IR 4.0. world welfare. Its roadmap has been prepared in the National Education Policy, and universities like SGT will become a successful laboratory for this", expressed the union minister.

Using Silicon Valley as an example, he remarked that every major economy in the world has a university driving its success. He noted that reskilling and upskilling are the defining trends of today and praised SGT University for its contribution to India's economic development. The Union Minister said that he likened Gurugram to the engine of India's economy and SGT University to its lungs.

The Union Education Minister expressed his delight in participating in the 11th convocation ceremony of SGT University. He highlighted that 2,240 students graduated and out of 120 gold medalists, 87 were women, demonstrating women empowerment at its finest at the university. The education minister conferred Ph.D. degrees to students from various faculties.

Additionally, the university conferred honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) degrees upon senior journalist, author, and Padma Bhushan awardee Dr. A. Surya Prakash and renowned Gandhian scholar Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna.

Guest of Honour Rohan Jaitley congratulated the graduating students and remarked that India is undergoing a transformational phase. He stressed that the responsibility of the youth has increased significantly, urging them to actively contribute to nation-building and economic development while overcoming various challenges.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Madan Mohan Chaturvedi presented the annual report of the university, while undergraduate and postgraduate students from medical and dental faculties were also awarded their degrees.

Before the convocation ceremony, the Education Minister inaugurated the Chancellor Library on the SGT University campus. Chancellor Ram Bahadur Rai has dedicated his personal library to the university.

Dharmendra Pradhan praised Ram Bahadur Rai's remarkable literary contributions, particularly his recent Padma Bhushan award.

He remarked that SGT University has created an important chapter in India's knowledge tradition, and the Chancellor Library stands as a testament to it. This library houses research and literature covering India's socio-political history from the time of independence to the present day.

Journalists should get a uniform pension across the country

To get a pension, you must be recognized by the Haryana government for a period of five years. Under this order, journalists working in this field for twenty years will get a pension. After reporting for a newspaper for 30 to 40 years, journalists who have not been recognized by the Haryana government for five years will not get any benefit. To ensure that all journalists get government recognition, the Haryana government should give journalist pensions to all journalists who reach the age of sixty. To do this, there should be a consensus on recognizing journalists at the tehsil level. Therefore, in relation to social security and pension, the government should form a national team. Which will research the policies of the states and the Center and provide a decent pension to all journalists instead of giving a piecemeal amount. Which will study the schemes of the Center and the states and give a respectable pension to all journalists instead of giving something to some in a piecemeal manner.

- Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

The government still considers pensions as its responsibility. It has not abolished pensions. It gives many types of pensions. Both MLAs and MPs get pensions. After becoming an MLA, MP, and Rajya Sabha member, you are entitled to get three types of pension. Some people get three types of pension, and some do not get any. In some states, award winners also get pensions. What kind of justice is this? The voice of the poor and oppressed people has been raised through journalists. These people have done many things with the power of their words. Now it is important that other public representatives and communities also raise their voices for journalists. They should raise the issues of journalists and fight for fundamental rights to improve their standard of living. It is sad that our journalists advocate for the rights of the deprived. They risk their lives to do their work. They run from morning to evening to avoid the worries of their loved ones. They do not stop working until they resolve a problem. However, they are unable to write about their issues. So far, the Labour Resources Department has not included journalists in the list of skilled workers. Specifically, there are three important issues facing journalists that need to be resolved. The rules regarding work experience for pensions should be relaxed to eliminate the need for government recognition. Also, the government should include blocks after district and subdivision in its gazette to recognize rural journalists. Journalists should also be part of the Labour Resources Department. The list of skilled workers includes skilled workers who prepare content. Journalists work round the clock in hot, cold, and rainy conditions. There is a working time for a worker, but the working hours of a journalist are not fixed. Both journalists and journalism are going through a transitional period.

The Government of India as well as the state governments should take steps to protect the interests of journalists. The government should formulate a plan to address journalist harassment, as it is a serious issue. All journalists working today urgently need medical facilities, security for journalists, pensions, and press accreditation for desk workers. Rural journalists should be recognized as journalists by the government. The Department of Labour Resources should publish a list outlining the status of skilled workers and amend its gazette. The journalist community should soon be able to avail itself of benefits such as insurance and other worker-provided facilities. Journalists are also competent professionals. They contribute content, which is later converted into a newspaper. A newspaper is a product, and our journalists play a role in creating it as expert workers. Therefore, the government should consider it immediately. The Journalist Pension Scheme and Journalist Insurance Scheme are two important programs for the welfare of journalists that the government should also implement properly.

Some journalists get the benefit of the Journalist Pension Scheme. However, many journalists are not eligible for the pension scheme. For this, the rules of the Journalist Pension Scheme need to be relaxed. At present, different states have different conditions for those receiving journalist pensions. For example, in Haryana, apart from twenty years of work experience, five years of government recognition are required. A large number of senior journalists have to suffer the brunt of this. As a result, if this rule is relaxed, journalists should get pensions on the basis of affidavits like the Journalist Insurance Scheme. Pension eligibility should be based on the senior journalist's ten years of work experience, with an age limit of 60 years. According to the Journalist Pension Scheme, they should get a pension on the basis of their affidavit and sixty years of age. Regarding the work experience certificate, the government should provide a list from the District Information Public Relations Department of each district. Whenever journalists go to the election, they submit the identity card issued by the District Election Officer through the Election Commission.

Apart from this, journalists cover the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, and other major events. Various major political parties and district governments issue special identity cards during news coverage. As a result, the government keeps a record of news coverage and election-related work experience. Journalists should get a pension from the government based on their performance. Apart from offering free transportation in government buses and insurance programs for journalists, media centers should be established in each district so that media persons can do their work without any hassle. The government runs many types of social security programs. Some federal and state-level programs are running. Some are giving 6,000 to farmers; some are giving 10,000. Some give unemployment allowance; some give something else. Some have an old age pension of one thousand, some two thousand. Some are organizing pilgrimages; some are organizing aarti.

Many senior journalists write that they are not able to earn a regular living. They will somehow control their expenses after retirement. If children are unable to help, then God is the only option. Not every child is able to earn enough money to support everyone. This results in family discord. Therefore, the government should form a national team for social security and pension. Which will research the schemes of the Center and the States and provide a good pension to all journalists instead of giving only a few to some journalists.

Defence a major plank of Indo-US joint statement; US to sell F-35s to India, says Trump

Washington/New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Defence was a major agenda on the talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump with the latter announcing that his administration would pave the way to provide India with the F-35 stealth fighters.

The US President said in his White House address: "We will be increasing our military sales to India from this year by many billions of dollars. We are also paving the way to ultimately provide India with the F35 stealth fighters."

PM Modi in his address said, referring to Defence, that the US has an important role in India's defense preparedness. "As strategic and trusted partners, we are actively moving in the direction of joint development, joint production and transfer of technology."

"In the coming time, new technology and equipment will increase our capability. We have decided to launch the Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance. The Defence Cooperation Framework will be created for the next decade. Defence inter-operability, logistics, repair and maintenance will also be its main parts," the PM announced.

According to the Joint Statement: The two sides firm up a new 10-year Framework for the US-India Major Defense Partnership in the 21st Century, which will be signed this year.

The US would expand defense sales and co-production with India to strengthen interoperability and defense industrial cooperation.

"The leaders welcomed the significant integration of US-origin defense items into India's inventory to date, including C-130J Super Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III, P-8I Poseidon aircraft; CH-47F Chinooks, MH-60R Seahawks, and AH-64E Apaches; Harpoon anti-ship missiles; M777 howitzers; and MQ-9Bs.

"The leaders determined that the U.S. would expand defense sales and co-production with India to strengthen interoperability and defense industrial cooperation.

"They announced plans to pursue this year new procurements and co-production arrangements for "Javelin" Anti-Tank Guided Missiles and "Stryker" Infantry Combat Vehicles in India to rapidly meet India's defense requirements."

India is to procure six additional P-8I Maritime Patrol aircraft to enhance its maritime surveillance following agreement on sale terms.

The two sides will review their respective arms transfer regulations, including International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), in order to streamline defense trade, technology exchange and maintenance, spare supplies and in-country repair and overhaul of U.S.-provided defense systems.

They called for opening negotiations this year for a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) agreement.

They called for accelerating defense technology cooperation across space, air defense, missile, maritime and undersea technologies.

The US announced a review of its policy on releasing fifth generation fighters and undersea systems to India.

They announced a new initiative - the Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA) - to scale industry partnerships and production in the Indo-Pacific.

[The Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance refers to India-US cooperation in the area of underwater domain awareness technologies.

The US has offered a few co-production and co-development opportunities for UDA technologies, on commercial basis.

India is the very first country with whom US defence industry has offered to work with on these sensitive technologies.

Discussions are ongoing between concerned US companies and potential Indian partners in this regard. Some of the technologies offered are as follows:

- Sea Picket autonomous surveillance system with sonar acoustic array (produced by Thayer Mahan)
- Wave Glider unmanned surface vehicle systems (negotiations ongoing between Liquid Robotics/Boeing and Sagar Defence Engineering for co-production of 60 Wave Glider platforms in India)
- Low Frequency Active Towed Sonar (discussions ongoing with L3 Harris for co-development with Bharat Electronics)
- Multi-Static Active (MSA) sonobuoys (discussions ongoing with Ultra-Maritime for co-production with Bharat Dynamics Ltd.)
- Large Diameter Autonomous Undersea Vehicles (Dive LD) (produced by Andruil)
- Triton autonomous underwater and surface vehicle (produced by Ocean Aero).

ASIA covers all these areas of co-development and co-production]

The two sides announced enhanced logistics and intelligence sharing; and security cooperation engagements.

Kharge hints at KPCC shakeup amid power struggle

Bengaluru, Feb 14 (UNI) AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge has set the stage for a major political shake-up in Karnataka, hinting at imminent changes in the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) leadership. His announcement comes amid an intense power struggle within the Karnataka Congress, with rival factions vying for control.

"I will appoint two to three new PCC chiefs in the next two to three days," Kharge stated in Kalburgi on Wednesday. This statement has fueled speculation that the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) could see a new face at the helm, a move that could significantly alter the state's political landscape.

DK Shivakumar, the current KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, finds himself at the centre of this churn. While



his supporters are rallying behind his long-standing ambition to become Chief Minister, the Siddaramaiah faction is pushing for his removal, arguing that too much power is concentrated in his hands. This internal tug-of-war has heightened tensions within the party, with each camp lobbying aggressively in Delhi.

Kharge, a Karnataka veteran himself, also hinted at broader changes within the

Congress structure, stating that the appointment of new office-bearers and heads of various party cells would be finalised within "five to eight days." While he refrained from explicitly addressing the KPCC leadership change, his calculated silence has only intensified the intrigue.

Several prominent leaders have already made their moves. Public Works Department Minister Satish Jarkiholi and Home Minister G

Parameshwara have reportedly met Kharge in a bid to stake their claims. Their names, along with Cooperation Minister K N Rajanna, all from the influential Dalit community, are being actively discussed. A Dalit KPCC chief would be a strategic counter to the BJP's growing outreach to the community and could serve as a masterstroke in Karnataka's political chessboard.

Adding another dimension to the drama is the growing speculation that the Congress may opt for a Lingayat leader, with Industries Minister M B Patil and Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre emerging as top contenders. Given the Lingayat community's clout in Karnataka, this move could be a game-changer, potentially helping Congress reclaim ground lost to the BJP in recent years.

Meanwhile, the Shivaku-

mar camp is leaving no stone unturned in its quest for power. They continue to press for the implementation of the alleged "rotational CM formula," an arrangement reportedly promised after the Congress's victory in the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections. While the party high command has never officially confirmed this deal, the persistent demand has kept the debate alive, with each development adding new layers to the unfolding political drama.

As Karnataka Congress braces for a pivotal decision, the battle lines have been drawn. The next few days could redefine the state's political equation, setting the tone for Congress' fortunes in the run-up to future elections. With power, influence, and strategy at play, all eyes are now on Kharge and the high command's next move.



