

PANCHANGAM

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WEATHER

Forecast : Partly Cloudy
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Humidity : 35 %
Sunrise : 5:58 AM
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UP advances on the path of progress, journey will continue uninterrupted : Yogi



Make adequate arrangements for Miss World Pageant in Hyderabad : CM Revanth Reddy

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday instructed the officials to prepare a comprehensive plan and make adequate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Miss World Pageant 2025 which begins here on May 10.

Reddy, who reviewed arrangements for the Miss World Pageant, ordered the authorities to make foolproof arrangements ensuring no inconvenience to the participants in the prestigious competition in the

city.

The CM asked the police officials to provide tight security at the Airport and Hotels where the guests from across the world stay and also at the venue of the

international event.

He also instructed the officials to make special arrangements for a visit to historical monuments and tourist places in the state by the guests.

Special officers will be appointed to supervise the arrangements department-wise, Reddy said the authorities are directed to complete pending beautification works in the city at the earliest.

Earlier, the concerned officials briefed the Chief Minister about the elaborate arrangements being made for the Miss World competition.



'Those who love Pakistan can go to that country' : AP Dy CM

(Capital Information)

Vijayawada, Apr 29 : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party President K Pawan Kalyan asked those "who love Pakistan to go that country" and called upon Indians to be united irrespective of religion to oppose terrorism.

The Jana Sena party organised a meeting here on Tuesday to mourn the death of two persons, Somiseti Madhusudhan Rao and JS Chandramouli from AP, who were killed by the terrorists at Pahalgam in Kashmir. Pawan Kalyan announced and ex-gratia of Rs 50 lakh each to the two bereaved families on behalf of Jana Sena party and assured of extending all help.

He also promised to speak to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to extend financial assistance from the government.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy CM vehemently condemned the brutal killings of innocent tourists in Pahalgam in Kashmir. "Those who love Pakistan, why are you here, you can go there. Secular does not mean appeasement," he rued.

He pointed out that "the law and order situation had started deteriorating after elections



were held and the government was formed in Kashmir.

As long as Kashmir was under the President's rule, the situation there was calm and peaceful," he claimed.

Pawan Kalyan recalled that Madhusudhan Rao's wife told him that for the first three days, she wore modern dress but on the fateful day, she sported bindi which helped the terrorists identify them as Hindus. After confirming that they were Hindus, they killed Madhusudhan, he lamented.

"When you are targeted

based on your religion, you must expose it as it is not a hatred of anybody," the Deputy CM asserted.

Pawan Kalyan opined that too much lenience and patience are also not good to any nation. He noted that the Muslim population in India is equal to the Pakistan population but India has never shown any partiality, he acknowledged.

The Deputy Chief Minister also decried the recent attacks on Hindus and the destruction of Hindu temples in Bangladesh.

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Protest at GHMC Headquarters Against Pahalgam Terror Attack

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : Expressing solidarity with the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi said that the city stands firmly behind any action Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes to counter terrorism. A protest was held at the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) headquarters on Tuesday, where Mayor Vijayalakshmi, Deputy Mayor Mothe Sriatha Shobhan Reddy, Commissioner R.V. Karnan, corporators, GHMC officials, and staff paid tribute to the

victims by observing a two-minute silence.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said the Pahalgam terror attack had shaken the hearts of all Indians. She noted that protests against terrorism were erupting globally and described the attack as an inhuman act that goes against the values of peace and humanity. She extended her condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and emphasized the need for unity among all communities in response to such incidents. She reaffirmed full support for any decisions

the Prime Minister makes for national security and public safety.

Corporators from various political parties also condemned the terror attack, calling it a heinous act. They expressed support for the decisions taken by the Prime Minister and pledged their backing for all initiatives to suppress terrorism. The gathering once again observed a two-minute silence in honor of the victims.

The event was attended by corporators from different parties including Vanga Madhusudan Reddy, Radha Dheeraj

Reddy, Lal Singh Mirza Baig, Soheli Khadri, Jagadishwar Rao, Rajasekhari Reddy, along with BJP, AIMIM, and Congress corporators like CCP Srinivas, CE Bhaskar Reddy, and Ratnakar. Also present were Additional Commissioners Geeta Radhika, Venu Gopal, Saroj, Pankaj, Zonal Commissioners Ravi Kiran, Hemant Keshav Patil, Apoorva Chauhan, Venkanna, CA & HO Dr. Padmaja, senior GHMC officials, staff, and representatives from various unions.

Prior to the protest, floral tributes were paid to portraits of the deceased victims.

All arrangements for PM's programme almost complete: Minister Narayana

(Capital Information)

Vijayawada, Apr 29 : Andhra Pradesh Minister for Municipal Administration P Narayana has said that arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme, to be held on May 2, are almost complete.

The Prime Minister will re-launch the development works of AP capital city and address a public meeting in the capital region Amaravati on May 2. Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana, accompanied by officials, inspected the arrangements for the Prime Minister's programme at the capital region on Tuesday.

Narayana inspected the dais, VVIP enclosure, parking slots and the routes leading to the venue. The Minister said that 90 per cent of arrangements for the Prime Minister's programme have been completed.

He said the Prime Minister would arrive at the venue at

around 2:30 pm on May 2, felicitate some farmers who had parted with their lands for the construction of capital city Amaravati and address the public meeting.

would consist of 365 km of trunk roads and 1500 km of layout roads, the Municipal Administration Minister said. The Naidu-headed government during 2014-19 had launched Rs 41,000 crore worth development works in the capital city region and had also paid Rs 5,000 crore worth bills for works carried out by the contractors, he stated.

"The Prime Minister will inaugurate various development works worth Rs 43,000 crore in the capital city Amaravati region on May 2," Narayana said.

The Minister vowed to complete all development works in the capital region in three years. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu personally invited the farmers who had given their lands for the construction of the capital city to attend the Prime Minister's programme on May 2, he added.

Meanwhile, Andhra chief secretary Vijayanand reviewed the arrangements being made for the Prime Minister's programme.



"Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu intended to construct a capital city for Andhra Pradesh with the cooperation of Singapore which has given the Master Plan for the AP capital city," he revealed.

The new capital city of AP



Mr. Jayesh Ranjan IAS, met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on the occasion of assuming charge as Special Chief Secretary to Government & CEO, Industry & Investment Cell in the CMO, as well as the Smart Proactive Efficient and Effective Delivery (SPEED) initiative.

Mr. E.V. Narasimha Reddy IAS also met the Chief Minister after taking charge as Additional CEO, Industry & Investment Cell and SPEED.

On this occasion, both officers expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister, while CM Revanth Reddy congratulated them and conveyed his best wishes as they begin their new responsibilities.

DMK Dravidian Model Version 2.0 Loading in 2026 : Stalin

Chennai, Apr 29 (UNI) Asserting that Tamil Nadu could neither be ransacked or looted by those trying to mortgage and usurp it, Chief Minister M K Stalin told the State Assembly that DMK's Dravidian Model government Version 2.0 Loading in 2026.

Replying to the debate on the demand for grants to the police and fire services department in the Assembly, he said so far what has been witnessed is Dravidian Model government Part 1.

"Version 2.0 loading in 2026 in which will create more records...Tamil Nadu will create history", he declared, amid loud thumping of desks by the members of the Treasury Benches.

Winding his reply to the debate, Mr Stalin listed out the achievements of his four year long DMK rule and said it will step into its fifth year, which is just a few days away. The state has set records and scaled

new heights in all the departments.

"With this confidence and with people's confidence, I am telling that those trying to mort-



gage and snatch away, cannot ransack Tamil Nadu", he added.

The state has achieved great heights under the party-led government and Tamil Nadu was "No.1" in 2024-25 with 9.69 per cent growth rate, Stalin, the DMK president, said.

Such a growth rate was unprecedented, he said,

adding central statistics have also validated this.

He listed out achievements including "no dropout" in middle schools, the poverty eradication efforts and strides in higher education.

Further, law and order was being maintained well "although some years," it gets affected, the CM said.

He exuded confidence that the TN voters will give thumbs up for the DMK thanks to the implementation of various welfare schemes and projects.

Stating that he will be stepping into the fifth year as Chief Minister in May, and he was confident that the DMK would again form the government by retaining power in 2026.

Pointing out that the journey started by him was long, Mr Stalin said this journey will continue for the state of TN, for the people of TN and for the rights of TN".



Journalist Accreditation Issues to Be Resolved Soon : Minister Ponguleti

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, Apr 29 : Minister for I&PR and Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy assured that the long-pending issue of journalist accreditations in the state will be resolved soon. On Tuesday evening, TUWJ (IJU) leaders submitted a representation to the Minister in Khammam.

He stated that a committee was formed to prepare new accreditation guidelines and its report is under review. A final decision will be made after discussions, and meetings with journalist unions will be held on welfare issues, health cards, and housing.

Regarding the pending allocation of 23.2 acres to the Stambhadri Journalist Housing Society in Khammam, the Minister responded positively and promised swift action. TUWJ leaders, senior journalists, and representatives were participated in the event.

Three masons fall to death from 5th floor

(Capital Information)

Tirupati, Apr 29 : Three masons died when they fell off the fifth floor of an under-construction building at TUDA quarters at Mangalam area here on Tuesday.

Police said the deceased were doing plastering work on the fifth floor of the under-construction building. The platform on which they stood was made of bamboo sticks which collapsed and the three masons fell down, resulting in their death.

The three masons were identified as Botathotti Srinivasulu (40), Vasanth (41) and K Srinivasulu (35).

Police have registered a case and shifted the bodies to the HIG for postmortem. Meanwhile, municipal corporation officials said the building owners are constructing the fourth and fifth floors without permission.

J&K saw 1,145 terror attacks during 2018-2021: Congress in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, Apr 29 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed 1,145 terror incidents in 3 years between 2018 and 2021 -- during the tenure of the NDA government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to the Congress party in Kerala.

"J&K under BJP saw an alarming number of terror incidents. Any claim otherwise is not just propaganda, but a plain lie. BJP's capture of mainstream media and social media commentators cannot hide the truth," the Congress said in their social media platform 'X'.

Earlier, the Congress in Kerala courted controversy after former Pakistan Minister Fawad Hussain shared a post of theirs on his 'X' account about the Pahalgam terror attack.

Soon after the Pahalgam attack, the Congress posted a message on 'X', saying that "Pahalgam is nearly 200km from the Line of Control. It is not a border village so that someone could sneak in and go back. How did four terrorists carrying big guns come 200 km inside, shoot nearly 50 people and go back unscathed?"

"If terrorists can walk in and shoot and go back without the risk of being captured or killed, how safe are our cities?," it said.

The former Pakistan minister shared this message for highlighting the security lapses on the part of the Indian government.

Two killed in Jalgaon accident

Jalgaon, Apr 29 (UNI) A father and son died on the spot and a woman and kid were injured when a bike and an SUV collided at Bor Ghat in Raver taluka of Jalgaon district of Maharashtra on Monday night.

According to police, the deceased were identified as Pintu Bodole (30) and his three-year-old son Ritik Bodole. Pintu Bodole, along with his wife Malubai (28) and two sons Ritik (3) and Tenguram (8 months) were travelling on bike. They had left Bhusawal to meet their relatives. Meanwhile, an SUV coming from Khergaon to Bhusawal hit their motorcycle, police said.

It is reported that the accident took place on Monday night at Bor Ghat in Raver taluka.

The Bodole family worked as masons in Bhusawal. The former taluka president of the BJP Ravindra Patil and Bala Amodkar rushed to Raver rural hospital and shifted the injured Malubai Bodole and Tenguram Bodole to Faizpur for further treatment.