PM Modi, Amit Shah pay tributes to Pulwama martyrs

New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday paid tributes to the martyrs of the Pulwama terror attack in 2019.

In his message on the social media platform 'X' on Friday, Modi wrote, "Tributes to the brave heroes who lost their lives in Pulwama in the year 2019. Generations to come will never forget their sacrifice and dedication to the nation."

In his message, Shah said, "On behalf of the grateful nation, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in the cowardly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in 2019."

Terrorism is the biggest enemy of the entire human race and the whole world is united against it. Whether it is surgical strikes or air strikes, the Modi government is determined to eradicate terrorists by running a campaign against them with a policy of 'zero tolerance'.

It is noteworthy that on February 14, 2019, terrorists of terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammed carried out a dastardly attack by targeting a convoy of the Central Reserve Police Force in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir. About 40 soldiers were martyred in this attack.

In response, India carried out surgical strikes and demolished terrorist hideouts in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, in which many terrorists were killed.

Police recover heroin worth crores near LoC in Nowshera area of Rajouri

Jammu, Feb 14 (UNI) Police on Friday recovered a contraband of heroin worth crores near the Line of Control (LoC) in Nowshera sector in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the fight against drug abuse, a police team from Nowshera, acting on specific inputs, rounded up two suspects, namely Ashok Kumar and Sanjay Kumar.

"During the interrogation of both the suspected persons, they spilt the beans about the hidden narcotics, and on their disclosure, six kg of heroin was recovered from the Sair area of Nowshera," said police.

They said that the contraband is believed to be smuggled from across the border and has a worth of crores in the international market.



New BSF IG of Jammu Frontier briefs JK LG Sinha on security situation along IB

Jammu, Feb 14 (UNI) The newly appointed Border Security Force (BSF) Inspector General of Jammu Frontier Shashank Anand on Friday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here.

An official communique said that the IG BSF briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the security situation along the International Border (IB) and discussed various important issues of border security.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized the need for constant alertness and synergy among various security agencies to effectively deal with any emergent situation in a coordinated manner.

Security beefed up in Manipur after imposition of Prez rule

Imphal, Feb 14 (UNI) After bringing troubled Manipur under President's rule, the authorities on Friday tightened security around the Raj Bhawan and other important locations, while discussions continued within the ruling BJP to find a successor to N Biren Singh, who quit as Chief Minister last week.

N Biren Singh submitted his resignation to Governor AK Bhalla on Sunday and the BJP hasn't so far been able to choose a new leader of its legislative party.

The Central government on Thursday imposed President's rule in the northeastern state where the legislative Assembly has been kept under suspended animation.

Ksh Santa, Manipur state Secretary of the Com-



munist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) has demanded fresh election rather than keeping the state under President's rule.

BJP leader Sambit Patra, who is camping in Manipur to hold talks with party MLAs and leaders, has also been given Z category security by the Union Home Minister.

A notification issued by Ministry of Home Affairs said President of India

Droupadi Murmu received a report from Manipur Governor Bhalla and after considering the report and other information she was satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the Government of the state could be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India. So she imposed President's rule.

This is the 11th time that President's Rule has been promulgated in Manipur. The last time such a measure was in place was from June 2, 2001 to March 6, 2002 - a period of 277 days. Manipur had then witnessed a major crisis on the demand for protecting the territorial integrity of the state. Eighteen persons died during the violence in June, 2001.

New Medical College and Hospital to be established in Jehanabad : Bihar CM

Patna, Feb 14 (UNI) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday announced for establishing a new Medical College and Hospital in Jehanabad district.

Kumar during his "Pragati Yatra" in Jehanabad, said that state government had decided to establish a new Medical College and Hospital in this district which would help in providing better treatment facilities to people of the region.

A team had been constituted to identify the land for the proposed Medical College and Hospital in Jehanabad district, he added.

The Chief Minister said that new buildings for Block and Circle office would be constructed in Makhdumpur, Kako and Ghosi blocks of the district. A sports complex would also be constructed to promote sports activities, Kumar said.

Nitish said that all re-



quired facilities would be made available to pilgrims coming to Barabar Hills during the auspicious Shravan month. Proper road connectivity, guest houses, uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water and other facilities would be made available for the pilgrims visiting the area, he added.

"A ROB would be constructed near Arwal chowk, Raja Bazar to ease the pressure of heavy traffic congestion", the Chief Minister said,

adding that other important works left out, would also be completed to cater the needs of people.

In Arwal district, an auditorium would be constructed so that district administration could feel easy in organising big event, he stated.

Kumar said that an industrial area would be developed in Arwal district to promote industrial activities. It would also help in creating employment opportunities for youths, he said.

PM Modi meets with Tesla chief Elon Musk, interacts with his three children

Washington/New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today met with Tesla chief Elon Musk and his family at Blair House. The PM interacted with the multi-billionaire US businessman's three young children during the meeting.

The PM said in posts on X:

"Had a very good meeting with @elonmusk in Washington DC. We discussed various issues, including those he is passionate about such as space, mobility, technology and innovation."

"I talked about India's efforts towards reform and furthering 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance.'"

The PM said it was a delight to meet Musk's family. He is seen in photos talking to the children, two boys and a girl. Two of the children, one boy and girl, are seen sitting on the carpet in front of the PM and looking at magazines



or books. The PM is talking to them, while Musk is looking on smiling indulgently.

In another photo, the PM is seen handing over gifts to the young kids.

"It was also a delight to meet Mr. @elonmusk's family and to talk about a wide range of subjects!", the PM posted on X.

Among those present at the meeting were External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Indian Ambassador to the US Vinay

emerging technologies, entrepreneurship and good governance.

"Mr. Musk was accompanied by family members for the meeting."

The MEA spokesperson said in a post on X:

"Mr. @elonmusk, Head of the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) & CEO of Tesla called on PM @narendramodi."

"Discussions centred on strengthening India-US collaboration in innovation, space exploration, artificial intelligence, & sustainable development."

"They also explored opportunities to deepen cooperation in emerging technologies & entrepreneurship."

"Mr. @elonmusk was accompanied by his family members to the meeting."

The meeting with Musk lasted around an hour, and followed PM Modi's meeting with US NSA Mike Waltz.

TN CM Stalin inaugurates 17th FAIRPRO

Chennai, Feb 14 (UNI) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Friday inaugurated the 17th edition of Fairpro, the biggest real estate expo, organised by the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI).

The 3-day event was bigger and better, offering homebuyers a one-stop destination to explore 500 plus projects spanning 32.5 mn sqft of residential space, 0.25 mn sqft of commercial space, and 325 acres of plotted developments.

Popular actress Trisha Krishnan has been named as the brand ambassador for FAIRPRO 2025.

Enjoying an 82.6% market share in the residential market, FAIRPRO brought together 80+ leading developers under one roof. Additionally, five major banks were present offering home loan options and special offers and deals.

Chennai contributes 8.8 per cent of the country's GDP and is the second-largest economy and manufacturing hub in India.

The state government's vision of achieving a 1 trillion economy by 2030



will further boost urbanization and industrialization, significantly benefiting the housing sector in the state," M. V. R. Murali Krishna, General Manager, Network 1, Chennai Circle, State Bank of India said.

Chennai is a key contributor to the thriving real estate market in South India and plays an important role in shaping the sector at the national level. As a vibrant city with immense potential, it continues to attract homebuyers and investors alike. FAIRPRO 2025 highlights this strength, offering a platform that reinforces Chennai's position on

the national map as a trusted destination for property investments," said Mr. S. Sridharan, Vice President - South Zone, CREDAI National.

"With 82.6% of the residential market share, CREDAI Chennai developers have set a benchmark for trust, quality, and innovation. FAIRPRO 2025 offers homebuyers an unparalleled platform to explore RERA-approved projects and the best deals under one roof. This event reflects our commitment to transparency and excellence. I encourage everyone to make the most of this opportunity and turn their dream of owning a home into a reality," said Mr. Mohamed Ali, President, CREDAI Chennai.

"The residential market in Chennai remains strong, with unsold inventory at a seven-year low and property prices rising by 6.5% due to increased demand and higher input costs. Infrastructure development and metro expansion projects are further boosting property values, making this a

prime time for investment," said Mr. S Sivagurunathan, Advisor - FAIRPRO 2025 & Immediate Past President - CREDAI Chennai.

RJD making false promises for women : Prashant Kishor

Patna, Feb 14 (UNI) 'Jan Suraj' founder Prashant Kishor on Friday said RJD is making false promises for women to woo them in next Bihar assembly election.

Kishor popularly known as PK said here that RJD was making false promises for women and it was clear from the day when its leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav made the announcement of "Mai Bahin Maan Yojna".

As per the promises made by Yadav, all women would be given Rs 2,500 per month if his party was voted to power in next assembly election, scheduled to be held in October-November this year, he added.

"Women population in Bihar is 6 crores and a total of Rs 1.5 lakh crores would be required per year to fulfill the promises made by RJD while annual budget of Bihar is only Rs 2.40 lakh crores", the Jan Suraj founder said, adding



that how could RJD fulfill its promise in this situation when whopping amount of Rs 1.5 lakh crores would be spent against total budget of Rs 2.40 lakh crores.

It was crystal clear that RJD believed in making false promises without being serious to fulfill the same, he remarked.

Kishor said that his party would never make any such promise which could not be

fulfilled. Before making promise, "Jan Suraj" would do in-depth study and prepare a roadmap to make aware the people, how it would be fulfilled, he stated.

'Jan Suraj' leader said that RJD leaders had lost their credibility and people were not prepared to believe them. RJD was all set to face the crushing defeat in next state assembly election, he predicted.



Achievements of RPF/SCR During January 2025

RPF Recovers Stolen Property Worth Rs. 71.26 Lakhs Under 'Operation Yatri Suraksha'

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Feb 14 : The prime objective of RPF is to carry on unrelenting fight against criminals in protection of Railway property, in facilitating passenger security and safety. RPF is always in the forefront even in risking their own lives to safe guard the Railway property as well as the lives of passengers. In order to give focused attention to the above mission, RPF/SCR is coordinating with Government Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies. Further, RPF has also launched several operations and recorded noteworthy performance

during January-2025.

1. Under "Operation YATRI SURAKSHA", RPF has arrested 34 offenders and recovered stolen property worth Rs.71.26 lakhs with registration of 30 cases.
2. Under "Operation AMANAT", RPF personnel provided help in securing passenger belongings, retrieved 264 belongings of passengers valued Rs.60.80 lakhs and handed over them to rightful owners.
3. RPF has launched "Operation NARCOS" to curb narcotic smuggling through Railways,

has confiscated Ganja valued Rs.21.16 lakhs with arrest of 12 persons and handed over to concerned agency.

4. Under "Operation NANHE FARISHTE", RPF undertook the noble cause of identifying and rescuing children in need of care and protection who are lost/separated from their family due to various reasons. 91 children (70 Boys + 21 girls) have been rescued and handed over to CWCs (Child Welfare Com-



mittee).

5. RPF has launched "Operation AHT". Under this mission, RPF has rescued 16 boys & 07 girls duly handing over 14 Traffickers to concerned authorities.

6. Under "Operation Jeevan Raksha", RPF saved life of 01 male passenger from the Jaws of death.
7. Under "Operation SATARK", RPF seized liquor worth Rs.85,348/- being transported illegally through trains and subsequently handed over to Excise Department who registered 04 cases against the unknown offenders.
8. RPF has launched "Operation UPLABDH" to curb the activities of touts and make railway tickets available to the common man. 25 cases were registered

by RPF with arrest of 25 Touts with seizure of 120 live tickets valued Rs.2,06,279/-.

9. By using the CCTV technology, RPF apprehended 02 offenders and recovered stolen passenger property worth Rs.1,30,000/- and handed over to concerned agencies for further prosecution.
10. RPF has launched "Operation RAIL SURAKSHA" to curb the activities against the railway property. 39 cases were detected with recovery of stolen railway property worth Rs.8,17,082/-.



Bar President Jaganmohan Goud warns against violence by criminals

Lawyers boycott duties in protest against attack on judge

(Capital Information)
Nizamabad, Feb 14 : Nizamabad Bar Association President Mallepula Jaganmohan Goud has warned that they will not tolerate violent behavior by convicted criminals against judges. He said that it is worrying that a convicted criminal in a case attacked Harisha, who is working as an additional district judge in the Rangareddy District Court, with an object.

He spoke at an emergency meeting held at the bar conference hall on the district court premises as called by the Telangana State Federation of Bar Associations to protest against the said criminal incident.

He suggested that appropriate action be taken to prevent such criminal incidents from recurring in the future. He described the attack on



the female judge as an attack on the judiciary.

He said that the legal community will stand by the judges. He said that judges and lawyers will work hard to ensure that justice is delivered in their jurisdiction.

Jagan said that the court security personnel should be careful with the accused with criminal records who attend criminal proceedings in the courts. Telangana State Bar

Council member Manthani Rajender Reddy said that the security personnel should take prior information about the accused and allow them into the court.

Senior lawyers Erram Ganapathi, Tula Gangadhar, Ganga Prasad, Asha Narayana, Maddepalli Shankar spoke and said that judges will act according to the law in the performance of their duties. As per the con-

sensus of the lawyers participating in the meeting, they protested by not attending court duties on Friday.

Bar Vice President Pendem Raju, Secretary Suresh Donpal, lawyers Deepak Manik Raju, Bagirthi Sai Reddy, Sadanand Goud, Ratnakar Reddy, Vignesh and others participated in the meeting. Petition to the District Judge in Charge...

The actions of unknown persons at a court room on the second floor of the District Court premises are dangerous and the actions of throwing lemons, turmeric and saffron targeting the judge should be taken to prevent a repeat of the same. Bar President Jaganmohan Goud has asked the District Judge in Charge to take appropriate action. A petition was submitted to incharge Kanaka Durga.

Election of New TSJU Committee in Jayashankar District

Edla Santosh Elected as District President

(Capital Information)
Js bhupalpally, Feb 14 : On Friday, the Telangana State Journalists Union (NUJI) unanimously elected a new district committee for Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, according to State Organizing Secretary Pawushetty Srinivas.

Edla Santosh was elected as the District President, while Dommati Ravinder was chosen as the District General Secretary. The elected Vice Presidents are Bandari Raju, Gattu Ravinder, and Arigela Janardhan.

The Joint Secretaries are Palnati Raju, Kadapaka Ravi, and Bochu Bhupal. Salpala Tirupati was elected as the Organizing Secretary, Sangem Shekhar as the Treasurer, and



Karkuri Satish as the Media Incharge. The EC members elected were Vyamsani Raju and K. Devender.

On this occasion, District President Edla Santosh and General Secretary Dommati Ravinder stated that the district committee would work towards resolving journalists' issues and safeguarding their

rights, following the directions of the TSJU state committee.

They expressed their gratitude to State President Naragani Purushottam, State General Secretary Thokala Anil Kumar, State Organizing Secretary Pawushetty Srinivas, and all the journalists in the district who supported their election.



All women should be made aware of health and nutrition

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad, Feb 14 : The District Rural Development Officer has asked the APM's, CC's to educate the members of the women's association in the district on health, child nutrition, environmental hygiene, sanitation, anemia, balanced diet, precautions to be taken during pregnancy, etc.

He participated in the training program held at the Conference Hall in the local Collector's office and directed the staff, saying that even if the income increases, changes should be made in lifestyle and good eating habits should be taken, good eating habits increase the standard of living, and all women should live with health as a great blessing.

Additional Rural Development Officer Ravinder, Resource Persons DPM Sailu, Srinivas APM's Sarojini, Gangadhar Rajender, APM's, CC's of all mandals, others participated in these training programs.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT COULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY WITH ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE : COLLECTOR MUJAMMIL KHAN

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, Feb 14 : District Collector Mujammil Khan said women empowerment could be possible only with economic independence.

The first day of the Mathira and Sathupalli Assembly on Fri day as part of a training program to be held at the local Sri Bhakta Ramadasu Kalakshetra on small -scale business development for rural women businessmen and self staff of 5 constituencies in the district for two days through the District Rural Development Agency. The district collector participated in the training program conducted in connection with the constituencies District Collector Mujammil Khan said that real women empowerment is possible only if women have financial strength and economic independence. He said that the economic strengthening of women would be better for families



and that children had a better future.

He said that the girls will come to generations before the boys even grow up. He said that women should have the courage to set up business units, and in the beginning we have a hundred types of doubts and fears and learning new and new things.

The collector said that businesses were not successful in a single day and that there should be a skill and plan for businesses. He said that any commodity

would be more business, how to increase the business within the existing market, and how much our profit margin should be. In our surrounding areas, we have to look at the thinking of customers and say that our businesses should be. He said that the sale of any goods would be a high profit and business.

He said that the idea of how to double the money we have should be constantly and should not have the idea. He said that there are many

examples of small businesses and rising to great levels.

He said that the training program for the development of livelihoods and business professional development should be fully utilized and additional training programs will be set up if needed for women. He said that India is one of the greatest countries in the world, in which women are lagging behind in religions and castes, and that 50 % of the society does not excel in the People Work

Force. He said that women are behind the right opportunities and they have the forgiveness of excellent excellence if they have opportunities. He said that if a woman develops, the whole family will be developed, brave and succeed, and to your courage, we will support you, and give you the cooperation you want.

Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP) Skill Development Chairperson Annapurna said, 'Women should be aware of the opportunities and rise up.' 'How to raise children as a mother,' he said. He said women would be given the full cooperation of the industry. Rural business people later expressed their views.

DRDO Sanyasaiah, Addl DRDO Nuruddin, ALEAP Vijayawada Regional Manager Sunitha Trainer Shiv Narayana, Ch Ravinder, Hyderabad SERP Project Manager Sravan, related officials and others were participated.



Demolition of Secunderabad Railway Station Main Entrance for Modernization

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Feb 14 : The landscape of Hyderabad has undergone significant changes due to the construction of flyovers, making several major junctions unrecognizable. A decade ago, those familiar with LB Nagar might find it difficult to recognize the present-day LB Nagar Circle. Similarly, Secunderabad has long

been synonymous with its iconic railway station building. However, as part of the railway station modernization project, the historic structure is set to be demolished.

The Central Government has decided to revamp the Secunderabad Railway Station, leading to the demolition of several old buildings. This includes the iconic main en-

trance of the station, which has been a landmark of Secunderabad for decades. Modernization works are progressing rapidly, and officials have stated that efforts are being made to construct the new building as quickly as possible.

The redevelopment project is being carried out in phases to ensure minimal disruption to train opera-

tions. With an estimated cost of ₹700 crore, the railway station is being transformed into an airport-like facility with modern infrastructure to meet passenger needs for the next 40 years.

The South Central Railway has announced that the project aims to enhance passenger convenience with state-of-the-art amenities and advanced technology.

Collector opened a blood donation camp at Bhuvanagiri Area Hospital

(Capital Information)
Bhongir, Feb 14 : Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district collector Hanumantha Rao said that blood donation was a life-threatening person.

The district collector inaugurated the blood donation camp held at the Government Area Hospital in Bhongir town on Friday.

District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that many people have died of lack of proper understanding of many organization. In the meantime, many people have come forward to donate



blood and donate blood.

The collector asked how many times the blood donation was donated by those

who donate blood.

DCHS Rajaram and doctors are busy with a good initiative, especially doctors,

Fara Medical staff and medical staff donating blood, said the collector.

The district collector has promised to provide my assistance in accordance with good programs in the government hospital. The Collector thanked everyone who donated blood.

The collector said that a large-scale mega camp will be held on a large scale soon as there is a blood short age in the hospital.

DCHS Rajaram, Doctor Chinnayya Nayak and Medical Staff participated in the event.

Providing Necessary facilities is crucial for ensuring a bright future for Students : Collector Rahul Sharma

(Capital Information)
Js bhupalpally, Feb 14 : On Friday, at the IDOC office, he conducted a review meeting with the Additional Collector of Local Bodies and officials from the Education, Panchayati Raj Engineering, Planning, SC, BC, Minority, KGBV, Social Welfare, and Jyotiba Phule Welfare departments. The meeting focused on providing basic amenities, repairs, and other aspects related to welfare hostels.

During the meeting, he reviewed the proposals submitted by officials regarding the provision of facilities in these hostels. He instructed them to submit comprehensive reports on the proposed repairs and infrastructure improvements. He emphasized the need for adequate facilities in hostels to support students in their education. He pointed out the necessity of drinking water, toilets, repairs, and high-mast electric lights in all hostels.



The Collector mentioned that Food Safety Committees have been established in all hostels, and these committees must regularly monitor food quality. He also directed the Mandal Special Officers and Welfare Department officials to inspect the implementation of hostel menus and dine with the students to ensure food quality.

He stressed that students are invaluable assets and instructed that leftover food should not be stored, as it may spoil quickly in summer.

He advised that only fresh food should be served at all times. He also directed that proposals for infrastructure and repairs be submitted to the CPO.

The meeting was attended by Additional Collector of Local Bodies Vijayalakshmi, Education Officer Rajender, CPO Baburao, Panchayati Raj EE Venkateshwarulu, BC and SC Welfare Officers Shailaja and Sunitha, Tribal Welfare Academic Monitor Rajaratnam, and other officials.



Congress MLC Candidate Alhores Narendar Reddy Campaigns in Jagtial

(Capital Information)
Jagtial, Feb 14 : Congress MLC candidate Alhores Narendar Reddy campaigned extensively in Jagtial district on Friday. He interacted with Congress party workers and Graduates holders in Dharmapuri, Jagtial, Korutla, and other constituencies. Reddy alleged that opposition parties are resorting to vicious propaganda on social media, fearing their impending defeat in the upcoming MLC elections.

He assured the gathering that the Congress govern-



ment is committed to addressing the issues of Graduates holders and unemployed youth. Reddy highlighted the Congress party's manifesto, which promises a job calendar, and



Kumar, MLC T Jeevan Reddy, Korutla constituency in-charge Juvvadi Narsinga Rao, market committee chairman, and several mandal presidents, leaders, and activists.

He appealed to the party workers to counter the opposition's vicious propaganda on social media and to reach out to every Graduates holder to explain the Congress government's development and welfare initiatives. He urged the party workers to ensure his victory with a huge majority in the upcoming MLC elections.

CONDUCTED RAID ON CHICKEN SHOPS AND SEIZED NOXIOUS CHICKEN : TWO HELD

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Based on credible information, the sleuths of the Commissioner's Task Force, North Zone Team, Hyderabad City, along with Sanitary Officer of Cantonment, Secunderabad conducted raids at 'S.S.S Chicken Shop' and 'Ravi Chicken Shop' at Anna Nagar and Arjun Nagar, Begumpet, Secunderabad and seized noxious chicken.

Details of Respondent person : 1. M. Bhaskar S/O M. Ellaiah, Occ : SSS Chicken Shop, Arjun Nagar, Rasoolpura, Secunderabad.2. Botta Raveendar S/o lialah Occ: Ravi Chicken Shop, Anna Nagar Balamrai, Seized Material : 1. 600 kgs of Frozen and Stored Noxious Chicken Wastage and bones.

The Respondent M.Bhaskar is resident of Indiramannagar, Rasoolpura,



Begumpet. He is running SSS Chicken Shop at Arjun Nagar, Rasoolpura. The

other respondent Botta Raveendar is also resident of Indiramannagar and running

Ravi Chicken shop at Anna Nagar, Balamrai. They both hatched plan to sale Chicken Wastage, bones by storing them up to several months to needy Fast Food Centers, Wine shops on lower prices than market price. In such business places people ate Chicken without doubting it, also at Fast Food Centers they mix chicken with artificial colours, Ajinomoto, makes chicken colourful and tasteful and easily

sell to Chicken lovers. Since the respondent freezing Chicken Wastage, bones to

a long time, chicken became noxious and it creates Health Hazards to the people who ate such chicken.