A complaint has been filed with the police against the driver concerned. The police are currently investigating the matter.

District Gears Up for 100% Literacy : Collector Viziendira Boyi Leads Convergence Meeting

Collector Calls for Coordinated Efforts through Open School System and Special Education Initiatives

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar, Apr 29 : In a significant move towards achieving 100% literacy in the district, Collector Smt. Viziendira Boyi held a convergence meeting on Tuesday at the Collector's Chamber, directing education and allied departments to work in unison. The meeting was attended by officials from the District Education Department, SERP, Adult Education Department, and other allied wings.

The Collector emphasized that all newly literate individuals should be enrolled in the Open School System to pursue 10th class and Intermediate-level education. She instructed



departments to take proactive steps to facilitate this transition.

Special attention was given to strengthening Bhavita Centers, which support children with special needs. Smt. Vijayendra Boi

urged women's self-help group members to identify illiterate persons in their local panchayats and mandal headquarters and match them with volunteers for literacy training. She also ordered the identification and

enrollment of students with special needs into nearby Bhavita Centers.

All preliminary activities are to be completed by May 15, and training for selected volunteers should be conducted by May 31.

Key officials who participated in the meeting included District Education Officer Praveen Kumar, DRDO Narasimhulu, Women and Child Welfare Officer Zareena Begum, and other representatives from the Health Department and related sectors.

This initiative marks a major step in the district's mission to ensure inclusive and sustainable literacy for all.



Innovative idea in the hot summer

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda town, Apr 29 : The sun is currently scorching. People are afraid to go out of the house in the afternoon. But in case of emergency, it is not necessary to go on the road. If you take a vehicle and come on the road, you cannot bear the heat of the sun. The Nalgonda Traffic Police has taken a good decision to provide relief to motorists from the sun. Green nets have been installed at the traffic signals near NG College in Nalgonda town. With this, motorists are getting some relief from the sun. Moreover, there are 5 signal points in the town at busy intersections like Kaklak Tower, Baskar Talkies, Bus Stand Area, Sagar Road. However, motorists are facing difficulties due to the vehicles coming under the fire and stopping at the signals for 30 seconds. On this occasion, motorists and locals thanked the District SP, Traffic Police, Municipal Commissioner, officers and staff for installing the green net at the traffic signals at NG College.



License Allocation for Two Bars in Khammam : Collector Muzammil Khan

(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, April 29 : District Collector Muzammil Khan stated that licenses for two closed bars in the district were allotted transparently through a lottery system. Out of 145 applications, Juttukonda Lakshmi Narayana (Serial No. 13) and Gundavaram Rajeshwara Rao (Serial No. 135) were selected.

The process was conducted in the presence of applicants and was videographed. The selected licensees were advised to pay the prescribed excise tax and collect their confirmation letters.

Excise department officials and applicants participated in the event.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy to Attend Bhoo Bharati Awareness Seminar in Mahabubnagar

(Capital information)

Mhabubnagar, April 29 : Telangana State Minister for Revenue, Information and Public Relations, and Housing, Sri Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, is scheduled to visit Mahabubnagar district on Wednesday. As part of his visit, the Minister will attend a Bhoo Bharati (ROR) Act Awareness Seminar at the Kurumurthy Temple premises near Ammapur village in CC Kunta Mandal.

The seminar is aimed at educating the public on the Bhoo Bharati Act and its significance in streamlining land records and ensuring transparency in revenue matters.

In preparation for the Minister's visit, District Collector Sri Vijayaendra Booi, along with Devarakadra MLA Sri G. Madhusudhan Reddy, inspected the venue and reviewed the arrangements. The Collector instructed officials to ensure that all logistical and infrastructure arrangements such as stage setup, seating, sound systems, and sanitation are in place ahead of the event. He also inspected the designated helpad area to ensure it meets safety protocols.

Accompanying the Collector were Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Sri Shivendra Pratap, RDO Sri Naveen, DRDO Sri Narsimhulu, DPO Sri Partha Sarathi, R&B Executive Engineer Sri Deshya Naik, DPRDO Sri Srinivas, and Deputy Executive Information Engineer Sri Isra Naik.

Officials stated that all arrangements are nearing completion and the seminar is expected to draw significant public participation from across the mandal.



Condolence Gathering for Pahalgam Victims

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, Apr 29 : The Principal of Government Medical College Khammam, Dr. Rajeshwar Rao, along with all the faculty and staff, gathered in the Principal's Chamber to pay heartfelt condolences to the victims of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack on Tuesday evening.

The gathering observed a moment of silence and lit candles in memory of the innocent lives lost. The Principal expressed deep sorrow over the incident and conveyed solidarity with the bereaved families, condemning the act of violence.

The college community stands united in grief and prays for peace and strength for the families affected by this heinous attack.



Vijayawada Division undertakes Special Summer Relief Measures to tackle Passenger Rush

(Capital Information)

Vijayawada, Apr 29 : Gauging the increased travel demand during the summer season, South Central Railway's Vijayawada Division has implemented special measures, ensuring smooth and comfortable travel for passengers.

Recognizing the surge in passenger movement, Vijayawada Division has deployed 64 Originating

Summer Special Trains and 276 En-route Summer special trains during the April-2025. In the month of May 2025, around 44 Originating Specials, and 222 En-route Summer Special trains shall be deployed to cater to the summer rush. Moreover, to cater to the growing rush, several express trains have been augmented with 230 extra coaches, effectively increasing seating capacity

and reducing congestion in popular services.

In addition to these operational enhancements, Vijayawada Division has taken proactive steps to alleviate heat-related discomfort for passengers. Special summer relief measures, in collaboration with NGOs, Bharat Scouts and Guides, and SCRWWO. The following are the special measures :

Installation of special

water kiosks and clay pots at railway stations for fresh drinking water availability.

Butter milk distribution drives carried out at major stations, providing much-needed hydration to travellers, by roping in Local NGO's

Ensuring Stocking of Extra Water bottles and Refreshments at all the catering stalls to meet the passenger demand.

Coach watering of all the long Distance trains at impor-

tant junctions

Crowd management strategies have also been enhanced at foot-over bridges and concourses to streamline passenger movement

RPF teams are engaged at Train Originating Stations and enroute stations to guide General Passengers into the coaches safely

Water storage tanks at stations are being checked regularly, with replenishment

schedules streamlined to prevent shortages

Staff are deployed to refill train tanks at designated stations, guaranteeing sufficient water for on-board use.

With these comprehensive measures, Vijayawada Division remains committed to prioritizing passenger welfare during peak travel seasons, ensuring a safe, comfortable, and hassle-free journey for all travellers.

Proper Implementation of Sanitation in Villages is a Must Every Household Should Have an Individual Toilet Soak Pits Must Be Widely Constructed

(Capital information)

Nagarkurnool, April 29 : Nagarkurnool District Additional Collector for Local Bodies, Deva Sahayam, held a review meeting on Tuesday at the Additional Collector's chamber located within the Integrated District Office Complex of Nagarkurnool. The meeting was conducted with officials from the concerned departments to review the progress of works related to rural water supply and sanitation.

On this occasion, Additional Collector Deva Sahayam stated that in order to enhance groundwater levels, the construction of soak pits is extremely essential. These not only help in meeting current water needs but also play a vital role in addressing future water scarcity and ensuring water availability for future generations.

He instructed officials to



transform all villages into ODF Plus (Open Defecation Free Plus) Model Villages by December 2025. He emphasized that individual toilets and soak pits must be widely set up in all government offices within villages, and soak pits should be constructed especially in areas where wastewater tends to stagnate.

He stressed the importance of maintaining clean-

liness in villages and ensuring continuous sanitation practices. Measures should be taken to manage solid waste effectively, and Mission Bhagiratha officials were instructed to ensure the availability of safe drinking water to all rural residents.

He further advised improving the village drainage systems and constructing soak pits at the final discharge points of waste-

water to create a better environment. Monthly meetings of the District Water and Sanitation Mission and the Rural Water and Sanitation Committee should be held regularly.

He also emphasized the proper management of plastic waste units in villages. The Additional Collector instructed the officials to maintain the village sewerage system effectively and ensure overall village

cleanliness. He assured that there is no shortage of funds and directed the officials to work in coordination and complete the works swiftly.

Participants in the meeting included: DRDA PD Chinnna Obulesu, DPO Ram Mohan Rao, DEO Ramesh Kumar, DAO Chandrasekhar, DWO Rajeshwari, DTWO Firangi, and other officials from concerned departments.

ACB caught Shamirpet SI for accepting Rs 22,000 bribe

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : Anti-Corruption Bureau officials caught M.Parushuram, Sub-Inspector (SI) attached to Shamirpet Police station under Cyberabad Commissionerate when he demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs 22,000 from the complainant.

The SI demanded the bribe from the complainant for showing official favour ? "to exclude the complainant and his worker, from the cheating case registered by the shamirpet police station and to return the complainant's cell phone".

The accused officer had already accepted Rs 2 lakh as bribe from the complainant, ACB said in a release here on Tuesday.

The SI was arrested and produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases court at Nampally here.

The case is under investigation.



Jagini Textiles launches its winter camp

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda town, Apr 29 : The winter camp, jointly run by Jagini Textiles and Jagini Dental Clinic, was inaugurated today by DSP Shivaram Reddy at the premises of Sri Renuka Yellamma Ammavari Temple, Darveshi Puram.

Speaking on the occasion, DSP Shivaram Reddy expressed his happiness and appreciation for the social services of Jagini Venkanna, including the provision of benches for visitors to sit in our office premises and the provision of road barricades for traffic control.

Jagini Textiles Chairman Venkanna said that for the last thirteen years, eleven cold storage centers have been operating in the main squares of the city and other social services have been provided to the people. He said that we are providing free medical services to the poor people through our Jagini Dental Hospital.

In this program, Adireddy CI, temple chairman Venkat Reddy, former chairman Gopal Reddy, EO Jaya Ramaiah, temple priests Shravan, ASI Narsihama Reddy, Upender Reddy, Srihar, Jagal Reddy, Ravi, Venkatesh, temple, police personnel, devotees and others participated.



Bhu Bharati Act a boon for farmers : Government Whip, Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas

(Capital Information)
Rajanna Siricilla, Apr 29 : VIP, Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, who participated in the Bhu Bharati awareness conference in Konaraopet Mandal Nizamabad, Rajanna Siricilla District, participated. Speaking on this occasion, the government whip said that the Bhu Bharati Act is a boon for farmers. An awareness conference on the Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Act 2025 prepared by the state government was organized

in Konaraopet Mandal Nizamabad, and Government Whip, Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, and Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha attended and spoke as the chief guests.

First, the Collector explained various aspects of the Dharani Act and the Bhu Bharati Act. The whip spoke on this occasion. He said that the Bhu Bharati Act was enacted in the presence of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and other ministers. He said that an

awareness seminar will be held for the people in the presence of District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha for a few days. He said that we have been unable to get ownership rights for a few years.

He explained that there was an assignment committee in the past, but it was removed with the Dharani Act. He criticized that the Dharani Act was formed without proper planning. He reminded that farmers faced a lot of difficulties as the lands bought by their grandparents were again held by their eld-

ers due to the Dharani Act. He clarified that his government has implemented every scheme that is beneficial for the poor. He said that in the public government, free bus travel for women mothers, free electricity, and 500 cylinders are being supplied.

He said that rice is being distributed to the poor like nowhere else in the country. He said that loans of up to 2 lakhs have been waived off to farmers at a time, and the SC classification, which has been a dream for decades, has been implemented. He

said that some more programs need to be implemented and they should be implemented soon.

He explained that Rajiv Yuva Vikasam is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to the youth. He said that through this, employment opportunities are being provided to about 5 lakh youth. He said that the government's goal is to make the farmer a king. AMC Chairman Yellaiah, Tehsildar Varalakshmi and others participated in the program.

Uddandapur Reservoir : Collector Orders Fast-Track Rehabilitation for Displaced Families

(Capital Information)
Mhabubnagar, Apr 29 : District Collector Vijayaendra Booi has directed officials to expedite the development of rehabilitation colonies with full infrastructure for families displaced by the Uddandapur Reservoir project.

Chairing a high-level review meeting on Tuesday at the Collectorate's conference hall, the Collector met with officials from Revenue, Irrigation, Survey and Land Records, and other relevant departments. He emphasized the immediate need to complete the rehabilitation process for displaced residents from Vallur, Uddandapur, Tummala Kunta Tanda,

Regadi Patti Tanda, Chinagutta Tanda, Shama Gadda Tanda, Onti Gudise Tanda, and Polepally agricultural fields.

Collector Booi instructed

that all award recipients should be allotted 300-square-yard residential plots, along with the provision of essential amenities. These include a Primary Health

Centre, schools, Anganwadi centres, a veterinary hospital, community halls, parks, an overhead water tank, and water pipelines under Mission Bhagiratha.

He urged departments to ensure Mission Bhagiratha pipeline works are completed within the given timeframe and called for close coordination among all departments to speed up the execution of infrastructure works.

The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) Mohan Rao, Special Collector (Land Acquisition) Madhusudan Naik, RDO Naveen, and other key officials from the concerned departments.



Maha presents draft guidelines to HC to enhance child safety in schools

Mumbai Apr 29 (UNI) The Maharashtra government has presented draft guidelines intended to enhance child safety in schools throughout the state to the Bombay High Court, a lawyer said here on Tuesday.

The government response came during a hearing of a petition related to the sexual assault of two underage girls at a Badlapur school last year.

Arguing before a division bench comprising justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Dr Neela Gokhale on Monday, public prosecutor Prajakta Shinde presented the draft resolution.

Shinde informed the court that although the guidelines include general safety protocols for schools throughout Maharashtra, distinct policies for Anganwadis and Ashram schools are still in development and will necessitate separate approval.

The committee's extensive suggestions, including

thorough staff background investigation, improved transport safety protocols, extensive campus monitoring, and teacher development initiatives, serve as the foundation of the proposed policy.

Earlier the Bombay HC had ordered the state government to form an 18-member expert committee to recommend specific safety measures.

Meanwhile, the court also designated advocate Rebecca Gonsalves as amicus curiae (a neutral advisor to a court) to examine the draft and verify that the committee's recommendations have been entirely included.



TO COMBAT CHILD MARRIAGE ON AKSHAYA TRITIYA : DR. BANDI SAYANNA, PRESIDENT, SCOPE

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Apr 29 : Faith leaders in Telangana, Sangareddy, Jangaon and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts to Combat Child Marriage on Akshaya Tritiya.

- Spandana Cultural Organisation for Progressive Education (SCOPE) and faith leaders from different faiths have come together to create mass awareness campaign to ensure that no child marriage takes place during the upcoming wedding season, especially on Akshaya Tritiya.
- Faith leaders and SCOPE together declared that child marriage is a serious crime, and anyone involved—including those solemnising or facilitating

the marriage—can be held legally accountable and face imprisonment.

- The overwhelming and unprecedented support from faith leaders is expected to ensure that this Akshaya Tritiya will be marked by zero child marriages across Sangareddy, Jangaon and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, Telangana reinforcing the community's commitment to protecting children's rights.
- SCOPE is a grassroots organization working on Child Marriage Free India (CMFI), a flagship campaign spearheaded by Just Rights for Children (JRC)—a network of over

250 NGOs working across 416 districts to safeguard child rights and end child marriage across India.

In a landmark initiative to prevent child marriages during the upcoming festival of Akshaya Tritiya and the ongoing wedding season, faith leaders from across different religions in Sangareddy, Jangaon and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts have joined the awareness campaign led by SCOPE, under the banner of Child Marriage Free India (CMFI). With faith leaders publicly pledging their support, SCOPE is confident that no child marriage will take place in any temple, mosque, church, gurdwara, or other religious establishment across the district.

As part of the campaign, posters and banners have been prominently displayed at places of worship, carrying clear messages that child marriage will not be permitted on their premises. CMFI, supported by Just Rights for Children (JRC), is a national movement committed to ending child marriage in India by 2030 through legal intervention, mass awareness at scale, and community mobilisation.

Just Rights for Children (JRC) is the world's largest legal intervention network for child protection and the driving force behind CMFI. Over the past two years, through this campaign, over two lakh child marriages have been stopped and more than five

crore people have pledged to stand against child marriage.

In Sangareddy, Jangaon and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, SCOPE—a partner of CMFI and JRC—has worked closely with district authorities, faith leaders, and communities. Through timely legal interventions, family counselling, and widespread awareness programs, they have prevented/ stopped over 3 lakhs child marriages. All partner NGOs are implementing the strategic framework outlined in JRC Founder Bhuvan Ribhu's 2023 book, When Children Have Children: Tipping Point to End Child Marriage, which also aligns with the recent Supreme Court of India's

guidelines (2024) to eradicate child marriage nationwide.

Buoyed by the immense support from faith leaders, Sangareddy, Jangaon and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, Dr. Bandi Sayanna, President/Director of Spandana Cultural Organisation for Progressive Education (SCOPE), said, "This is a crucial step forward in our fight to end the heinous crime of child marriage. While the laws exist, what we often lack is widespread awareness. Many people are still unaware that child marriage is a criminal offense in our country. They do not realize that simply attending, performing, or providing any kind of service at a child marriage can lead to imprisonment. However, with the strong support of faith leaders—without whom no marriage can take place—we are confident that this Akshaya Tritiya will be truly auspicious, marked by the absence of any child marriage in the district."

"The director further said that the SCOPE-NGO has explained to the priests and faith leaders that child marriage is impeding rape and no faith can allow such a crime. Without their support, no community can perform a child marriage and so as the faith leaders extend their unwavering support, the SCOPE-NGO is confident that no child marriage will be performed on Akshaya Tritiya in the districts this year.

Ensure Employment Guarantee Works for All Eligible : Srirama Venkateswara Rao

(Capital Information)
Sathupalli, Apr 29 : Srirama Venkateswara Rao, District President of the SC/ST Protection and Development Society, urged that all eligible individuals with job cards be provided employment under the Employment Guarantee Scheme. He also emphasized the need to identify and issue job cards to eligible individuals who do not yet have one, thus ensuring employment opportunities for them.

In a press release, he requested authorities to set up tents and deploy ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives) at work sites

during the summer to monitor the health of laborers. He criticized the current state of implementation as being merely symbolic and said sanitation

issues in villages remain serious.

He suggested using employment guarantee works to remove wild weed growth in open areas near residential houses, which would help reduce mosquito-borne problems. Additionally, he recommended clearing garbage from clogged drains to promote greenery and cleanliness.

With the rainy season approaching, he stressed the need to clear canals of waste blockages, so that rainwater can reach agricultural fields and benefit farmers during cultivation.



Structure Committee Meetings held in Kothagudem Area

(Capital Information)
Kothagudem, Apr 29 : separate Structure Committee meetings were held at the Conference Hall of the General Manager's Office, Kothagudem Area, with the representatives of recognized and representative trade unions.

Shri M. Shalem Raju, General Manager of Kothagudem Area, participated in the meetings. During the discussions, the union committee members submitted various demands, which were thoroughly discussed with the concerned officials present. The GM directed the officials to examine the feasibility of the demands



and take necessary steps to resolve issues that are within the area's administrative scope at the earliest.

From AITUC Union V. Mallikharjuna Rao – Branch Secretary, J. Gattaiah – Asst

Branch Secretary, Samudrala Sudhakar – Sathupalli Area Representative, From INTUC Union INTUC Md. Razaq – Vice President, T. Nagaraju – Branch Executive Member, K. Sammaiah –

Structure Committee Member, From Management GV Kotireddy – SOTU GM, Ch. Rama Krishna – AGM (Civil), B. Ravinder – Agent, Padmavathi Mine, B. Shiva Keshava Rao – DGM (Personnel), M. Sri Ramesh – Project Officer, GK OC, M.V. Narasimha rao – Project Officer, Kistaram OC, N. Yohan – DGM (IED), T. Sreekanth – DGM (E&M), Area Workshop, Lakshmana murthy – Area Stores In-charge, K. Sesha Sri – IT Manager, Sk Karimulla – RCHP In-charge, Majji Murali – Senior Personnel Officer and others were participated.

Editorial We are modernising education system to meet the needs of 21st century

Stating that the youth hold the key to a nation's future, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday emphasized the crucial role of education in shaping their readiness for the challenges ahead and said that the government is modernising the country's education system to meet the needs of the 21st century.

Addressing the YUGM Innovation Conclave here, the Prime Minister said that the New National Education Policy which has been designed with global education standards in mind had brought significant changes to the Indian education system, an official statement said.

He highlighted the creation of AI-based and scalable digital education infrastructure platform 'One Nation, One Digital Education Infrastruc-

ture' under PM e-Vidya and DIKSHA platforms, enabling the preparation of textbooks in over 30 Indian languages and seven foreign languages.

Modi said the National Credit Framework has made it easier for students to study diverse subjects simultaneously, providing modern education and opening new career paths. He emphasised the importance of strengthening India's research ecosystem to achieve national goals, highlighting the doubling of gross expenditure on R&D from Rs 60,000 crore in 2013-14 to over Rs 1.25 lakh crore, the establishment of state-of-the-art research parks, and the creation of Research and Development Cells in nearly 6,000 higher education institutions.

He spoke on the rapid development of an innovation cul-

ture in India, citing the increase in patent filings from around 40,000 in 2014 to over 80,000, reflecting the support provided by the intellectual property ecosystem to the youth.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the establishment of Rs 50,000 crore National Research Foundation, designed to strengthen the research culture along with the One Nation, One Subscription initiative, which has made world-class research journals accessible to students in higher education. He also stressed the significance of the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship in enabling talented individuals to pursue their academic and professional goals without barriers.

Modi said that today's youth are not only excelling in Research & Development but

have also become ready and disruptive, highlighting the transformative contributions of India's young generation to research across various sectors.

He cited milestones like the commissioning of the world's longest hyperloop test track, a 422-meter hyperloop developed at IIT Madras in collaboration with Indian Railways.

Stating that "The trinity of Talent, Temperament and Technology will transform India's future", Prime Minister spoke about the initiatives such as Atal Tinkering Labs, with 10,000 labs already operational, and the announcement of 50,000 more in this year's budget to provide early exposure to children.

Underscoring the importance of meeting the goal of a developed India within the next 25 years, Modi said, "It is

crucial that the journey from idea to prototype to product is completed in the shortest time possible".

He said that reducing the distance from lab to market will ensure faster delivery of research outcomes to the people, motivate researchers, and provides tangible incentives for their work. This accelerates the cycle of research, innovation, and value addition.

He called for a robust research ecosystem, urging academic institutions, investors, and industry to support and guide researchers.

Emphasising the need to consistently promote AI, quantum computing, advanced analytics, space tech, health tech, and synthetic biology, Modi highlighted India's leading position in AI development and adoption.

He mentioned the launch of the India-AI Mission to build world-class infrastructure, high-quality datasets, and research facilities.