Appeal to General Public :

- > Be cautious while purchasing Chicken in Unhygienic Checking merchants.
- > Check Prior ordering Chicken at Fast Food Centers.
- > Be more cautious while eating chicken at adjacent shops at Wine Shops.
- > Any suspicion rise over Chicken vendors immediately dial '100', call 'Local Police' or 'GHMC Officials'.

The apprehension was carried out by K.Saidulu, Inspector of Police, SIs Srinivasulu Dasu, P.Gnanadeep and team of North Zone Task Force along with Sanitary Officer, Cantonment, Secunderabad and his team.



PENDING WORKS SHOULD BE COMPLETED QUICKLY : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)
Medak, Feb 14 : Medak, Ramayanpet Municipality and Panchayati Raj R&B officials held a review meeting.

The work at various stages of the respective Municipalities was ordered to review their progress and complete them as soon as possible and make it available to the public.

Medak Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Reddy, Ramayanpet Commissioner Panchayatiraj and others participated in the event.

Nishagandhi Dance Fest begins today

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 14 (UNI) The week-long Nishagandhi Dance Festival, one of India's iconic classical dance carnivals organised by Kerala Tourism, will get off to a colourful start at 6 pm at the Nishagandhi Auditorium in the Kanakakunnu grounds here on Friday.

Kerala Health, Women & Child Development Minister Ms Veena George will inaugurate the festival and present the prestigious Nishagandhi Puraskaram to leading Kathak exponent Pandit Rajendra Gangani, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Indian classical dance at a ceremony at 6 pm. The honour carries a prize money of Rs 1,50,000, citation and memento.

Pandit Gangani was selected for the honour by a jury comprising former chief secretary and writer K Jayakumar, playwright and cultural personality Soorya Krishnamurthy and performer and

choreographer Rajashree Warrior, with Tourism Secretary K Biju as the panel Chairman and Director of Tourism Ms Sikha Surendran as Con- vener.

The festival has lined up India's best classical dancers

NISHAGANDHI DANCE FESTIVAL
15th to 21st February*
Kanakakkunnu,
Thiruvananthapuram

and upcoming stars to mesmerise the audience converging at the venue. The performers are drawn from diverse Indian classical dance including Bharata Natyam, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Kathak, Sattriya and Odissi.

A Kathakali Mela featuring hundreds of Kathakali artistes will also be held alongside the seven-day festival. Kathakali performances will be held at the auditorium inside the

Kanakakkunnu palace every day from 5:30 pm.

'Bali Vadham' (Feb 14), 'Kalayanasougandhikam' (Feb15), 'Baka Vadham' (Feb16), 'Nala Charitham Randam Divasam' (Feb 17), 'Kamsa Vadham' (Feb 18), 'Uthara Swayamvaram' (Feb 19), and 'Rukman-gada Charitham' (Feb 20), will be performed as part of the Kathakali Mela.

The inaugural ceremony will be followed by a Bharatanatyam performance choreographed by Parshwanath S. Upadhye & Adithya P.V of Punyah Dance Company.

Pandit Rajendra Gangani & Group will enthrall the audience with a Kathak performance later at 8.30 pm on the opening day.

The Nishagandhi Festival also brings alive recent trends in Indian classical dance forms and sets a stage for upcoming artists to present their talents and artistic expressions. Public entry to the festival is free.

Kashmir observes Shab-e-Baraat, historic Jamia remains shut

Srinagar, Feb 14 (UNI) Shab-e-Baraat (night of salvation) was observed with religious fervour across the Kashmir valley, even as no congregation was allowed at the historic Jamia Masjid.

Shab-e-Baraat is observed by the Muslims on the intervening night of the 14th and 15th days of Sha'ban, the eighth month of the Islamic calendar.

Officials said the biggest congregation was held at the Hazratbal shrine which houses the holy relic of Prophet Mohammad.

Shab Khwani" (night long prayers) was held at the revered shrine throughout the night. The devotees were seen offering supplementary prayers throughout the night besides reciting the holy Quran and offering supplications.

Officials said nightlong prayers were also held at several other mosques and shrines across the valley.

However, no prayers were allowed at the historic



Jamia Masjid in the old city.

The Anjuman Auqaf, the managing body of Jamia Masjid, last evening said police informed them that the night prayers for Shab-e-Baraat would not be allowed and the mosque was closed.

Anjuman said that it is for the sixth consecutive year in a row that Shab-e-Baraat congregation was disallowed at the Jamia mosque in Srinagar. The police had also put Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq under house detention.

J&K Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah had called the restrictions "very unfortunate" and said they indicate a "lack of confidence in law and order machinery."

"It is very unfortunate that the security establishment has taken the decision to seal the historic Jamia Masjid, Srinagar on one of the holiest nights in the Islamic calendar - #shabebaraat. This decision betrays a lack in confidence in the people & a lack of confidence in the law & order machinery that calm won't prevail without extreme

Pulwama terror attack : LG, Army, CRPF pay tributes to 40 CRPF personnel

Srinagar, Feb 14 (UNI) Jammu & Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid homage to 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama on this day in 2019.

"Heartfelt tribute to the courageous martyrs of the heinous Pulwama attack of 2019. Their supreme sacrifice in the service of motherland will forever be remembered. The courage & selfless commitment of our gallant heroes will continue to inspire generations," the LG said in a post on X.

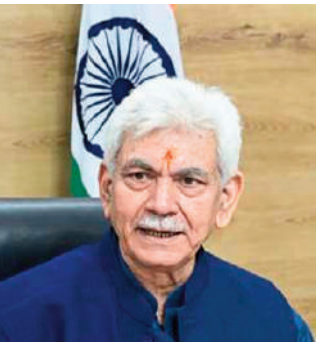
Senior officials of the CRPF paid homage to soldiers at Lethpora Pulwama.



A CRPF spokesman said a solemn ceremony was organised at Lethpora to pay homage & respect to the martyrs.

"Officers from all forces & civil administration attended the solemn ceremony," he said.

Army's Srinagar based Chinara Corps honoured the unwavering spirit of the



CRPF on the Pulwama attack anniversary.

"Chinara Warriors pay obeisance to the CRPF Bravehearts, who laid down their lives in the line of duty during the Pulwama attack. Their sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts. Saluting the unyielding spirit of CRPF, who continue to brave the toughest chal-

lenges to safeguard our Nation and ensure peace and development in Kashmir," Army said in a post on X.

The BJP J&K unit also paid tribute to the brave 40 CRPF Jawans on Friday. They paid floral tributes to CRPF men at the site of the blast.

On February 14, 2019 a local suicide bomber Adil Dar of Jaish-e-Mohammad rammed his explosive-laden car into CRPF bus at Lethpora Pulwama leaving 40 personnel of the force dead. The attack was followed by Balakote air strikes. A day later Pakistan retaliated and it triggered a brief dogfight. The Pulwama attack had brought India and Pakistan at the brink of war.

Today's Horoscope

ARIES



Realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. You will obtain benefits from commissions- dividends- or royalties. Family members will hold a special place in your life. Sky will look brighter, flowers will seem more colorful, everything will shimmer around you; because you are in love! You will receive important invitation from unexpected sources. You will be lead down by your partner and this might force you break the marriage. You want to do a lot many things, yet you may be postponing everything important today.

TAURUS



Your rude behaviour would spoil the mood of your wife. You must realize that disrespect and taking someone for granted severely jeopardise a relationship. Any issues related to money can get solved today and you can attain financial benefits. Give priorities to the needs of family members. Involve yourself to share their joy and sorrow to realize them that you care for them. You will cherish the spice of exotica in your sweet love life today. Don't make hasty decisions that you will regret later in your life. You will be lead down by your partner and this might force you break the marriage.

GEMINI



Your childhood memories would keep you engaged. In the process you could give yourself unnecessary mental tension. One of your major anxiety and stress will stem from having lost the capacity to be occasionally child-like. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially. Make sure you have approval of everyone before you make changes to your home environment. Understand the feelings of your beloved today. This is one of those days when you'll try to take out time for yourself from your busy schedule but fail miserably.

CANCER



Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule. You will make some extra cash today if you play your cards well. Visit a relative who has not been keeping to well. You may be overwhelmed by proposing as it unburdens you. Today, you won't feel like getting up from your bed and will act lazily. However, later on you'll realize the worth of time and how you've wasted it by doing nothing. Interference of outsiders will lead to disturbances in your married life. Stars suggest a sojourn nearby – kind of a fun-filled trip with those who you feel close with.

LEO



Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. Your idea of saving money for yourself can be accomplished today. Today you will be able to save appropriately. Do not neglect your social life. Take some time from your busy schedule and go out to attend the party with your family. It will not only relieve your pressure but also remove your hesitation. Likely to go on a pleasure trip that will rejuvenate your energy and passion. Natives of this zodiac sign will get plenty of time for themselves today. It will be auspicious for family life to have fruit-bearing plants at home.

VIRGO



A day of recreation and fun. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. Help someone to visualize himself succeeding in love. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. Frustration will increase between you and your love partner due to the lack of time. Sleeping a bit too much today may make you feel beraft of energy. Keep yourself active throughout the day. Help a student, teachers and small children with all your heart to stay happy.

LIBRA



Today instead of just sitting around-why not get involved in something- which will improve your earning power. Older relatives are likely to make unreasonable demands. Your energy levels will be high- as your beloved seems to bring you immense happiness. Due to some reason, you may leave early from the office. Hence, you will take advantage of it and go for a picnic or outing with your family members. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today. Today, you can realize how quick the time passes when you meet an old friend after a long time.

SCORPIO



You are likely to spend your time in sports to maintain your physical stamina. Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Don't act like a slave in love affair. A distant relative can visit your house without any prior notice, which can consume most of your time. If you took your spouse on a romantic date today, things will become better in your relationship. It is often necessary to maintain a safe distance from people you know little about.

SAGITTARIUS



Your enormous confidence and easy work schedule brings you enough time to relax today. Today financial losses seem likely if you invest on the words of others. A repair work at home or social get-togethers likely to keep you busy. Love life will be vibrant. A beneficial day as things seem to go in your favour and you will be on top of the world. Your spouse looks quite romantic today. Today is a good day for you to start a new work. You need to establish a balance in order to maintain family peace For increase in the flow of income; donate and make use of curd and honey.

CAPRICORN



Involve yourself in some donation and charity work for mental peace. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Spouse will be caring. Plant a sapling today. You will end- lessly plan to rejuvenate your body and become fit. But just like the rest of the days, you'll fail to execute it. Today, you might stay stressed due to the health of your spouse. Playing any musical instrument today can brighten up your day. Mix red sandalwood in your bathing water for steady love life.

AQUARIUS



Health requires some attention. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Besides personal life engage yourself in some charitable work. It will give you mental peace but not at the cost of personal life. You should pay equal attention to both Your lover can demand something from you today, but you won't be able to fulfil the wishes. This can make your beloved upset. Construction work undertaken today will finish to your satisfaction. Offer green chilli to parrot.

PISCES



Your personality will act like a perfume today. People of this zodiac sign who carry out business from abroad are likely to benefit financially today. This period is also good for taking your parents into confidence regarding your new projects and plans. One-sided infatuation will only bring you heartache. Dedicate your time and energy in helping others- but don't get involved in matters that doesn't concern you at all. Your spouse might become insensitive toward your health today. You will understand the significance of delicious dishes and cuisines, as some can get prepared at your house today.



Slight improvement in the night temperatures in Kashmir

Srinagar, Feb 14 (UNI) Despite several places in Kashmir recording sub-zero temperatures, there was a slight improvement in the night temperatures across the region, officials said on Friday.

According to the Meteorological Department, Srinagar city recorded a minimum of minus 1.3°C, an increase of over a notch from previous night. On the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday Srinagar had recorded a minimum temperature of -2.4°C.

Except for the tourist resort of Pahalgam in Anantnag, which continued to experience colder conditions, all other weather stations in the Valley witnessed an increase in night temperatures.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at a low of -4.5 degrees Celsius, down from the previous night's -3.6 degrees Celsius, MeT said.

The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of -3.6°C, up from the previous night's -7.5 degrees Celsius.

According to the Meteorological Department, the weather in Jammu and Kashmir is expected to remain generally dry till February 15,

A change in weather conditions is likely from February 16, with partly to generally cloudy skies and light rain or snow at isolated places, mainly towards the evening or night.

Between February 17 and 18, brief spells of light rain or snow may occur at isolated locations, though no significant weather activity is expected until February 18.

MeT said a fresh spell of light rain or snow is predicted at scattered places on February 19 and 20, followed by partly cloudy conditions with the possibility of light precipitation at isolated spots on February 21 and 22.

This winter, Kashmir has witnessed above-normal temperatures along with a significant snowfall deficit.

Punjab : Drug smuggler arrested with 30 kg heroin

Chandigarh, Feb 14 (UNI) In an intelligence-led operation, Punjab Police busted a racket of criminals smuggling drugs from Pakistan by apprehending a smuggler and recovered 30 Kg heroin costing Rs 210 crore along with a car in Amritsar district, a top officer said on Friday.

Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said on X that drones were used to transport drugs from Pakistan. The value of the consignment of heroin in international market is Rs 210



crore.

DGP Yadav said the arrested accused was involved in large-scale heroin smuggling, and it was reported that he had recently received a large

consignment of heroin smuggled via drone across the border.

The senior officer said an FIR has been registered at Gharinda police station. Further investigations was on to identify more individuals involved and to trace the origins of the smuggling network.

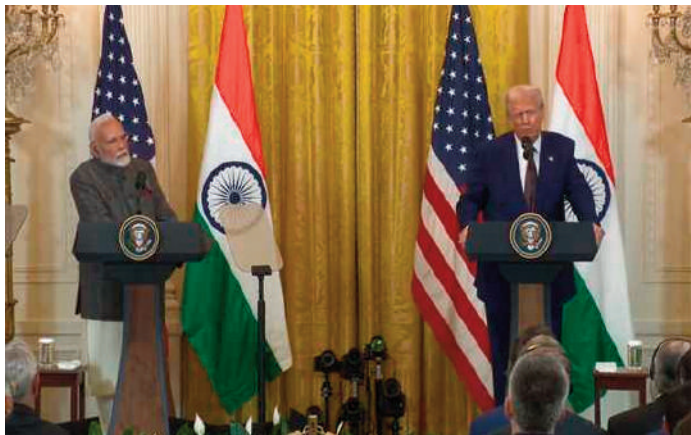
International Information

Only President Trump has copyright to the word deal : PM Modi

Washington/New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that only one person in the entire world has copyright to the word "deal", and that is President Donald Trump, in reference to the US President's penchant for deal-making.

Asked at a press conference in the White House if he had struck any deal with Tesla chief Elon Musk during their meeting earlier in the day on Thursday, the PM said he has known Musk from the time he was chief minister of Gujarat.

"We have known each other for very long, from be-



fore I was the PM, when I was Chief Minister. And he came today with his entire family, including his children. And it is natural that our conversation

was like it is with a family."

The PM continued: "With regard to deal, I think that in the entire world, only one person has the copyright to that

word, and that person is named Trump" he said, pointing with a smile to President Trump standing beside him.

The PM snubbed a questioner who asked if the issue of Gautam Adani was discussed between the two leaders, as Adani was "known to be close to PM Modi".

PM Modi said: "Firstly, India is a democracy, and our culture is of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, we believe the world is one family. I think of every Indian as my own. And with regard to such topics, the leaders of two nations never sit and talk on such issues!" he said, with a stern look.

Skorean airlines to tighten rules for carrying batteries, E-cigarettes : Ministry

Seoul, Feb 14 (UNI) South Korean airlines will tighten rules for carrying portable lithium-ion batteries and e-cigarettes in carry-on baggage from March 1, the South Korean Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said on Thursday.

The ministry announced the new safety standards after a major

From March 1, batteries and e-cigarettes must be placed in clear plastic bags or protective covers or have closed terminals during flights, and must be stored in seat pockets or coats, not in overhead bins. In addition, passengers will be prohibited from charging batteries or e-cigarettes using USB ports installed in aircraft seats.

At the same time, electronic devices with batteries, such as mobile phones and laptops, will not be subject to the new rules because they have



fire incident on board an Air Buson flight at Gimhae International Airport in Busan in January. The media reported that a battery in one of the passengers' luggage may have caused the fire.

built-in short-circuit protection mechanisms.

The ministry noted it will recommend that the rules be also applied to foreign airlines in the future.

WHO allocates additional 2 mln USD to support Uganda's Ebola response

Kampala, Feb. 14 (UNI) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), on Thursday announced the release of additional 2 million U.S. dollars to support Uganda's effort to fight the ongoing Ebola outbreak, bringing the total funding to 3 million dollars in three weeks.

In a post on X social media platform, Ghebreyesus said the funds would further support the East African country's response to the outbreak. "Our teams are supporting surveillance, laboratories, logistics, infection prevention and control in hospitals, treatment centers and research," he said.



On Jan. 30, the WHO released 1 million U.S. dollars and mobilized trial vaccines to support Uganda's national health authorities to contain and end the new wave of Ebola outbreak.

Uganda last month declared an Ebola outbreak after a 32-year-old male nurse working at the Mulago National Referral Hos-

Grenade attack on mosque injures 4 in N. Afghanistan

Kabul, Feb 14 (UNI) At least four people have been injured as a hand grenade was thrown into a mosque in north Afghanistan's Samangan province Friday, local media reported.

The incident happened while worshippers were offering noon prayers in Aybak city, capital of the province, local media outlet Tolo news quoted Hashmatullah Rahmani, provincial police spokesman, as saying.

Rahmani said the incident stemmed from per-



sonal hostility, and confirmed that the perpetrators of the attack have been taken into custody while further investigations are being

conducted.

Recently, several terrorist attacks have occurred in northern Afghanistan and the capital city Kabul.

Trump wants to bring Russia back to restore G8

Washington, Feb 14 (UNI) U.S. President Donald Trump said Thursday that he wanted Russia to rejoin what used to be the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized nations, calling the U.S.-led decision to expel Russia from the group a decade ago a "mistake."

"I'd love to have them back. I think it was a mistake to throw them out," Trump said in remarks to reporters inside the Oval Office of the White House.

G8, which comprised the Group of Seven (G7) plus Russia, ceased to exist in March 2014 after the U.S.-led effort under then-President Barack Obama to kick Russia out, for the proclaimed reason of Russian annexation of Crimea that year. The mechanism of G7, which is made up of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States, continued to operate.

"I think (Russian President Vladimir) Putin would love to be back," Trump said. "Obama and a couple of other people made a mistake, and they got Russia out. It's very possible that if that was the G8, you wouldn't have had the problem with Ukraine."

India, US announce COMPACT to boost cooperation during PM Modi, US President Trump talks

Washington/New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) India and the US announced a new initiative – the US-India COMPACT - Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology for the 21st Century - to drive transformative change across key pillars of cooperation - defence, investment and trade, energy security, technology and innovation, multilateral cooperation, people to people connection.

According to the joint statement, following talks between PM Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, the two sides firmed up a new 10-year Framework for the U.S.-India Major Defense Partnership in the 21st Century, which will be signed this year.

The US would expand defense sales and co-production with India to strengthen interoperability and defense industrial cooperation.

"The leaders welcomed the significant integration of US-origin defense items into India's inventory to date, including C-130J Super Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III, P-8I Poseidon aircraft, CH-47F Chinooks, MH-60R Seahawks, and AH-64E Apaches; Harpoon anti-ship missiles; M777 howitzers; and MQ-9Bs.

"The leaders determined that the U.S. would expand defense sales and co-production with India to strengthen interoperability and defense industrial cooperation. They announced plans to pursue this year new procurements and co-production arrangements for "Javelin" Anti-Tank Guided Missiles and "Stryker" Infantry Combat Vehicles in India to rapidly meet India's defense requirements."

India is to procure six additional P-8I Maritime Patrol aircraft to enhance its maritime surveillance following agreement on sale terms.

The two sides will review their respective arms transfer regulations, including International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), in order to streamline defense trade, technology exchange and maintenance, spare supplies and in-country repair and overhaul of U.S.-provided defense systems.

They called for opening negotiations this year for a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) agreement.

They called for accelerating defense technology cooperation across space, air defense, missile, maritime and undersea technologies.

The US announced a review of its policy on releasing fifth generation fighters and undersea systems to India.

They announced a new initiative - the Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA) - to scale industry partnerships and production in the Indo-Pacific.

[The Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance refers to India-US cooperation in the area of underwater domain awareness technologies.

The US has offered a few co-production and co-development opportunities for UDA technologies, on commercial basis.

India is the very first country with whom US defence industry has offered to work with on these sensitive technologies.

Discussions are ongoing between concerned US companies and potential Indian partners in this regard. Some of the technologies offered are as follows:

- Sea Picket autonomous surveillance system with sonar acoustic array (produced by Thayer Mahan)
- Wave Glider unmanned surface vehicle systems (negotiations ongoing between Liquid Robotics/Boeing and Sagar Defence Engineering for co-production of 60 Wave Glider platforms in India)
- Low Frequency Active Towed Sonar (discussions ongoing with L3 Harris for co-development with Bharat Electronics)
- Multi-Static Active (MSA) sonobuoys (discussions ongoing with Ultra-Maritime for co-production with Bharat Dynamics Ltd.)
- Large Diameter Autonomous Undersea Vehicles (Dive LD) (produced by Andruil)
- Triton autonomous underwater and surface vehicle (produced by Ocean Aero).

ASIA covers all these areas of co-development and co-production]

The two sides announced enhanced logistics and intelligence sharing; and security cooperation engagements.

Trade and Investment They two sides set up a new goal for bilateral trade – "Mission 500" – aiming to more than double total bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030.

The first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) would be ready by fall of 2025.

They agreed to demonstrate mutual commitment to address bilateral trade barriers.

"The United States welcomed India's recent measures to lower tariffs on U.S. products of inter-



est in the areas of bourbon, motorcycles, ICT products and metals, as well as measures to enhance market access for U.S. agricultural products, like alfalfa hay and duck meat, and medical devices. India also expressed appreciation for U.S. measures taken to enhance exports of Indian mangoes and pomegranates to the United States. Both sides also pledged to collaborate to enhance bilateral trade by increasing U.S. exports of industrial goods to India and Indian exports of labor-intensive manufactured products to the United States. The two sides will also work together to increase trade in agricultural goods."

The leaders "welcomed ongoing investments by Indian companies worth approximately \$7.35 billion, such as those by Hindalco's Novelis in finished aluminum goods at their state-of-the art facilities in Alabama and Kentucky; JSW in steel manufacturing operations at Texas and Ohio; Epsilon Advanced Materials in the manufacture of critical battery materials in North Carolina; and Jubilant Pharma in the manufacture of injectables in

Washington. These investments support over 3,000 high-quality jobs for local families."

Technology and Innovation

The two sides announced the launch of the US-India TRUST ("Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology") initiative – which will catalyze government-to-government, academia and private sector collaboration to promote application of critical and emerging technologies in areas like defense, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum, biotechnology, energy and space.

The two sides put forward a U.S.-India Roadmap on Accelerating AI Infrastructure by the end of the year.

They will work together to enable industry partnerships and investments in next generation data centers, cooperation on development and access to compute and processors for AI.

They announced launch of INDUS Innovation - a new innovation bridge modeled after the successful INDUS-X platform, that will advance U.S.-India industry and academic partnerships and foster investments in

space, energy, and other emerging technologies.

Pharma: They announced expanding Indian manufacturing capacity, including in the U.S., for active pharmaceutical ingredients for critical medicines.

The two sides announced a launch of the Strategic Mineral Recovery initiative - a new U.S.-India cooperative program to recover and process critical minerals (including lithium, cobalt, and rare earths) from heavy industries like aluminum, coal mining and oil and gas.

An MoU was signed – for a new partnership between the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Indian Anusandhan National Research Foundation in researching critical and emerging technologies

[On February 11, 2025, Director of US NSF Sethuraman Panchanathan, and Chief Executive Officer of ANRF, Abhay Karandhikar, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation between US NSF and ANRF.