The Prime Minister reiterated the commitment to the vision of "Make AI in India" and the goal to "Make AI work for India." He further noted the budgetary decision to expand IIT seat capacities and introduce Meditech courses, combining medical and technology education, in collaboration with IITs and AIIMS.

Modi appealed the timely completion of these initiatives, with a focus on positioning India among the "best in the world" in future technologies.

Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Jitendra Singh, Jayant Chaudhary, Sukanta Majumdar were present on the occasion.

SC dismisses plea against slum demolition in Ahmedabad

New Delhi, Apr 29 (UNI) The Supreme Court dismissed a litigant's plea challenging demolition undertaken for redevelopment purposes in a slum area of Ahmedabad in Gujarat, .

However, the Court granted the petitioner liberty to submit a comprehensive representation to the competent authority seeking "sympathetic reconsideration" for a larger alternative accommodation.

A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh heard the matter. Earlier, while ordering the status quo, the Court had directed Advocate-on-Record (AoR) Sumitra Kumari Choudhary, representing the petitioner, to obtain instructions regarding relocation requirements for the redevelopment

project.

The Court had also suggested the petitioner accept the alternative accommodation being offered and assured it would consider the issue of any rent differential.

During the hearing today, Choudhary submitted that the petitioner had not been informed why their objections to a Public Notice concerning the slum area were rejected.

Justice Kant, however, pointed out that 508 beneficiaries had already shifted to alternative accommodation under the rehabilitation scheme. "You allow this project to continue," Justice Kant told Choudhary.

Government Pleader Gursaran H. Virk, appearing for the State, informed the Court that out of 741 occupiers of unauthorised slum structures,

740 had accepted the rehabilitation offer, and only the petitioner's family continued to object.

Highlighting the grievance, Choudhary argued that the alternative accommodation being provided was merely 225 sq ft compared to the petitioner's existing 2,000 sq ft residence, questioning, "How is it rehabilitation fit for human...?" Justice Kant responded, "That, we can't satisfy everybody's claim."

Dictating the order, the Court said, "We are not inclined to interfere with the ongoing project. The special leave petition is accordingly dismissed. However, it will not preclude the petitioners from submitting a comprehensive



representation to the competent authority for sympathetic reconsideration of the requirement of a larger area to be offered to them. Such representation shall be examined in accordance with the rehabilitation scheme."

The matter pertains to 49 slum dwellers occupying premises in Chharanagar,

Ahmedabad, who had approached the Gujarat High Court challenging a Public Notice dated January 29, 2025.

The notice had directed the slum dwellers to vacate within 30 days under Sections 11 and 13 of the Gujarat Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance, and Redevelopment)

Act, 1973.

The petitioners sought quashing of the notice, application of the State's Slum Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy to their cases, and action against officers responsible for demolitions carried out on March 20, 2025.

They alleged that notices were not served individually, but only published generally, and claimed insufficient time was provided to vacate, violating the Slum Act.

The State countered that the area had been declared a "slum area" in 2019 due to unsafe living conditions. Following this, a redevelopment project was initiated, objections were invited and duly considered, and the Chharanagar area was declared a "Slum Clearance Area."

It was contended that the

petitioners approached the Court belatedly to delay the project, whereas most residents had already accepted rehabilitation.

The Gujarat High Court, rejecting the plea, found that the action taken was in accordance with the Slum Act, noting that 508 beneficiaries were already residing in rented accommodations awaiting permanent housing.

The High Court emphasised that construction of new residential blocks was well underway, and eligible slum dwellers would receive quality housing post-redevelopment.

Nevertheless, showing some indulgence, the High Court had granted 30 days to the slum dwellers willing to vacate voluntarily, provided they submitted an undertaking to the competent authority.

Akshaya Tritiya : A festival of prosperity, virtue and beginnings

Akshaya Tritiya, also known as 'Akha Teej', is a very holy festival celebrated on the Tritiya Tithi of Shukla Paksha of Vaishakh month according to the Hindu calendar. 'Akshaya' means that which never decays (destroys). This is the reason why this day is considered very fruitful for auspicious works, charity, investment and new beginnings. This day is especially dedicated to the worship of Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Vishnu. It is believed that by worshipping, fasting and donating with a true heart on this day, not only happiness and prosperity are attained in the present life, but also Akshaya Punya is attained for the next births. According to the Puranas, Satya Yuga and Treta Yuga started on this day. Lord Parshuram was also born on this day. It is mentioned in the Mahabharata that on this day Yudhishtira received the Akshaya Patra, due to which there was never a shortage of food grains. Akshaya Tritiya is considered extremely auspicious for works like marriage, house-warming, starting a business, buying property, or gold-silver or land investment. On this day, work can be started even without any Muhurta.

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India is a land of festivals, where every festival is associated with some deep cultural, religious and spiritual sentiment. One of these festivals is Akshaya Tritiya, also known as 'Akha Teej'. This festival not only holds religious significance but also plays a special role from the social, economic and cultural points of view. The virtuous deeds, charity, chanting, fasting and service work done on this day are considered to give 'Akshaya', i.e., indestructible fruits. This day is especially considered an abujh muhurat (best auspicious time) due to both the Sun and the Moon being in the high zodiac sign, so any auspicious work can be

done on this day even without astrological consultation.

There are many mythological events associated with Akshaya Tritiya, which make this day extremely sacred. Lord Parashurama was born on this day, so it is also celebrated as Parashurama Jayanti. On this day, Yudhishtira received the 'Akshaya Patra' from Lord Surya, which never got empty. Vyas ji and Ganesh ji started writing the Mahabharata on this day. Kubera received immense wealth by worshipping Goddess Lakshmi on this day. Lord Vishnu incarnated on this day in the forms of Nar-Narayan, Hayagriva and Parashurama.

On this day, devotees take baths in Ganga, do charity, fast and do puja. Special worship is done of Goddess Lakshmi-Narayan. Buying gold is considered a special tradition of this day because it is a symbol of 'Akshaya Sampatti'. In the puja, water is filled in a copper pot

and offered to Lord Vishnu. Kheer, fruits, and Panchamrit are offered. Food, clothes, water and money are donated to the poor and Brahmins. Feeding girls is considered very pious.

In many parts of India, this day is also associated with the agricultural cycle. Farmers consider it a day to sow seeds and wish for a new crop. In Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra, the tradition of Kanyadan and marriage is especially prevalent on this day.

It is considered auspicious to buy gold on this day. Jewellery companies, banks and investment companies see this day as an opportunity. People start new businesses, buy houses, land or vehicles and invest in gold, silver, stocks or mutual funds. It is not only a symbol of religious faith but also a symbol of the coordination of people's economic understanding and tradition.

Traditionally, Akshaya Tritiya has been a festival of balance and harmony

with nature. It falls at the beginning of the summer season, when activities like water conservation, tree planting, and keeping water for birds are promoted. Many social organisations run water banking and green campaigns on this day. It is a break from the hustle and bustle of urban life, which gives us an opportunity to reconnect with nature once again.

In today's times when people are increasingly turning to consumerism and rushing, Akshaya Tritiya reminds us of spiritual balance, compassion and the continuity of good deeds. This festival teaches that it is not only external possessions but also eternal values – truth, compassion, charity and dharma – that enrich life.

Akshaya Tritiya is not just a festival but a celebration of sensitivity, virtue and positive beginnings.



PRIYANKA SAURABH
Research Scholar in Political Science,
Hisar, Haryana.

This day reminds us that whatever good deed we do in life, it should lead not only towards material but also towards spiritual and moral progress. Today, when we celebrate Akshaya Tritiya, make a promise to ourselves – that we should leave behind something 'Akshaya' not only for ourselves but also for society and the environment.

"Whoever serves water, plants trees with love, May there be eternal happiness in his life."

Meghalaya signs MoU with MeitY for integrating Garo and Khasi languages into BHASHINI platform

Shillong, April 29 (UNI) In a landmark step towards linguistic inclusion and technological advancement, the Meghalaya government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India Bhashini Division of Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for the launch and integration of Garo and KHASI languages into the BHASHINI platform.

The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Chief Minister, Conrad Sangma, and Arts and Culture Minister, Paul Lyngdoh. Also present were distinguished members of the Khasi Literature Society and A'chik Literature Society.

BHASHINI, a flagship initiative under the Digital India

programme, envisions leveraging cutting-edge natural language technologies to build a diverse and inclusive ecosystem that transcends language barriers. Already implemented in 22 Indian languages, the inclusion of Garo and Khasi will now enable Meghalaya to join a select group of states making their indigenous languages digitally accessible across the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma expressed his pride, while stating, "Who could imagine that one day, through the power of Artificial Intelligence, we would be able not only to digitally translate what we say but also what we mean? Technology today has reached a level that was once unimaginable. This step will



have a profound impact across all aspects of society and governance, from grassroots communication to enhancing tourism, entrepreneurship, education, and healthcare."

Highlighting the broader

implications, he added, "This initiative will revolutionize how government departments communicate and engage with citizens. It will open new opportunities for entrepreneurs and help in making governance more inclusive and

effective. I encourage everyone to use technology to forward job creation, innovation, and entrepreneurship."

As part of the initial implementation, a State Language Mission for Bhashini has been constituted under the leadership of the Chief Secretary D.P. Wahlang. The Mission will ensure seamless integration, research, and the continued development of digital resources for Garo and Khasi languages, including the incorporation of distinct alphabets and dialectal nuances.

The Chief Minister emphasised that while technology will facilitate overcoming challenges, it is critical to preserve the essence of indigenous languages and cultures.

"Language is our identity. Culture defines who we are.

While we embrace technology, we must never forget our roots. Our government is committed to research, conservation, and documentation of the languages, cultures, and histories of all tribes and communities in Meghalaya," Sangma added.

Discussions are also ongoing to explore deeper historical and cultural connections between the tribes of Meghalaya and those in other regions such as Myanmar and Cambodia, the chief minister informed.

The Bhashini app has Khasi language incorporated just recently into the Bhashini App and will mature after getting inputs from the stat, however the Garo language is in the process of being built in AI model form, the data is being

collected now. The MoU with Meghalaya state will speed up and act as a catalyst in adding Garo in Bhashini App, and of course to mature Khasi language.

Experts say that the initiative is a significant milestone and step towards integration of Garo and Khasi languages and brings about cultural integration and intellectual exchange of ideas and thoughts, will promote tourism and rural innovation and last mile connectivity and integration.

CEO Digital India Bhashini Division, Amitabh Nag and Commissioner Secretary, IT Department Pravin Bakshi signed the MoU for implementation of the initiative in the state.

21-yr-old Indian student, daughter of AAP leader, found dead in Ottawa

Ottawa/New Delhi, Apr 29 (UNI) A 21-year-old Indian student in Ottawa, Canada, the daughter of an AAP leader from Punjab, has been found dead.

Vanshika Saini, the daughter of AAP leader Davinder Saini, was from Dera Bassi in Punjab. She had gone missing since April 25. Her body was found on the beach near her college.

The Indian High Commission in Ottawa said on X that the matter is under investigation.

"We are deeply saddened to be informed of the death of Ms. Vanshika, student from India in Ottawa.

"The matter has been taken up with concerned authorities and the cause is under investigation as per local police.

"We are in close contact with the bereaved kin and local community associations to provide all possible assis-



tance. "A massive search effort had been underway since the student, Vanshika, went missing on April 25."

Earlier, the HCI posted about her going missing.

"HCI Ottawa is in touch with local partner Indo Canadian community associations and concerned authorities regarding a missing person

alert for an Indian student in Ottawa. If any one has any information, please provide the same to the contacts as given below", it said with links to its facebook page.

Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Congress Lok Sabha MP from Amritsar, condoled the death on X:

"Deeply saddened by the tragic and mysterious death

of Vanshika Saini a bright student from Derabassi, Punjab, found dead in Ottawa. My thoughts are with her family, especially her father Mr Devinder Singh ji of @AamAadmi-Party.

"U r g i n g @HCI_Ottawa & Canadian authorities for a thorough, transparent investigation."

Vanshika had been studying in Ottawa for the past two and a half years.

A grieving Davinder Saini, an aide to AAP MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa, told the media:

"My daughter Vanshika went to Ottawa in 2023... She wanted to win big in life... The last I talked to her was on 25

April when she was on her way to work... On the morning of 26 April, I received a message that she has gone missing... She was preparing for her IELTS exam."

According to reports, she had left her residence at 7 Majestic Drive between 8 and 9 pm to check out a rental room. Her phone was reportedly switched off by 11:40 pm the same night.

Alarm bells were raised the next day when she failed to show up for the IELTS examination.

Worried by her sudden disappearance, the Hindu community in Ottawa wrote a formal letter to the Ottawa Police urging immediate intervention.

Vanshika had left for Canada after completing her Class 12. She had finished her final examinations on April 18 and was pursuing a part-time job at a call center in Ottawa.

Look forward to strengthening ties: PM Modi congratulates Canadian PM Mark Carney on poll victory

New Delhi, Apr 29 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today congratulated Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Liberal Party on winning the country's federal election.

In a post on X, PM Modi said he looks forward to working with the Canadian PM to strengthen the bilateral partnership and unlock greater opportunities for their people.

"Congratulations @MarkJCarney on your election as the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Liberal Party on their victory.

"India and Canada are bound by shared democratic values, a steadfast commitment to the rule of law, and vibrant people-to-people ties.

"I look forward to working with you to strengthen our partnership and unlock greater opportunities for our people."

Notably, bilateral ties between India and Canada had soured greatly under Carney's predecessor, Justin Trudeau, who unabashedly pandered to the Khalistani elements in the ruling alliance in hurling accusations at India and hurting the ties.



Vaishno Devi yatra progressing smoothly

Jammu, Apr 29 (UNI) Days after the Pahalgam terror attack, the rush of Vaishno Devi pilgrims has started increasing at Katra town, the base camp of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine nestled in the Trikuta Hills of Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

A local resident among 26 tourists was killed in a terrorist attack in Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam on April 22.

Post attack, the yatra to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine witnessed a sudden dip that led to around 40 per cent of cancellation in the hotel bookings, tour operators said.

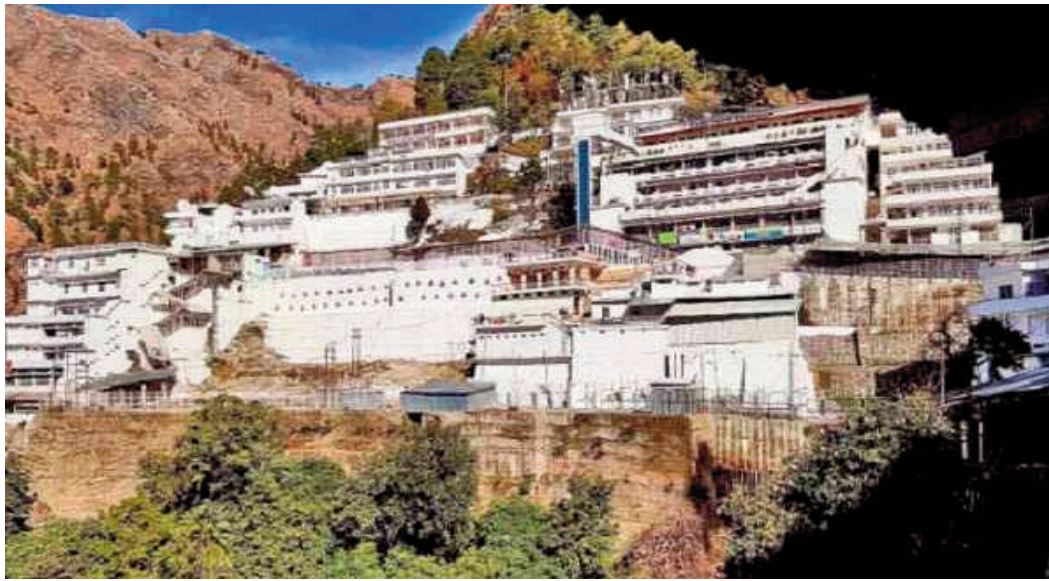
"After the unfortunate Pahalgam attack, the hotel bookings were cancelled as pilgrims preferred to reach their hometowns," Rakesh Wazir, President, Katra Hotels Association here told UNI.

But, he said that the hotel booking has started revising with gradual increase in the number of pilgrims reaching Katra, he said, adding "the yatra figures have started improving."

"We urge the pilgrims from across the country and worldwide to fearlessly visit Katra town and seek blessings of 'Maa Bhagwati' at the cave Shrine," Wazir said.

He hoped that from next month, the yatra will witness a surge in view of the summer vacations, adding, "pilgrims have already started booking hotels, lodges and guest houses in advance, which is an indication to a great start of the season ahead."

"Jammu and Kashmir is a blend of culture and picturesque destinations and apart from this, pilgrimage tourism makes this region more



unique," he stated.

To ensure pilgrim safety and facilitate smooth yatra regulation, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has instructed to operationalize the Integrated Command

and Control Centre (ICCC) by the first week of May at Katra town, the base camp of Vaishno Devi Shrine.

Chief Executive Officer, (SMVDSB), Anshul Garg on April 25 chaired a meeting

and assessed security and operational preparedness of the Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage.

Over 3.5 lakh devotees from across India and abroad visited the shrine during the

Chaitra Navratra from March 30 to April 7 and more than 25 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance till mid-April at the Shrine.

Garg also posted on X that six lakh pilgrims visited Vaishno Devi Shrine in the first half of April with 35,000 plus figures registered on 12 days and the Yatra figure for 2025 in the said period crossed 25 lakh.

The CEO said that a robust security grid across all key sectors of the shrine relies on the timely activation of the ICCC as this centre will enable real-time monitoring, swift response to emergencies and effective coordination among security agencies through a network of 700 CCTV cameras. These equipment are equipped with features such as gesture recognition, face recognition, PTZ and such others as

per operational requirements.

He also urged all concerned quarters to strictly follow the deadline to ensure a safe and secure yatra.

The meeting also highlighted the need for seamless communication and data exchange to prevent security breaches while strategies to verify the credentials of 'pithoo' and 'ponywallas' to prevent impersonation.

The meeting also explored deployment of additional security personnel, area domination and the use of drones and other advanced technologies to monitor the Shrine and surrounding areas.

"The geo-fencing technology to enhance security at the shrine area is also essential for optimizing resources and improving the shrine management," said Garg.

Kharge, Rahul urge PM to call special session of Parliament

New Delhi, Apr 29 (UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi have urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convene a special session of Parliament "at the earliest" to deal with the situation arising out of the brutal terror attack in J&K's Pahalgam.

In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, Kharge said, "At this moment, when unity and solidarity is essential, Opposition believes that it is important to convene a special session of both



Houses of Parliament at the earliest".

He said, "This will be a powerful demonstration of our collective resolve and will to deal with the brutal terror attack in Pahalgam on inno-



cent citizens 22 April 2025. It is our fond hope that the session will be accordingly convened".

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi in his letter to Modi said that at this critical time,

India must show that "we always stand together against terrorism".

"The terrorist attack in Pahalgam has outraged every Indian. At this critical time, India must show that we will always stand together against terrorism," Rahul said.

"The Opposition believes that a special session of both Houses of Parliament should be convened, where the representatives of the people can show their unity and determination," the former Congress president said.

Fire dept fails to control Mumbai Croma showroom blaze on time: Zeeshan Siddique

Mumbai Apr 29 (UNI) NCP leader Zeeshan Siddique on Tuesday alleged that the fire department has failed to control the blaze on time that broke out at the Mumbai Croma showroom located in the Link Square Mall in Bandra.

A fire broke out early Tuesday morning at the Croma showroom, basement of Link Square Mall, was declared a Level-III fire, indicating a serious situation.

Speaking to the mediapersons, NCP leader Zeeshan Siddique said, "We have been



here since 4 AM. The fire department has failed to control the fire... It could have easily been controlled initially, but the fire officers were ill-equipped. There was just a small spark in the basement of the Croma store, and it could have been

easily controlled if action had been taken in time. However, the fire officers were not properly equipped, and even when they had the necessary equipment, they didn't use it correctly."

He also pointed out that there was no presence of fire brigade or police officials when he arrived.

We kept requesting them to supply more water, but nothing was done. Even when some parts of the store were still burning, they were unable to handle the situation, he added.

UP advances on the path of progress, journey will continue uninterrupted : Yogi

Lucknow, Apr 29 (UNI) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that Uttar Pradesh has taken bold and decisive strides towards development over the past eight years, in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership.

Speaking at an event organised here, the CM assured that this journey of transformation will continue uninterrupted, untiring and unwavering. "UP today boasts the country's largest expressway network and operates the highest number of metro systems. It has the most extensive railway infrastructure, is home to India's first rapid rail service and hosts the nation's first inland waterway. Besides, UP is leading in over 45 flagship schemes of the central government, showcasing the emergence of a 'New UP' in sync with the aspirations of a 'New India'," he said.

He said that while UP was ranked seventh in terms of economic strength in 2017, it has now emerged as the second-largest economy in the country. "UP is firmly on the path to becoming a 1 trillion dollars economy by 2029, making it India's leading economic powerhouse," he said.

Yogi said that UP, India's most populous state, is also the heart and soul of the nation. "Yet, in the past, those in

power lacked a development-oriented vision and failed to recognise the potential of this land. Instead, they imposed their narrow agendas, pushing the state into an identity crisis," he said.

He said, "Before 2014, despite its vast potential, UP was plagued by neglect, youths were disillusioned, farmers were driven to despair, labourers suffered hunger and the safety of women and businessmen was compromised. Festivals were celebrated in fear rather than joy. Once seen as a land of opportunity, UP had begun to be regarded as a 'BIMARU' state," he said.

The CM said that those in power before 2017 actively hindered progress. "They sabotaged central schemes and prevented meaningful change. In contrast, today's UP is determined, forward-looking, and committed to realising its full potential under a government that puts development first," they said.

He said that UP's transformational journey began in earnest in 2017 when the people of the state, responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call, gave a historic mandate to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "Since then, the state has made significant strides in development and progress," he said.



Yogi said, "Our government has constructed homes for 56 lakh poor families across UP, cutting across caste and community lines, be it Dalits, backward classes, minorities or others. We do not divide citizens into caste groups, for us, every citizen is a part of our larger family and their prosperity is our mission. Working in the spirit of PM Modi's mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, the government has built trust among people, leading to visible transformations across all sectors."

He said, "From initiating a loan waiver for farmers and ensuring that every needy person receives a ration card to extending central and state schemes equitably to every section of society, the government has prioritised inclusive development. Law and order have been significantly

strengthened and issues tied to UP's identity and heritage have been actively addressed."

The CM said that the MSME sector, once nearly deserted due to previous governments' apathy, has witnessed a revival under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative launched in 2018. "ODOP has become a national symbol of Swadeshi pride and self-reliance. Earlier, Chinese goods dominated the market during Diwali and other festivals. Today, people proudly gift ODOP items, supporting local artisans and generating domestic employment," he said.