The MoU will serve as a general framework of cooperation between both Participants to facilitate discussions and to chart out more specific programs of collaboration on critical and emerging technologies. This can include opening up funding opportunities for collaborative proposals between Indian and US researchers, joint peer-review of research projects and proposals between ANRF and NSF, joint conferences and workshops, etc.]

Energy Security The two sides re-committed to the U.S.-India Energy Security Partner-

ship, including in oil, gas, and civil nuclear energy

US announced its support for India to join the International Energy Agency as a full member.

They agreed to fully realize the U.S.-India 123 Civil Nuclear Agreement - by moving forward with plans to work together to build U.S.-designed nuclear reactors in India through large scale localization and possible technology transfer

The two sides are to unlock plans to build large U.S.-designed reactors and enable collaboration to develop, deploy and scale up nuclear power generation with advanced small modular reactors.

People to People There was recognition that the 300,000 strong Indian student community contributes to over \$8 billion annually to the U.S. economy which helped create a number of direct and indirect jobs.

They agreed to strengthen collaborations between the higher education institutions through efforts such as joint/dual degree and twinning programs, establishing joint Centres of Excellence, and setting up of offshore campuses of premier educational institutions of the U.S. in India.

They were committed to streamlining avenues for legal mobility of students and professionals, and facilitating short-term tourist and business travel, while also aggressively addressing illegal immigration and human trafficking

They agreed to strengthen law enforcement cooperation to take decisive action against organized crime syndicates, including narco-terrorists, human and arms traffickers as well as other elements who threaten public and diplomatic

safety and security, and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of both nations

Multilateral Cooperation

They reaffirmed commitment to Quad and Indo – Pacific

During the Quad Leaders' Summit in India – PM Modi would host President Trump

They agreed on a plan to convene partners from the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor and the I2U2 Group within the next six months in order to announce new initiatives within 2025.

They announced launch of the Indian Ocean Strategic Venture - new bilateral, whole-of-government forum to advance coordinated investments in economic connectivity and commerce.

Meta's announcement of a multi-billion, multi-year investment in an undersea cable project – is to begin work this year and ultimately stretch over 50,000 km to connect five continents and strengthen global digital highways in the Indian Ocean region and beyond.

They announced plans to build new plurilateral anchor partnerships in the Western Indian Ocean, Middle East, and Indo-Pacific to grow relationships, commerce and cooperation across defense, technology, energy and critical minerals

The two sides condemned terrorism; called out Pakistan – to bring perpetrators of 26/11 and Pathankot to justice; and ensure that its territory is not used to carry out cross-border terrorist attacks

The U.S. announced that the extradition to India of Tahawwur Rana has been approved

Business Information

Wholesale inflation eases to 2.31 pc in January

New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased to 2.31% year-on-year in January 2025 from 2.37% in the previous month, as per official data released on Friday.

"Positive rate of inflation in January, 2025 is primarily due to increase in prices of manufacture of food products, food articles, other manufacturing, non-food articles and manufacture of textiles etc." Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a press release.

The month over month



change in WPI for the month of January, 2025 stood at (-) 0.45% as compared to December, 2024.

As per the official data, the annual rate of inflation based on WPI Food Index

decreased to 7.47% in January this year from 8.89% in the previous month.

The WPI captures the average movement of wholesale prices of goods and is primarily used as a GDP de-

flator. It reckons only basic prices and does not include taxes, rebate/trade discounts, transport and other charges.

Unlike consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation which is based on prices paid by consumers for buying goods and services, WPI inflation tracks prices of goods at wholesale or bulk level.

Staying below Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) comfort level, India's CPI-based inflation eased to 4.31% year-on-year in January 2025 from 5.22% in the previous month.

Landmark Cars signs pact with PCA Auto for selling Citroen cars

New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Auto retail firm Landmark Cars has executed a bespoke dealership agreement with PCA Automobiles India Pvt Ltd for sale and after sale business of Citroen car brand.

"This dealership will be a part of M/s Landmark Lifestyle Cars Private Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary company of Landmark Cars. Citroen will be the 11th brand for Group Landmark, which is known for other brands like Mercedes-Benz, BYD, Kia, Honda, etc.,"

Landmark Cars said in a statement filed with the stock exchange.

Landmark Cars is one of the leading auto retail compa-

pany also caters to the commercial vehicle retail business of Ashok Leyland in India.

Commenting on the new agreement, Sanjay Thakker, Promoter and Chairman, Landmark Cars said, "As a company, we are committed to profitable growth by going deep in a brand/ geography by best utilising the existing infrastructure at our disposal. The addition of Citroen brand will enable us in optimizing our existing resources better."



nies in India with dealerships for Mercedes-Benz, Honda, Jeep, Volkswagen, BYD, Renault, Mahindra & Mahindra, KIA and MG Motors. The



NBCC bags Rs 777 cr order from Damodar Valley Corporation

New Delhi, Feb 14 (UNI) Public sector NBCC on Friday said that it has bagged Rs 776.75 crore order from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for construction of buildings and associated works of township.

The company has also received a Rs 74.94 crore contract from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for maintenance works of New Moti Bagh GPRA Complex for two years.

The combined value of the two orders is Rs 851.69 crore.

In a stock exchange filing, NBCC said that the work orders were received in the normal course of business of the company.

NBCC secured work orders worth Rs 15,599 crore during October-December quarter (Q3) of the current financial year 2024-25.

As of January 2025, the company had a total order book of Rs 82,500 crore.

Sensex down 199.76 pts

Mumbai, Feb 14 (UNI) The equity market remained in the red for the eighth consecutive session on Friday, as BSE Sensex dropped 199.76 pts to settle at 75,939.21 amid a mixed trend in the Asian Market.

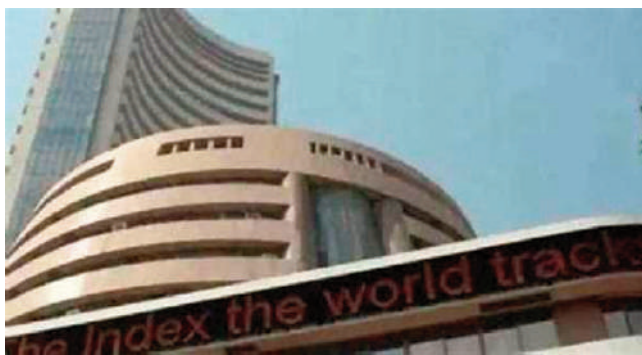
Investors were seen worried about the impact of Trump's proposed reciprocal tariff.

High volatility was witnessed during the session, as the BSE Sensex recovered 250 pts to open at 76,388.99. It jumped 345 pts at 76,483.06, a days high.

Later, it tanked 699 pts at 75,439.64, a day low, till the end of the day, it recovered from the day low, but ended negative only at 75,939.21, still down 199.76 pts from its previous close.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) fell 102.15 pts at 22,929.25.

The Nifty registered days high and low at



23,133.70 and 22,774.85 pts respectively.

The stocks that dragged the market were Industrials by 3.03 pc followed by BSE services by 3.16 pc, Health Care by 2.77 pc, and Capital Goods by 2.76 pc.

The Mid cap declined 2.59 pc while the Small cap by 3.24 pc.

In 30 scrips, 8 advanced while 22 declined.

The losers were Adani Ports by 4.20 pc to Rs 1062.90, Ultracemco by 2.47 pc to Rs 11257.60, Sun Pharma by 2.40 pc to Rs 1704.65, IndusInd Bank

by 2.21 pc to Rs 1024 and NTPC by 2.18 pc to Rs 300.25.

The gainers were Nestle India Ltd by 0.90 pc to Rs 2197, ICICI Bank by 0.80 pc to Rs 1258.45, Infosys by 0.71 pc to Rs 1856.30 and TCS by 0.60 pc to Rs 3932.75.

A mixed trend was seen in the Asian Market, as Strait Times fell 0.13 pc, Taiwan Weighted by 1.07 pc and Set Composite by 0.94 pc.

While, Hang Seng was up by 3.56 pc, Shanghai Composite by 0.43 pc.

With Emerging Technologies, Evolving Geopolitical Alliances

One of the critical areas where visible changes will be witnessed post-January 2025 is the communication landscape geopolitically. This era is positioned to redefine the very speedways of global communication, with a pivotal question arising: Are we on the verge of a 360-degree transformation in communication delivery, content orientation, outreach mechanisms, and the tools we deploy? Geopolitically, the communication ecosystem will embrace a new language—a language of immediacy, focused messaging, results-driven delivery, and the prioritisation of measurable outcomes to identify realistic patterns and global impacts.

As the world steps into this new chapter of geopolitical shifts, communication strategies are becoming more sophisticated, dynamic and multidimensional. The need of the hour is to analyse the new alliances afoot in the shifting political landscape and the major geopolitical developments. The evolving political climate is challenging tradi-

tional paradigms, compelling communication specialists, diplomats, and policymakers to rethink how messages are crafted, delivered, and received on a global stage.

The era demands a communication framework that not only transcends borders but also bridges divides with precision, creativity, and authenticity. In 2025, the phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words" takes on greater resonance. Visual communication has become the most impactful way to deliver messages. A single, well-composed image has the power to convey emotions, ideas, and narratives that words may struggle to encapsulate. Building on this, the explosion of short-form videos, and 30-second reels, for instance, has transformed the landscape further.

Their brevity and emotional depth make them tools of unparalleled influence in shaping public opinion, mobilising support, and even defusing tensions. This evolution places immense responsibility on communicators in the geopolitical arena. Diplomacy,

once conducted primarily behind closed doors, is increasingly playing out in the public domain through curated visuals, symbolic gestures and strategic messaging amplified by digital platforms. For foreign policy, the challenge is to balance transparency and

organisations a direct channel to their audiences.

It thrives on immediacy, engagement, and the power to go viral, making it an essential tool in geopolitical communication. However, traditional media is far from obsolete. In an era of

other, creating a holistic narrative that is both immediate and enduring.

The rise of artificial intelligence has added another layer of complexity to global communication. AI-driven analytics enable unprecedented insights into audience behav-



strategy, using these tools to build trust while maintaining sensitivity.

As social media continues its rapid rise, many ask whether traditional media can still hold its ground in the face of this digital juggernaut. Social media has undeniably globalised and democratised communication, giving individuals, governments, and or-

information overload, its role as a trusted gatekeeper remains critical. While social media is the messenger of the moment, traditional media provides depth, analysis, and context—elements that are crucial for informed decision-making. For communication to be effective in this new geopolitical era, the two mediums must complement each

other, preferences, and sentiments, allowing for hyper-personalised messaging. These tools are invaluable for diplomats and foreign policy experts, who can now craft messages with immense precision and predict their impact with greater accuracy. However, with these advancements come ethical dilemmas. The line between

strategic communication and manipulation can easily blur, necessitating robust frameworks to ensure accountability and fairness. As the communication landscape becomes more intricate, the demand for skilled specialists is growing. These professionals are not just channels for information, they are strategists, analysts, and creators who understand the nuances of messaging in a diverse and rapidly changing world.

Traditional media must evolve to remain relevant, embracing digital innovations and audience-centric approaches. Meanwhile, social media must grapple with issues of misinformation, polarisation, and echo chambers, striving to become a platform that unites rather than divides.

In this era, communication is no longer just about delivering a message; it is about shaping perceptions, building relationships, and driving action. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the ability to communicate effectively will be one of the most powerful tools in navigating the complexities of a neo-geopolit-

ical era. In an era marked by shifting alliances and evolving global priorities, multilateral institutions face both challenges and opportunities.

The reworking of commitments by key nations to international frameworks has drawn notice to the fragility of global consensus, raising questions about the role and relevance of these institutions in addressing shared challenges like public health, climate change, and economic inequality. This shifting landscape calls for a more nuanced approach to diplomacy within multilateral spaces, with a renewed focus on collective responsibility. For these institutions to thrive in a complex geopolitical climate, they must leverage communication technologies to foster transparency, engage diverse stakeholders, and amplify their ability to drive action. Whether through the lens of a camera, the reach of a tweet, or the depth of an investigative report, the stories we tell and how we tell them will shape the world in ways we are only beginning to understand.