He said, "During Covid crisis, UP was the first state to reopen its MSME units, creating work opportunities for over 40 lakh artisans and workers. Today, people across all segments find employment suited

to their needs, ensuring widespread economic participation."

He said that his government adopted a policy of zero tolerance toward crime, criminals, corruption and the corrupt from day one. "The results are evident, citizens feel secure and festivals are celebrated peacefully, unlike the fear-ridden atmosphere before 2017," he said.

Yogi said that UP has become riot-free, with a strong security ecosystem that has attracted tourists and pilgrims across India and the world. "Where only a few lakh tourists visited UP annually before 2017, we are now witnessing a tourism boom. During the recent Maha Kumbh, over 66 crore devotees arrived. This year, the number of tourists in the state is projected to cross 100 crore," he said.

He emphasised that spiritual tourism is a reflection of faith and a powerful engine for economic growth and employment generation. "The synergy between devotion and development was visible during the Maha Kumbh. Unfortunately, before 2017, no one cared to explore these possibilities. The political leadership of the time lacked

the vision, this was simply not on their agenda," he said.

The CM said that before 2017, UP was plagued by lawlessness where women and business owners lived in fear and riots had become routine. "Every second or third day, a new riot would erupt. Then, the government surrendered completely to the mafia. Be it the mining mafia, land mafia, forest mafia, animal mafia or organised criminal networks, they dictated how the state was run. The administration was powerless and the common citizen bore the brunt," he said.

In stark contrast, he said that the past eight years under the 'double engine government' have brought about a historic transformation. "Today, UP is free of mafias, free of riots and free of criminal intimidation. It has emerged not just as a top destination for tourism, especially spiritual tourism, but also as one of India's most investment-friendly states," he said.

Yogi highlighted the journey of UP's economic resurgence. "The first Investors Summit in 2017 seemed like a distant dream, but we made it a reality. We received investment proposals worth Rs 4.67 lakh crore at that time. Fast forward to 2023 and the proposals have touched Rs

40 lakh crore. This transformation didn't happen by chance, it happened through consistent effort and reform," he said.

He asserted that today, UP offers an environment where no farmer is pushed to suicide, no one dies of hunger, no youth is forced to migrate in search of work and no daughter or entrepreneur has to beg for safety. "Investors today cannot be coerced or intimidated. Our transparent, single-window system powered by technology ensures ease of doing business and allows everyone to contribute to the state's and nation's progress," he said.

The CM said that the same potential existed in 2017 as well, but narrow, caste-based, and family-centric agendas drove earlier governments. "Their vision never extended beyond their own families," he said.

He said, "Today, the change is visible if you visit any city or village in UP. The garbage heaps of the past have vanished and a spirit of cleanliness now drives every community. This transformation has not only improved sanitation but also restored women's dignity, ensured every poor household has access to toilets and controlled diseases like encephalitis and malaria."

International Information



Canada's Ruling Liberal Party wins Parliamentary Elections

Ottawa, Apr 29 (UNI) Canada's ruling Liberal Party, led by incumbent Prime Minister Mark Carney, has won the elections, gaining enough seats in the parliament to form a government, the CTV News broadcaster reported on Tuesday.

Carney became the prime minister of Canada on March 14 after Justin Trudeau's resignation and announced early parliamentary elections a week later.

The leader of the winning party will take the post of prime minister.

Iran condemns U.S. lethal airstrikes on Yemen

Tehran, Apr 29 (UNI) Iran's Foreign Ministry on Monday strongly condemned the U.S. deadly airstrikes on Yemen's capital of Sanaa and Saada province, including a center where African migrants were kept.



In a statement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei denounced Sunday's bombings, which killed at least 78 people, including 68 African migrants held at a

detention center in Saada, and wounded dozens of others.

Baghaei described the U.S. military attacks against civilian targets, vital infrastructure and people's houses in different parts of Yemen as "war crimes," "which have killed hundreds of innocent people."

He criticised the United Nations and international human rights organisations for their "silence and indifference towards this flagrant law-breaking and the frequent violations of Yemen's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Baghaei called on Islamic states to take effective actions to stop the killing of Yemen's Muslim people and stop the continuation of Israel's "genocide" in Gaza and the West Bank.

Pro-Khalistani Jagmeet Singh and his NDP suffer humiliating defeat in Canadian elections

Toronto, Apr 29 (UNI) Pro-Khalistani leader Jagmeet Singh, leader of Canada's New Democratic Party (NDP), was defeated in the just-concluded Canadian federal elections and has resigned.

The elections saw Prime Minister Mark Car-

ney's Liberal Party emerge victorious.

Jagmeet Singh was defeated from the Burnaby Central seat in British Co-

lumbia, and his party could get only seven seats in the 343-member new parliament, thus losing its national political party status.

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previous parliament.

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1 killed, over 40 injured in oil tanker explosion in SW Pakistan

Islamabad, Apr 29 (UNI) At least one person was killed and over 40 others were injured when an oil tanker exploded in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province on Monday, police and government officials said.

The incident happened in Noshki district of the province when a fuel tanker parked at a truck depot caught fire, resulting in an explosion and injuring multiple people standing nearby, Noshki Senior Superintendent of Police Hashim Momand told Xinhua.

He said that among the injured were police personnel and fire fighters, who have arrived at the scene to manage the situation and put

out the fire, adding that the injured have been shifted to nearby hospitals.

According to hospital sources, at least 16 people are in critical condition, with

some suffering 70 to 80 percent burns. The severely injured people are being shifted to the provincial capital city of Quetta for better treatment.

The fire was so intense it engulfed the fire brigade vehicle present at the scene and critically injured fire brigade personnel,

Spokesperson for Balochistan Shahid Rind told local media.

"A state of emergency has been declared in all the hospitals in the district ... the incident is unfortunate and investigations are being conducted," Rind added.



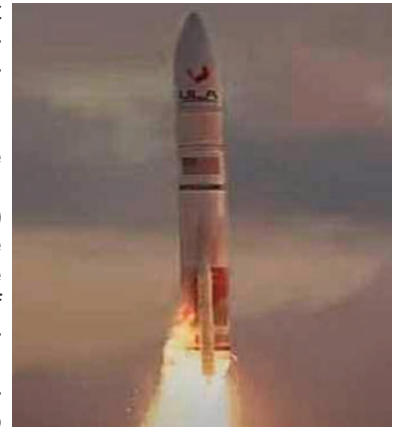
Amazon sends first batch of satellites into space

Los Angeles, Apr 29 (UNI) Amazon launched the first batch of satellites for its "Project Kuiper" on Monday, marking a key step in the company's efforts to expand global broadband access.

The satellites were launched aboard a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in the U.S. state of Florida at 7:01 p.m. Eastern Time.

The mission, code-named "KA-01," plans to deploy 27 satellites at an altitude of 450 kilometers above Earth, according to Amazon.

The mission represents the beginning of Amazon's "Project Kuiper" to deploy a constellation of over 3,000 satellites in low Earth orbit, aimed at delivering high-speed, low-latency internet access to customers and communities worldwide.



21 terrorists killed in western Mali : Army

Bamako, Apr 29 (UNI) The Malian army announced on Monday that it has killed 21 terrorists during an operation in west Mali's Sebabougou area.

Sebabougou is now under control thanks to "airstrikes targeting a terrorist hideout, destroying several of their bases," the army said in a statement.

During their retreat, the terrorists left behind 21 bodies, dozens of weapons with ammunition and accessories, vehicles, and communication equipment, the army said.

"Search operations are continuing to track down the many wounded and fleeing criminals," the army said, adding that five soldiers were injured during the clashes.

IHM-Hyderabad Hosts Prestigious Annual Awards Ceremony for Academic Year 2024-25

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : The renowned Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad (IHM-Hyderabad), a central government institute under the Ministry of Tourism, held its Annual Awards Ceremony for the academic year 2024-25 with grandeur and pride, celebrating academic excellence, placement achievements, and overall student accomplishments. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries from the hospitality, spiritual, and academic sectors, making it a truly inspiring occasion for the budding professionals of the institute.

The ceremony was graced by Sri Pradyumna Krishna Dasa, Spiritual Leader (ISKCON); Mrs. Yamuna Ranga Rao, Founding Principal, IHM-Hyderabad; Dr. Raja Rao, In-charge Principal, Osmania Medical College (OMC), Hyderabad; Mr. Sailesh Mathur, Group Gen-

eral Manager, Hotel Abode; Mr. Pankaj Sampat, President, HRATS, Area Director, IHCL, & GM, Taj Krishna; Mr. Abhishek Menon, General Manager, ITC Kakatiya and Mr. Sanjay Thakur, Principal, IHM-Hyderabad. Other notable guests included Mr. Srinivas Indukuri, Director HR, Taj Krishna & Taj Deccan; Mr. Arnold Lobo, L&D Manager, ITC Kakatiya, Mr. T. Chandra Mohan, Principal, Chennai Amrita and Mr. Karunya Teja, Faculty at Chennai Amrita and a proud alumnus of IHM-Hyderabad.

The ceremony commenced with a soulful Ganesh Vandana, followed by the National Anthem and a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent Pahalgam attack. The dignitaries joined students and faculty in observing a moment of silence in their honour.

Principal Mr. Sanjay Thakur extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and



(L-R) Mr. Sailesh Mathur, Group General Manager, Hotel Abode; Mr. Abhishek Menon, General Manager, ITC Kakatiya; Mr. Pankaj Sampat, President, HRATS, Area Director, IHCL, & GM, Taj Krishna; Dr. Raja Rao, In-charge Principal, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad; Sri Pradyumna Krishna Dasa, Spiritual Leader, ISKCON; Mrs. Yamuna Ranga Rao, Founding Principal, IHM-Hyderabad & Mr. Sanjay Thakur, Principal, IHM-Hyderabad; releasing the IHM-Hyderabad's annual magazine 'Cackle'; at the Annual Awards Ceremony hosted by Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad (IHM-Hyderabad), at its premises at DD Colony, today.

expressed his heartfelt gratitude. Our Heads of Departments felicitated the guests, and Mr. Thakur reaffirmed the institute's dedication to nurturing future leaders in the hospitality industry.

Academic achievers of the institute and exceptional sports performers from catering colleges across the city were honoured during the event as a part of the Yamuna Ranga Rao Trophy: Inter-College Sports Meet. The win-

ners received their awards from Mrs. Yamuna Ranga Rao, herself. Another highlight of the evening was the felicitation of winners from the Inter-collegiate Flower Arrangement Competition, who were applauded for their creativity and excellence on stage. This chapter of the competition saw participation from hoteliers in the Professional Category, which was won by Dolphin Hotels.

A proud moment for the in-

stitute came as two students placed at Ritz Carlton, Naples were recognized, along with 60+ students placed as Management Trainees in leading hotel chains across India. Additionally, over 100 students who secured placements across sectors like QSRs, FMCG, Fashion & Jewellery Retail, Co-working Spaces, Airport Outlets, Hotel Aggregators, Corporate Catering and Facility Management were acknowledged for their

versatility and preparedness for dynamic careers.

A memorable part of the event was the insightful speech by Sri Pradyumna Krishna Dasa, who emphasized the importance of Emotional Quotient (EQ) and Spiritual Quotient (SQ) to create the much-necessary balance in professional and personal life.

Dr. Raja Rao shared a moving account of how hospitality education at IHM-Hyderabad transformed his son's life, underscoring the far-reaching impact of this field.

Mr. Pankaj Sampat spoke about the evolution of the hotel industry, highlighting the emerging opportunities available for young graduates. He emphasized how a career in hospitality offers the unique privilege of meeting and interacting with some of the most influential personalities across the world. He also noted that the dynamic nature of the industry provides professionals with an exciting

"kick" every single day, while Mr. Abhishek Menon shared his inspiring journey in the hospitality industry, narrating how he started his career and rose through the ranks to become the General Manager of the very same ITC Kakatiya. With heartfelt conviction and a dash of humour, he expressed that being a hotelier is not just a profession for him, but a calling—one he wouldn't trade for anything else.

The dignitaries also released the 39th edition of the institute's Annual Magazine Cackle, based on the theme "Food and Spirituality", during the ceremony, showcasing student creativity, achievements, and institutional highlights from the past year.

The Annual Awards Ceremony 2024-25 was a true celebration of excellence, aspiration, and growth — marking yet another milestone in the illustrious journey of IHM-Hyderabad.

Guinness World Records holder Ravi Kumar Toleti unveils stunning Origami masterpiece of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy with over 40,500 intricate folds!

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : In an awe-inspiring showcase of devotion and artistry, Guinness World Records holder Ravi Kumar Toleti unveiled a breathtaking masterpiece of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy, crafted entirely from intricate origami folds, at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tirumalagiri, today. Measuring an impressive 7.5 ft by 12 ft (excluding the frame), the magnificent artwork stands as a testament to Ravi Kumar's unparalleled craftsmanship and perseverance. The stunning piece was meticulously created using more than 40,500 individual origami folds, a labor of love that spanned over four years. Marking this momentous occasion, Smt K Lalithkala Saseendran, Incharge Principal, PM Shri KV Tirumalagiri, felicitated Ravi Kumar Toleti, celebrating his monumental achievement and inspiring the gathering with a powerful message of dedication, patience, and artistic excellence.

Origami, the timeless art of paper folding, has evolved far beyond its traditional roots. Once pri-

marily a creative pastime, it is now widely recognized as a powerful educational tool, especially for teaching mathematics, interior design, and even aiding in physical therapy. In today's scientific era, the applications of origami extend across cutting-edge fields from space exploration and mechanical engineering to medical sciences and beyond, demonstrating its remarkable blend of creativity, precision, and innovation.

This extraordinary artwork of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy is crafted entirely through the intricate technique of origami folding. Each individual unit, composed of 15 precise folds, is carefully interlocked to bring the divine form to life. These folded units are meticulously mounted onto a paper card, and the entire piece is proposed to be framed elegantly with teak wood and glass. The grand image is thoughtfully divided into nearly 40 sections, with each segment, ranging from 2' x 2' to 4' x 2', designed separately on grid paper. Every part is vividly coloured using sketch pens to perfectly capture the details

of that portion. Piece by piece, these segments come together to form the magnificent, complete origami portrait of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt K Lalithkala Saseendran, said, the hands of Shri T. Ravi Kumar are magical, the fingers give a midas touch, he has been a very successful teacher in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, who has been accorded with regional, national and national innovation awards, for his dedication, he was also recognised with a Guinness World Record for his Origami work. He is a sincere, dedicated, hard-working teacher, he is affectionate to students and colleagues. He is such a talented and a gem of a person, difficult to find another teacher who is as committed and dedicated



truly set my heart and hands to work. Over the past four years, I dedicated every spare moment, after school hours, during holidays, and on leave days, to bringing this vision to life. It was a demanding journey, but my passion for origami and my ardent devotion for Lord Sri Venkateshwara, fueled me throughout, says Ravi Kumar Toleti.

Ravi Kumar Toleti, a dedicated teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya, has nurtured a deep passion for origami since 1988. His journey into this intricate art form began while seeking

to teaching as him from North to South and East to West.

My ultimate dream is to see this artwork adorning the sacred walls of Lord Venkateswara's holy abode at Tirumala.

Although I first conceived this idea back in 2002, it was in 2021 that I

truly set my heart and hands to work. Over the past four years, I dedicated every spare moment, after school hours, during holidays, and on leave days, to bringing this vision to life.

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creative ways to help his students better express themselves and present their project work. A book by renowned origami artist Paul Jackson became his guide, enabling him to master the craft swiftly.

Ravi Kumar's very first origami creation, a poster designed for his home, remains perfectly preserved even after 32 years, a testament to his enduring craftsmanship. The overwhelming appreciation he received for his early works inspired him to incorporate origami into student educational projects, opening new avenues for creativity and learning. Today, his enthusiasm for origami remains as vibrant and unwavering as it was the day he first discovered it.

To popularize the art of origami as a tool in education, especially to encourage easy grasp of difficult to comprehend mathematical and science concepts, he created a YouTube channel "Mathematics through Origami- Ravikumar Toleti"

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@mathematicsthroughorigami-9092>; during COVID-19 pandemic.

This channel besides being a platform for showcasing videos of his projects and exhibitions, helps students to create DIY models related to their curriculum.

Ravi Kumar Toleti has been serving as a Master Resource Person for the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi, since 1995. Over the years, he has earned numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding contributions to the field of origami and education, including the Innovations Award from NCERT (2002), the KVS Incentive Award (2004), the prestigious National Award for Teachers — a President's Award (2005), and the KVS National Innovation Awards (2012 and 2019). Among his remarkable achievements is a Guinness World Record for the largest display of origami peacocks in 2022. Ravi Kumar has also contributed scholarly papers to the Indian Science Writing Association and NCERT and has curated national-level origami exhibitions in 2007, 2008, and 2009, further promoting the art form across the country.

Business Information



Air India Express announces 'Payday Sale' offer

Kochi, Apr 29 (UNI) Air India Express has launched its 'Payday Sale,' offering a flat 15% discount on domestic routes for bookings made till May 1, 2025, for travel between May 8 and September 20, 2025, only on the airline's award-winning website, www.airindiaexpress and mobile app.

Air India Express is also waiving convenience fees for Xpress Lite bookings made on its website and app. Xpress Lite, the airline's exclusive zero-baggage fare, offers guests a budget-friendly option with added benefits.

These include the ability to pre-book an additional 3 kg of cabin baggage at no extra cost, along with discounted check-in baggage rates. Guests can check in 15 kg of baggage for ₹1,000 on domestic flights and 20 kg for ₹1,300 on international flights.

In addition, the airline's website offers fab deals for loyalty members, including a 25% discount on Xpress Biz fares and upgrades to Xpress Biz seats, the airline's business class equivalent with an industry-leading seat pitch of up to 58 inches. The Biz seats are available on 38 brand new Boeing 737-8 aircraft that Air India Express has recently inducted as part of its rapid expansion.

Loyalty members logged into the website can also enjoy fab deals such as a 25% discount on 'Gourmet' hot meals, seat selection, Xpress Ahead priority services, 10 kg Xcess Check-In Baggage and 3 kg Xtra Carry-On Baggage.

Air India Express continues to offer special discounted fares and additional benefits on its website for students, senior citizens, doctors, and nurses, members of the armed forces, and their dependents, ensuring a wide range of benefits for flyers across its domestic and international network.

Recently, Air India Express achieved another milestone with the launch of operations from Manohar International Airport (GOX) in North Goa, introducing new domestic routes and international flights to Kuwait and Abu Dhabi.

Additionally, the airline has expanded its summer schedule for 2025 by over 40%, now operating more than 500 daily flights across its growing domestic and international network.

Axis Finance launches Axis Finance Disha Home Loan

Mumbai, Apr 29 (UNI) Axis Finance Limited (AFL), country's fastest-growing non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), on Tuesday announced the launch of Axis Finance Disha Home Loans.

At launch, Sai Giridhar, MD & CEO, Axis Finance, said, "The launch of 'Axis Finance Disha Home Loans' on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya reflects our commitment to making home ownership more accessible. This product aims to empower individuals from economically weaker sections by bridging the financial gap and in making their dream of owning a home a reality. This is in line with the govern-

ment's relentless efforts to enhance access to housing finance in this segment. Disha Home Loans provide a wide range of customised solutions to meet the diverse needs of customers across geographies."



Disha Home Loans aim to provide customized home loan solutions across various geographies, with a seamless experience throughout the loan lifecycle - backed by best-in-

class talent and agile systems to ensure speed in execution and responsiveness to customer needs.

This product caters to a diverse range of employment types, covering the entire spectrum of salaried (resident & NRI) and self-employed customers. It addresses the needs of individuals who have formal, semi-formal or informal income documents and are looking for financial assistance. The loan can be availed for the purchase of ready / under-construction / resale property, plot + construction, self-construction, home renovation / extension and more, he added.

UP plans to raise solar power output to 500 GW in 5 years

Lucknow, Apr 29 (UNI) In a bid to transform Uttar Pradesh, especially regions like Bundelkhand, Vindhya and adjoining areas, into a hub for solar energy, the state government is moving ahead with policy-driven efforts to accelerate solar power generation, official sources said here on Tuesday.

Sources said that the state which has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Smart Energy Council of Australia and the Hinduja Group in this direction, has set an ambitious target to generate 500 gigawatts (GW) of solar energy by 2030.

Sources said when Chief



Minister Yogi Adityanath assumed office in 2017, the state's solar energy production was just 288 MW. "Today, that figure has increased tenfold and the growth is still ongoing. Under the Solar Energy Policy 2022, a near-term target of 2,200 MW has been set,"

they said.

Solar parks will be set up across all municipal corporations, solar grids will be installed along expressways and railway tracks and streetlights will be powered by solar energy, said a government official.

"Transmission infrastruc-

SCR Advisory to RRB Aspirants

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Apr 29 : The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) conducts various examinations for recruitment into Indian Railways. The aspirants appearing for the RRB exams are advised to follow the instructions issued by the competent authority for a hassle-free and smooth conduct of the examination.

Banned items / electronic gadgets such as Mobile phones, pager, watches, earphone, Bluetooth enabled devices, microphone, health bands, calculators, book, pen, paper, pencil, eraser, pouch, scale, writing-pad, belts, handbag, cap, purse, camera, water bottle, packaged / open food items, etc., are NOT ALLOWED inside the Test Centre.

Only e-Call letter will be allowed inside the Test Centre. Candidate should not carry any Pen / Pencil inside the Test Centre. Pen will be provided to the candidates during the Exam. Candidates are advised not to apply Henna on their hands / feet as this obstructs the capture of Biometrics.

During frisking, candidates found carrying / wearing metallic wears, religious symbols, bangles, ornaments, mangal sutra, bracelets shall be allowed inside the Examination Hall with suitable endorsement in their call letter so that, invigilators shall be extra vigilant for such candidates.

Empowered democracy only by the strong foundation of justice

The most important element of any governance-system. If justice is not only ensured in society, all claims of democracy, constitution, and development seem to be hollow. The picture that India Justice Report 2025 introduced the country's judicial system is shocking. This report assesses states based on the performance of four pillars, police, jail, judiciary and legal aid. The report suggests that the common Indian citizen still has to go through a long, difficult and sometimes abusive process to get justice. The state of human rights in the country is becoming alarming. This is not just the statement of international agencies, but a confirmed truth from statistics.

The condition of prisons is

so pitiable that the prisons of many states have a multitude of prisoners of more than 150 percent. Most of these prisoners are under consideration, i.e. they have not been convicted by any court, yet they have been in imprisonment for years. This situation is not just a failure of law but also a violation of the right to life and personal liberty in Article 21 of the Constitution. The police, who are the first link to the justice process, are struggling with a crisis of accountability and transparency themselves.