What light comes out of laptop and mobile is dangerous, understand the science behind it

In today's digital age, we are constantly surrounded by screens whose light adversely affects health with our eyes. The light that comes out of them also causes aging, swelling, and tissue damage. Let us know what science says about this. We have always come to hear that we should not spend much time in front of TV screens, mobile phones and laptops. Often we also get scolded by our parents in the house for the fact that it will spoil our eyes. However, we always unhide their words and say that nothing is going to happen.

However, in science, it is true that being surrounded by screens for a long time can have an opposite effect on the eyes as well as our health be-

cause of the blue light coming out of them. In today's digital age, we are constantly surrounded by screens that cause blue light that can be harmful in many ways. In this article further know what is the end of this blue light. How it affects our health. Blue light i.e. high intensity Visible light that the blue light coming out of the digital device i.e. mobile phone, laptop and TV screen is called High Intensity Visible Light (HEV). In Hindi it means High-Energy Visible Light. Blue light has low wavelength that is part of the Visible light spectrum. This is a light color that we can see with our bare eyes too. This comes out of many digital devices, including laptops.

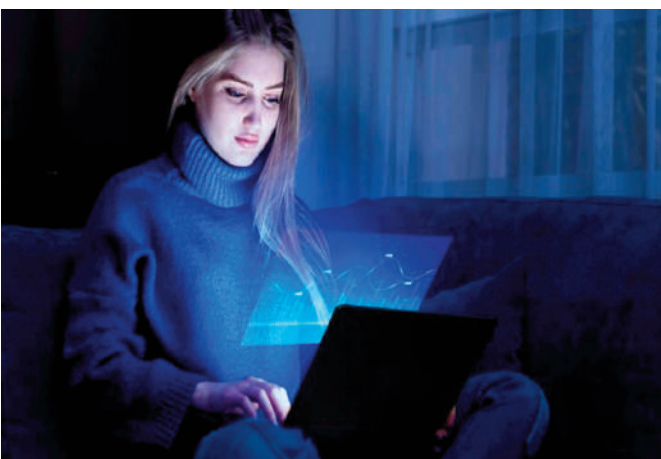
Blue light may have some advantages but prolonged ex-

posure to it can be damaging to the eyes. Blue light is also present in sunlight. According to research by the National Library of Medicine, a govern-

ment institution in the US, blue light wavelength is 400-500 nm and is about a third of the Visible Light. Electronic device and artificial indoor lighting also gives blue light. Studies have shown that exposure to light coming out of an electronic device, whether it is for 1 hour only, reactive oxygen species, apoptosis, and necrosis can increase. And it can

cause many kinds of trouble in the eyes.

Eye strain, headache and age risk Long-term exposure to blue light can have many



effects on our eye health, research reported. One of the most common issues is the development of computer vi-

sion syndrome. CVS means a group of problems related to eyes and vision that are caused by prolonged screen stays. The symptoms include eye strain, blurred vision, dry eyes, headache, and neck and shoulder pain. Blue light can also cause eye fatigue thereby reducing the contrast. Then it becomes difficult for eyes to focus. At the same time, some studies suggest that

prolonged exposure to blue light may cause damage to the retina over time. It is said that it also increases the risk

of macular degeneration.

The constant exposure to blue light is believed to increase the risk of age-related macular degeneration, which is a major cause of vision loss in older people. Research has found that exposure to blue light significantly increases protein biomarkers associated with aging, inflammation, and tissue damage. Measures to avoid effects of blue light The research by the National Library of Medicine has shown that exposure to blue light continuously increases the risk of skin aging. It damages the skin by changing the biological roots involved in the skin.

Exposure to blue light for 6 hours for 5 consecutive days increases the performance of the gene that controls

inflammation and oxidative stress routes. It also reduces the performance of the genes that maintain the skin barrier and tissue in harmony. To avoid the negative effects of blue light, it may be advisable to reduce LED and fluorescent lighting in the house. Specifically, limit the time you spend viewing the screen.

To avoid this, computer glasses with yellow lenses are also used. These glasses increase the contrast and prevent blue light. However, it is solely based on the study conducted by researchers and is as per their suggestion. If you feel eye strain or any problem related to it, it is advisable to consult your optometrist for personal guidance.

- Vijay GarG, Retired Principal

Sports Information

India bow out of Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships

Qingdao (China), Feb 14 (UNI) India's campaign at the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025 came to an end in the quarterfinals after a 0-3 defeat to former champions Japan here on Friday.

Up-and-coming mixed doubles pair Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto and women's singles shuttler Malvika Bansod put up spirited performances against higher-ranked opponents but could not prevent India's exit from the tournament.

In the opening match of the tie, Dhruv and Tanisha faced the world No. 12 combination of Hiroki Midorikawa and Natsu Saito. The Indian duo staged a strong fightback in the second game to force a decider, but the experienced Japanese pair ultimately prevailed in a 61-minute contest, winning 21-13, 17-21, 21-13,



giving Japan a 1-0 lead.

Malvika Bansod then took on world No. 8 Tomoka Miyazaki in the women's singles. The Indian shuttler put up a resilient performance, especially in the second game, but could not stop the Japanese star from securing a 21-12, 21-19 victory, extending Japan's lead to 2-0.

With India needing a win to stay in the contest, Asian Games bronze medallist HS Prannoy stepped onto the court against Kenta Nishi-

moto in the men's singles tie. Prannoy, 32, fought back after losing the first game and took the second to push the match into a decider. However, Nishimoto was dominant in the third, racing to a 6-0 lead before sealing the match 21-14, 15-21, 21-12 in an hour and 17 minutes, completing Japan's 3-0 triumph.

With this loss, India's campaign in the tournament ended in the quarterfinals, while Japan advanced to the semifinals.

GG post 201/5 as Ashleigh Gardner smashes records

Vadodara, Feb 14 (UNI) Gujarat Giants showcased a remarkable turnaround to post a commanding total of 201/5 against Royal Challengers Bangalore in their Women's Premier League (WPL) clash here on Friday.

At one point, their innings seemed to be faltering, with even reaching 150 appearing to be a challenge. However, the game took a dramatic turn after the first strategic time-out, when skipper Beth Mooney (56) shifted gears. Her calculated aggression set the tone, but after reaching her half-century, she departed, leaving the onus on the middle order.

Ashleigh Gardner then stepped up and delivered a devastating counterattack. She unleashed an array of strokes, finding the boundary with precision. Any ball in her hitting arc disappeared into the stands, leaving the RCB bowlers searching for an-



swers.

Her knock was complemented by a brisk cameo from Deandra Dottin (25 off 13, 3x4s 1x6), whose late surge ensured that Gujarat breached the 200-run mark, a milestone that had once seemed out of reach. RCB skipper Smriti Mandhana tried multiple bowling changes, but a few dropped chances cost them dearly.

The blistering 67-run partnership between Gardner and Dottin, coming off

just 31 balls at a staggering run rate of 12.96, was the highest for any Gujarat Giants pair in a 50+ stand. Their efforts placed Gujarat in a commanding position, making the chase an uphill battle for RCB.

This innings also added to the WPL record books. Gujarat's 201/5 joined the elite list of highest totals in tournament history, trailing only behind Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians. The top scores in WPL history in-

clude 223/2 by DC against RCB in 2023, 211/4 by DC against UPW in the same year, 207/5 by MI against GG, and 201/7 by GG against RCB. Today's total further reinforced the evolving power-hitting trend in women's cricket.

Adding to the spectacle, Gardner's individual brilliance was historic. She matched Sophie Devine's record for most sixes in an innings, smashing eight maximums to join the New Zealand star at the top. As a team, Gujarat's ten sixes in this innings were the second most ever in a WPL match, further underscoring their dominance.

With such a tall target on the board, the pressure now shifts to RCB's batters. They will need an inspired effort to chase down 202 runs and turn the tide in their favour. All eyes are now on their response in this high-stakes contest.

Eradicating human trafficking a collective responsibility : Devarajan

(Capital Information) Hyderabad, Feb 14 : Human trafficking can only be completely eradicated if society as a whole actively participates in its prevention, stated Divya Devarajan, CEO of Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP).

Speaking at the two-day state-level Training of Trainers (ToT) program on human trafficking organised under the aegis of Prajwala Volunteer Organisation and Telangana Rural Poverty Alleviation Organization held at Dr MCR HRD here on Friday, Divya Devarajan, highlighted that human trafficking is a criminal act rapidly spreading worldwide, dis-

proportionately affecting girls and women from poor and middle-class backgrounds.

She stressed the crucial role of SERP and women's association members in identifying vulnerable groups, raising awareness, and educating school students about the risks.

Special emphasis was laid on cyber trafficking, which is growing at an alarming rate. Children, she warned, must be made aware of the dangers of sharing personal photos and videos online, as traffickers exploit these vulnerabilities to lure victims into sex trafficking.

Sunitha Krishnan, a Padma Shri awardee and Founder of Prajwala emphasised that early

intervention is key to preventing human trafficking. She revealed that Prajwala has successfully rescued over 30,000 girls and women from trafficking, most of whom were young children and women. The rise of cyber trafficking has exacerbated the problem, with traffickers increasingly using apps and social media platforms to trap victims.

She urged communities to stay vigilant and work collectively to create awareness at every level, from districts to villages.

The training program covered various aspects of human trafficking, including its methods, impact on victims, and

cyber trafficking. Legal frameworks such as BNS, ITA, POCSO, PCMA, and support systems like Sakhi, Bharosa, Child Line, and police toll-free numbers (1098, 100, 181, 1930) were discussed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge to combat trafficking effectively.

Key officials present at the training included SERP Director HD Sunitha, Project Manager Saritha, APM Arundhati, DPM Surekha Reddy, Prajwala Junior Director Ahmed Ali, Project Manager Balrama Krishna, and representatives from Adilabad, Mancherla, Asifabad, Nirmal, Peddapalli, Mulugu, and Bhupalpalli districts.

Unscientific procedure in election training duties in Rajanna Siricilla

Teachers protest in extreme dissatisfaction

(Capital Information) Rajanna Siricilla, Feb 14 : As part of the local body elections, training classes are being held across Rajanna Siricilla district for the staff who will be performing

the duties of MPTC, ZPTC-2025 elections.

At that time, the newly recruited junior teachers in DSC-2025 were assigned the duties of Returning Officer (RO) and Assistant Re-

turning Officer (ARO).

Gazetted principals were given Presiding Officer (PO), School Assistant (SA) and Assistant Returning Officer (APO) to teachers with 25 years of service experience.

Such strange trends are not found anywhere else in the state, and this continues only in Rajanna Siricilla district, the teachers who came to the training classes protested strongly.

The practice of seniors working under juniors in election duties.



COMPETITION ON ROLE OF THE STUDENTS IN WOMEN EMPOWEREMENT AT PRIYADARSHINI WOMENS COLLEGE

(Capital Information) Khammam Bureau, Feb 14 : A speech competition held on the 'Role of students in women's empowerment' at the Priyadarshini Women's College, Khammam Rural, on Thursday.

College Chairman Naveen Babu said that the birthday of Sarojini Naidu, a poet and freedom fighter, will be celebrated as National Women's Day. Between 1915-1918, she argued about women's rights and social welfare. He said that women came out of their homes and fight for the independence of the country.

College Principal Dr B Gopal said that Sarojini Naidu is a child genius, a poet and she is known as Indian Nightingale. He said she



was the first Indian woman to be elected president of the Indian National Congress and celebrates National Women's Day on February 13 every year. He said that in their college, women's empower-

ment and students' role was held on the role of students, and students from various departments participated in the competitions.

The college academic director Aturi Venkata ramana

said, 'As long as I am in my life, I will not quit a free goal and I will give you weapons of faith and courage' the lines of Sarojini Naidu.