The report suggests that up to 25-30 per cent of the police force are vacant in many states. Policeman weary because of lack of training, lack of mental health services and excessive workload. They

sometimes start behaving violently. The attitude of police towards minorities and weaker sections has still been found to be rigid and at times biased. The prisons have become the center of human rights abuses, not the reform houses, due to the overcrowding of prisoners in prisons and a huge lack of infrastructure.

Mentally ill prisoners, elderly and women suffer the most. Absence of psychiatrist and counsellors, lack of relief arrangements in extreme heat-cold and not having access to legal advice, makes this situation even more serious. Judiciary status can't even be said better. Crores of trial pending at courts. The report suggests that there are about 30 per cent of judges

vacancies in high courts and district courts. A general citizen has to wait for 10-15 years in settling his case.

The spread of e-Courts and tech-based solutions is yet limited to only a few metro cities, while people in remote areas are still struggling with arrangements based on paper and registers. If it is spoken of the weakest performing states, the name of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh comes out exclusively. The excessive crowd of prisons in Uttar Pradesh, lack of accountability on the police, custodial deaths and millions of pending cases highlight the discrepancy in the justice system. The number of judges per lakh population in Bihar is lowest and legal aid is almost



absent. Fake arrests in tribal areas in states like Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, police violence and presence of prisoners under consideration for years in prisons pose a seri-

ous question.

Contrary to these, there are some states that have made serious efforts towards improving judicial system. States like Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have performed relatively better. Police forces in these states are relatively trained and multilingual, judges are appointed on time, the framework of legal aid is active and congestion in prisons is under control. This is proof that if there is political will, justice system can be improved. A relatively small state like Uttarakhand should have performed better, but the report suggests that there are many shortcomings in the judicial framework here too.

There are 20 per cent vacancies in the police force, the

participation of the women police is extremely low and there is a crowd of more than 120 per cent prisoners in the prisons. The High Court and District Courts have about 30 per cent vacancies of judges. There is neither effective legal aid nor regular judicial services in marginal and mountainous districts such as Chamoli, Pithoragarh and Uttarakashi.

This report is not just a document of statistics, but a warning. It reminds us that if the foundation of justice will be weak, then the building of democracy can never last. Only elections, plans and growth figures are not enough, unless every section of the society is able to have seamless, secure and accessible access to justice.

The future of medicine: Exploring new-age careers in health and technology

Technology is reshaping healthcare in India, creating new opportunities for those interested in careers at the intersection of medicine, data, and innovation. From AI specialists to clinical analysts, a new wave of roles is emerging.

New roles in clinical practice, research, and tech are emerging. Health informatics specialists optimise care with data tools.

The convergence of technology and healthcare is affecting how medicine is delivered in India. Healthcare is undergoing a major transformation, opening up diverse career opportunities for students and professionals interested in medicine, technology, and management.

As healthcare systems evolve, new roles emerge at the intersection of clinical practice, research, data management, and technology, offering a wide range of options beyond traditional medical professions.

1. HEALTH INFORMATICS SPECIALIST

Health informatics can be defined as the application of science and the art of data assessment and management concerning health information using digital tools. Health

informatics specialists work with EHRs, patient information repositories, and analytics platforms to optimise care effectiveness. Hospitals, insurance companies, and health-tech startups need health informatics specialists to help integrate services and make sense of healthcare data.

Required background: Degree in Health Informatics, Computer Science, or Public Health. If a degree is in the latter two areas, a good understanding of medical terms and data systems is helpful.

2. BIOMEDICAL ENGINEER

Biomedical engineering is primarily concerned with the design, manufacture, and maintenance of medical devices, and biomedical engineers in India are in high de-



mand as the demand for low-cost, locally-made medical devices increases along with innovation in prosthetics, diagnostic devices, and complementary devices that detect human digital health.

Required background: B. Tech or M. Tech in biomedical engineering or a relevant field with some bi-

ology and some engineering exposure.

3. CLINICAL DATA ANALYST

Healthcare's digital transformation has produced massive amounts of health data. Clinical data analysts help organisations make sense of data to improve treatment for patients and workflow

Backgrounds Required: There are many shortcomings in the judicial framework here too. They said the govern-

efficiency to enhance patient experience. They analyse trends, assess treatment performance, and support clinical trials.

Required background: Bachelor's in statistics, data science, or life sciences and experience using analytical software such as SAS, R, or Python.

4. DIGITAL HEALTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Many professionals are forging their careers and embarking on entrepreneurial jour-

neys by launching startups in the area of fitness applications, mental health platforms, or remote monitoring. India is making progress towards creating an ecosystem that supports digital health innovation through government policies like the National Digital Health Mission

is no specific background entrepreneurs need to have; we see individuals from medicine, engineering, or business backgrounds relying heavily on ideation and collaboration across disciplines.

5. AI AND MACHINE LEARNING SPECIALIST/HEALTHCARE

Artificial intelligence is changing how we think about disease prediction, diagnosis and even drug discovery. AI and machine learning specialists are working in this niche to create algorithms to read X-rays, pathologists' slides, or predict risk in healthy individuals.

Backgrounds Required: A degree in computer science, AI/ML, or engineering frequently comes into play, combined with knowledge of biomedical data or clinical practice.

THE ROAD AHEAD

The health-tech industry in India continues to be in a high-growth phase, with opportunities not only in metro cities but also in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, where digital solutions are helping close access to healthcare gaps.

As the health-tech industry continues to evolve and mature, the need for skilled professionals in all areas, from technical roles to analytical roles to managerial roles, will only increase.

Cinema Information

That Is Rajamouli! Mahesh Babu's New Look Shocks Everyone!

It is already known that Rajamouli has the habit of showcasing his heroes in the most masculine and aggressive possible. Incidentally, this was not observed in the case of his film with Mahesh Babu. In the pictures of Mahesh Babu, from the shooting location of this project, he looked to be in his standard look, and there was no makeover or anything.

But if you look at the latest pictures of Mahesh Babu, we can get a clear glimpse of his complete makeover as he looks completely different from his usual self in this picture.

Mahesh Babu has surprised fans with a dramatic



new look for his upcoming film SSMB29, directed by SS Rajamouli. He now sports long hair and a rugged beard, giving him a fierce and intense

appearance. This transformation has gone viral, with fans calling him the "Indian John Wick" and comparing him to Keanu Reeves.

The makeover is part of Rajamouli's vision for the film, which is expected to have an international feel. Mahesh is also focusing on intense fitness training to build a powerful physique, similar to Prabhas in Baahubali. His new look has become a major talking point among fans, raising expectations for the film's release.

Rajamouli is anyway known for creating the most impactful look for his heroes, and everyone thought this might be missing in the case of Mahesh Babu film. But this new picture of Mahesh is now going viral on social media and he has undergone a significant makeover.

Nani's crime thriller HIT 3 soar past \$300K in the USA

Natural Star Nani is all set to captivate audiences once again with the highly anticipated crime thriller HIT: The Third Case (HIT 3), directed by Sailesh Kolanu. The film features Srinidhi Shetty as the female lead and promises to deliver a gripping cinematic experience.



Scheduled for a massive worldwide release on May 1, 2025, HIT 3 is already creating a buzz at the US box office, having crossed the 300K mark in advance sales. Industry insiders predict that it will surpass the \$1 million milestone by the end of its premiere run-a strong indication of the high expectations riding on the film.

Adding to the excitement, Nani has planned an extensive round of post-release promotions across the US, aiming to connect with international fans and further boost the film's reach.

The film also boasts a strong supporting cast, including Surya Srinivas, Rao Ramesh, Brahmaji, Komalee Prasad, Maganti Srinath, and others. Produced by Nani and Prashanti Tipirneni under the Wall Poster Cinema banner, the movie features the soundtrack composed by Mickey J Meyer.

Balakrishna's first reaction after receiving the Padma Bhushan

Actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna received the coveted Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award, on Monday afternoon in New Delhi. Pictures and



videos of Balayya receiving the prestigious award from the President of India, Draupadi Murmu, have been going viral on social media. Balayya proudly carried his Telugu pride on his sleeve as he dressed himself in the traditional panche kattu.

Talking about his Padma honor, Balayya said he is overjoyed. "I am thankful to my fans and the Government of India. I recently completed 50 years as an actor, and I am a hat-trick MLA from the Hindupur constituency. My Basavatarakam hospital is one of the five biggest hospitals in the country," he added.

Balayya further said that people often told him that he should have received the Padma award much earlier, "But I told them that the timing is right because I gave four hit films in a row, it has been 15 years since I became the Chairman of Cancer Hospital, and I have completed 50 years as an actor," he concluded.



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Kill actor to play the villain in Nani's The Paradise?

Natural Star Nani is set to light up the screens with HIT 3 from May 1. The actor is leaving no stone unturned to promote the crime action thriller. Up next, Nani will be seen in the action drama The Paradise. Dasara fame Odela Srikanth is the director, and the project is already a sensation among trade circles after a path-breaking glimpse.

Reports suggest that Bollywood actor Raghav Juyal, who impressed as a ruthless villain in the most violent Bollywood film Kill, is roped in as the lead antagonist for The Paradise. Though Raghav Juyal did many films in the Hindi film industry, it was Kill that brought him into the limelight. If the news turns out to be true, the project will gain even more hype.

The shoot will kickstart in May. Reportedly, the childhood episodes will be canned in the first schedule. Anirudh composes the music for this flick. Sudhakar Cherukuri of SLV Cinemas is the producer. The Paradise is announced for a March 26, 2026, release.

Huge Casting For Allu Arjun

It is already known that Allu Arjun is collaborating with talented Tamil director Atlee for his upcoming project, which was officially announced this April on the occasion of his birthday. In this context, the latest developments regarding this project are saying very interesting story.

The latest updates regarding this mega project involving Allu Arjun are suggesting that the makers are looking to spend in the range of 600 to 700 crores on the same. The overall production value of this film is going to be one of the biggest ever in the history of Indian cinema.

The latest news in this re-



gard is suggesting that Mrunal Thakur has been finalised for one of the key roles in this film and the makers are contemplating the idea of having Samantha also on board.

However, on the occasion of Samantha's birthday yesterday, there was no post from the makers of this Arjun film, and this is bringing doubts on whether she is actually a part

of this film.

But on the other hand, we have parallel reports, saying that Bollywood actresses Deepika Padukone and Janhvi Kapoor are being considered for the other important roles. It has to be seen if this speculation will turn out to be the case in reality as well.

What is for certain here is that this film is going to have one of the biggest casting department in the history of Indian cinema. The makers are investing heavily in the production activities and also the overall presentation of this mega project, which is being conceived on a huge scale.



Pawan Kalyan congratulates Balakrishna, Ajith on Padma honors

Senior Tollywood actor and three-time Hindupur MLA Nandamuri Balakrishna and Kollywood star Ajith Kumar received the prestigious Padma Bhushan award from President of India Draupadi Murmu at a grand event in New Delhi on Monday afternoon. Both Balayya and Ajith received the country's third-highest civilian award in the presence of their family members and several Padma winners.

Joining millions of fans who took to social media to congratulate Balayya and Ajith, Tollywood star and Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan released a special note on X on Monday night. Pawan hailed Balayya's contribution to Telugu cinema and his performance in mythological, historical, and folklore movies. Pawan went on to wish Balayya to reach many more milestones in social service and cinema.

Congratulating Ajith, Pawan Kalyan released a special note in Tamil and lauded how Ajith became a favorite of millions by portraying diverse roles in family dramas and love stories. Pawan Kalyan also cited Ajith's style and his achievements in Formula Two racing and went on to wish him many more laurels in the world of cinema and racing.