Ayesha of the first year of computer science in these

speech competitions, and the first year's Puja for the Electronics and Communication Department.

Heads of various departments of the college and others were participated in the event.

In a technological marvel, ISRO develops world's largest solid propellant mixer

Chennai, Feb 14 (UNI) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has designed and developed the world's largest solid propellant mixer for rocket motors.

ISRO termed the development of 10 ton Vertical Planetary Mixers for processing the solid propellant as a significant technological marvel and a true testament to India's growing technological prowess, self-reliance and unwavering commitment to innovation.

The Space Agency on Friday said the 10 ton vertical mixer is the world's largest solid propellant mixing equipment.

The development involves collaboration with academia and industries and has successfully completed factory level acceptance tests. This high-capacity mixer will enable the productivity, quality and throughput improvement for the heavy solid motors production.

It said the Department of Space (DOS) has undertaken multiple initiatives towards indigenous development of critical technologies, materials and machinery as part of 'Atmanirbharatain Space'.

Realisation of indigenous 10 ton vertical mixer is a true testament to India's growing technological prowess, self-reliance and unwavering commitment to innovation.

Solid propulsion plays a crucial role in Indian Space Transportation Systems and vertical mixer is one of the critical equipment in solid motor production.

Solid propellants are the backbone of rocket motors and their production requires precise mixing of highly sensitive and hazardous ingredients.

Towards increasing the production scale of solid motor segments, Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, ISRO in collaboration with M/s Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), Bangalore, a premier R and D organization under the Union Ministry of Heavy Industries has successfully designed and developed 10 ton Vertical Planetary Mixers for processing the solid propellants, which is a significant technological marvel.

Nampally ACB court sentences bribe-taking officer to one year in jail, along with a fine of Rs 40,000

(Capital Information) Bizamabad, Feb 14 : In a bribe-taking case, G. M. Sudarshan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Kotagiri Mandal demanded a bribe of Rs. 10,000/-. As per the request of the complainant, he reduced it to Rs. 8,000/-.

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ina, Special Public Prosecutor, A.C.B. Court, Nampally, Hyderabad, presented his arguments on behalf of the A.C.B. Court, Nampally, Hyderabad, while hearing the arguments of both the parties, A.C.B. Court, Nampally, Hyderabad, Special Judge, Mohammed Afroz Akhtar, on Friday 14.02.2025, pronounced the verdict, imposing one year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 20,000/- on G.M. Sudarshan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kotagiri Mandal, Nizamabad District under Section 7 of the PC Act and one year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 20,000/- on Section 13 (1) (d) r/w 13 (2) of the PC Act, making the total fine Rs. 40,000/- and these sentences shall be applicable concurrently.

The judge, however, ruled that if the fine was not paid, an additional one-month general imprisonment would be imposed.



The complainant is Vadde Narsimhulu, father's name is Lingaiah, profession is a tailor, residence: Kotagiri (Village & Mandal), Nizamabad district "Transfer of houses in the name of the complainant's father to the name of the complainant and his brother"

07/RCT-ACB-NZB/2014 U/s 7 of PC Act-1988 and on 21.02.2014, while taking bribe of Rs. 8,000/- from the complainant, Nizamabad ACB. officials trapped and caught G.M. Sudarshan, Panchayat Secretary red-handed.

In this case, A.L. Mano-



Meenakshi Natarajan as the new incharge of Telangana Congress

Telangana Youth Congress Pays Tribute to Pulwama Martyrs

(Capital Information) Hyderabad, Feb 14 : In a poignant ceremony held at the LB Stadium in Hyderabad, the Telangana Youth Congress, led by Secretary Chakali Shailender, paid tribute to the 40 CRPF jawans who lost their lives in the Pulwama bomb attack in Jammu and Kashmir on February 14, 2019.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, All India Youth Congress General Secretary Shrawan Rao, and Telangana Youth Congress Vice-President Anksha Reddy. The gathering served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers and the importance of remembering national heroes.

Shiva Sena Reddy emphasized the significance of February 14th as a day of remembrance, stating that it is the moral responsibility of every Indian to honor the jawans who lost their lives protecting the country. He expressed concern over the prevailing focus on Valentine's Day celebrations among the youth, urging for a shift in awareness towards honoring the martyrs and great personalities who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Chakali Shailender stressed the need for educating young people about the importance of commemorating the birth and death anniversaries of national heroes, fostering a sense of patriotism and gratitude for their sacrifices. The tribute served as a platform to instil a deeper understanding of the nation's history and the contributions of its brave soldiers, ensuring their sacrifices are not forgotten.

Other notable attendees who paid tributes included Prem Kumar, Aravind, Manoj, Bilal, and others. The event was a testament to the Telangana Youth Congress's commitment to honoring the nation's heroes and promoting patriotism among the youth.



Cinema Information

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HHVM Sticking To March 28

Pawan Kalyan Hari Hara Veera Mallu happens to be one of the most delayed films in Tollywood. Though there is only a small portion that is left to be shot the unavailability of Pawan Kalyan, due to his political commitments as the deputy chief minister has meant that this film is getting delayed.

Coming to the topic now, the makers of this intense period action film have communicated that they are indeed sticking to the March 28, as announced earlier.

The newly released poster of the film, which has been published to highlight the arrival of the second song from the album, which is releasing on February 24, has the release date imprinted on it.

The song has been titled Kollagot-tindiro and a related poster shows Kalyan



and heroine Nidhi Agerwal in a cozy avatar. We to see the lavish production values that are in effect for the film in this poster.

But the most important thing that grabs the attention right away is the tenancy to stick to the March 28 slot. After news broke out that this Pawan Kalyan film might not be arriving in theatres on March 28, a few other Telugu films namely Mad Square and Robin Hood locked the March 28/29 slot.

But this is not stopping the makers of Hari Hara Veera Mallu to stick to their original release plan of March 28, as they appear to be hopeful of releasing the film as per schedule. They have even started the promotional campaign by releasing songs from the album already.

Mahesh Babu launches Robinhood's 'Wherever You Go' song

Superstar Mahesh Babu released 'Wherever You Go', the much-talked-about second song from Nithiin and Sreeleela's upcoming heist comedy entertainer, Robinhood. Popular Kollywood music director GV Prakash Kumar has composed this unique and peppy song.



Go. Together. The duo set the screens ablaze with their rocking dance moves and sizzling chemistry. The visuals are stylish and complement the vibe.

Robinhood is being directed by Venky Kudumula and produced under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. The film is scheduled to open in cinemas worldwide on March 28, 2025.

Wherever You Go is a romantic number and makes for a perfect listening on this Valentine's Day. In 'Wherever You Go', Nithiin expresses his love for Sreeleela through a creative blend of brands and their iconic taglines. Armaan Malik's captivating vocals add to the charm of the GV Prakash composition and Krishnakanth's lyrics.

Nithiin is at his energetic best in an uber-cool avatar, while Sreeleela oozes charm and elegance in 'Wherever You Go'.

Harish Shankar changes his route for Balayya's movie?

For the past couple of days, the tinsel town has been abuzz with speculations that hero Balakrishna has given his nod to the story narrated to him by mass action entertainers specialist Harish Shankar. This crazy project is rumored to be bankrolled by reputed Sandalwood production house KVN Productions, the banner that's currently producing Vijay's Jana Nayagan and Yash's Toxic.

As per the latest buzz, Harish Shankar, who is known to mostly direct remakes, has changed his ways for Balayya's movie.

Apparently, Harish Shankar has penned an original story and impressed Balayya with his narration. Incidentally, Harish's last two movies, Mr. Bachchan and Gaddalakonda Ganesh, were remakes, and they failed to set the box office on fire. This seems to have prompted the director to stick to his own strengths and pen an original story for Balakrishna.

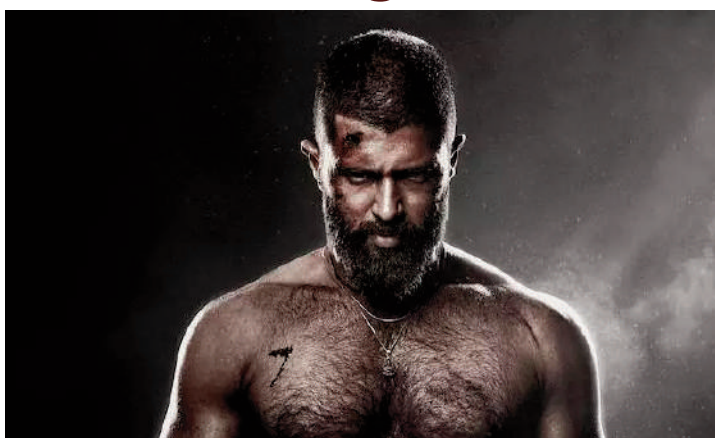
Balakrishna, who scored a decent hit with Daaku Maharaaj this Sankranti season, is currently working on Boyapati Sreenu's Akhanda 2. The senior hero also has a project with Gopichand Malineni in the pipeline. Stay tuned for the official announcement on the Balayya-Harish Shankar project.



Is This the Most Shocking Twist in the Kingdom?

Gautham Tinnanuri has already mesmerized fans with his past outings Malli Rava and Jersey. Mainly, Jersey stood as a classic in Tollywood. Now the director is all set with his upcoming movie Kingdom starring Vijay Deverakonda. The film's teaser released recently has received an overwhelming response from fans. Vijay Deverakonda's transformation and Gautham's storytelling has surprised movie lovers. Producer Naga Vamsi has often praised this project and the hype surrounding it continues to grow.

The makers have revealed that Kingdom is being made on a massive budget of over



₹100 crores as a two-part pan-India film. Though the teaser does not mention the first part explicitly, reports suggest that the official confirmation will come soon. The movie is said to contain many hidden se-

crets making fans even more curious.

The movie reportedly focuses on events between 1947 and the 1980s, depicting the struggles of refugees and the rise of a leader. As per the

latest reports, the film's plot revolves around historical events at the India-Sri Lanka border. Vijay Deverakonda plays a character who was forced to leave his homeland due to tragic incidents in his childhood. Meanwhile, the brutal actions of Sri Lankan soldiers against refugees leads to the loss of thousands of lives. As the oppressed people wait for a leader to fight for them, Vijay's character returns sparking intense action. From being a survivor, he transforms into a powerful rebel challenging both the government and the mafia. It is being speculated that his fierce and reckless nature in the film will be going to be a major asset.



People Media Factory goes global for its 50th movie

People Media Factory is one of the leading production houses in Tollywood. Led by TG Vishwa Prasad, People Media Factory has produced numerous high-budget entertainers featuring some of the top stars of the Telugu film industry, including Bro with Pawan Kalyan and The Raja Saab with Prabhas.

In a humongous feat, People Media Factory is all set to bankroll its golden jubilee film. Tentatively titled PMF50, the project will have its formal announcement and launch very soon. On Thursday, PMF50 makers met with Telangana Cinematography minister Komatireddy Venkatareddy and discussed their plans for their 50th project.

PMF50 will be made on a huge scale, and it will have an international release, making People Media Factory's first global production. The film is being produced by TG Vishwa Prasad's daughter Kirithi Prasad and directed by Arohan. More details about the project and its cast and crew members will be out soon.



Nani's HIT 3 teaser on Feb 24?

The makers of actor Nani's upcoming investigative thriller, HIT 3: The 3rd Case, are fast wrapping up the production formalities. The movie went on floors in September last year, and a major portion of the shoot has been completed.

As per the latest buzz, the HIT: The 3rd Case team is planning to unveil the film's teaser on February 24 on the occasion of Nani's birthday. However, an official announcement is awaited in this regard. The movie's unit is currently filming an intense night action sequence featuring Nani and the baddies. The Natural Star will be seen as an Arjun Sarkaar IPS in this most eagerly awaited movie.

KGF franchise fame Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead in HIT: The 3rd Case. This third installment in the HIT franchise is being directed by Sailesh Kolanu and produced by Prashanti Tipirneni of Wall Poster Cinema in association with Unanimous Productions. Mickey J Meyer is the film's music composer. HIT: The 3rd Case is slated for release on May 1, 2025.



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