

**PANCHANGAM**  
**Tithi**  
Krishna Paksha Navami  
Upto : May 22 03:22 AM  
Krishna Paksha Dashami  
Upto : May 23 01:12 AM  
**Nakshatra**  
Purva Bhadrapada  
Upto : May 22 05:47 PM  
Uttara Bhadrapada  
Upto : May 23 04:02 PM  
**Rahukalam**  
2:02 PM – 3:41 PM  
**Yamagandam**  
5:47 AM – 7:26 AM  
**Gulika**  
9:05 AM – 10:44 AM  
**Dur Muhurat**  
10:11 AM – 11:04 AM,  
03:28 PM – 04:21 PM  
**Varjyam**  
02:41 AM – 04:10 AM

**WEATHER**  
**Forecast :** Light rain  
**Temperature :** 29° / 25°  
**Humidity :** 78 %  
**Sunrise :** 5:47 AM  
**Sunset :** 7:00 PM

## CM Revanth Reddy, Congress leaders pays tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad,** May 21 : Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy paid floral tributes to the statue of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in front of the Secretariat on Wednesday, marking the 34th anniversary of his death.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Chief Minister hailed Rajiv Gandhi as a great leader who brought international recognition to India during his tenure as Prime Minister.

He credited Rajiv Gandhi for initiating economic liberalisation that laid the foundation for a stronger economy.

He also lauded his efforts to empower youth by lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, thereby encouraging their participation in democratic governance.



Referring to the recent Pahalgam incident, the Chief Minister drew parallels with former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's decisive response to terrorism.

He recalled that Indira Gandhi had sent a strong message to Pakistan that any aggression under the guise of terrorism would be met with firm

resistance, emphasising India's self-reliance in safeguarding its sovereignty.

In contrast, the CM criticised the current central government for its weak stance on the Pahalgam incident, suggesting that it has failed to respond effectively.

He remarked that the cen-

tral government appears to be influenced by international pressure, citing a statement attributed to former US President Donald Trump about a ceasefire being declared by India.

The Chief Minister also took aim at Union Minister Kishan Reddy, accusing him of remaining silent when the state expressed support for the Centre.

He said Kishan Reddy, instead of acting responsibly, is now attempting to deflect attention from his inaction by targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Revanth Reddy condemned the criticism of the recently installed Rajiv Gandhi statue near the Secretariat, calling out those with a narrow mindset who question the legacy of a leader who sacrificed his life for the nation.

He affirmed that the Con-

gress party stands firmly behind India's armed forces and emphasised that national security should be above politics. He reiterated the party's commitment to protecting the country's integrity and ensuring its security.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs, MLCs, GHMC Mayor and several Congress supporters also paid tributes at the event.

Earlier in the day, Minister for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare, Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, paid floral tributes at Praja Bhavan. She garlanded a portrait of Rajiv Gandhi and spoke about his visionary leadership.

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## Telangana Govt plans direct transfer of cost of cosmetics to students' accounts

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad,** May 21 : As per the directions of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao held a high-level review meeting on Wednesday to streamline the process of depositing cosmetic charges directly into the bank accounts of students studying in Social Welfare, Minority Welfare, Tribal Welfare, and Residential Schools across the state.

The Chief Secretary instructed officials to prepare an action plan to ensure Aadhaar linking and bank account activation with debit cards for students by the time schools reopen in June. He emphasised that the cosmetic charges should be deposited by the end of June into the accounts of nearly 6 lakh students.

To facilitate the initiative, officials were also asked to arrange for the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to take place on a single day statewide, in the presence of Ministers and public representatives. A smart card system is also being considered, enabling students to purchase soaps and cosmetics via mobile sales centres operated by women's groups.

The meeting, held at the Dr B R Ambedkar Secretariat, also reviewed other key issues, including youth development and post-matric scholarship disbursements. Senior officials from various welfare departments attended the session, an official statement said.

## Seethakka praises academic excellence of Tribal students

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad,** May 21 : The Academic Success Meet 2025 was held at Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills under the aegis of the Tribal Welfare Department on Wednesday.

The event celebrated the academic achievements of tribal students from various educational institutions who excelled in the 10th standard, Intermediate, EAMCET, and JEE Mains examinations.

Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka was the chief guest at the ceremony. She felicitated the high-performing students and congratulated the

dedicated teaching staff for their unwavering support in helping tribal students outperform even their peers from private institutions.

In her address, Minister Seethakka emphasised the



transformative power of education. "For a long time, tribal communities were held back

due to a lack of access to quality education. We were unfairly branded and pushed to the margins. But today, tribal students are standing shoulder to shoulder with others, proving their excellence," she said.

She lauded the efforts of teachers who went the extra mile to ensure students achieved top marks, calling their dedication pivotal to this success. As a token of appreciation, students from the Tribal Gurukula Fine Arts College presented the Minister with a saree featuring traditional tribal artwork.

The event concluded with Minister Seethakka and other dignitaries sharing a festive lunch with the state rankers, marking a moment of pride and unity.

## Aim is to involve 2 crore people in Yoga across Andhra Pradesh: CM

**(Capital Information)**  
**Vijayawada,** May 21 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said

that a special campaign titled 'YogAndhra-2025' will be held for one month starting May 21 across the State and on June 21, a mega event involving 5 lakh people will take place in Visakhapatnam in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate.

Addressing a press conference at his camp office at Undavalli near here, the Chief Minister said that AP would conduct YoGAndhra-2025 for a full month, not as a photo-op or symbolic event, but as a genuine mass movement to promote awareness and practice of yoga.

"The main event on June 21 will see 5 lakh people practicing yoga from 7 AM to 8 AM along the coast from RK



Beach to Bhogapuram. Simultaneously, arrangements are being made to ensure the participation of at least 'two crore' people across the state. We aim to train 10 lakh individuals

in yoga and issue them certificates. Organising such a large-scale yoga session by the sea is a rare opportunity.

This picturesque event, set in the lap of nature, will be etched in public memory," Chandrababu Naidu revealed.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending the 'Yoga Day' celebrations, a team of Ministers led by Minister Nara Lokesh will oversee the preparations. Volunteers from universities, public and private organizations, women, the elderly, police personnel, and employees would all be encouraged to participate, and certificates would also be issued to them, he asserted.

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## Shah hails security forces for eliminating top Maoist leader Nambala Keshav Rao

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday applauded the security forces for successfully neutralising 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist topmost leader and the backbone of the Naxal movement in an operation in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur.

The Home Minister on his social media handle X shared that after completion of Operation Black Forest, 54 Naxalites have been arrested and 84 Naxalites surrendered in Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Maharashtra.

He reaffirmed the Modi government is resolved to eliminate Naxalism before 31st March, 2026.

"A landmark achievement in the battle to eliminate Naxalism. Today, in an operation in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, our security forces have neutralized 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist, topmost leader, and the backbone of the Naxal movement," the Home Minister said.

"This is the first time in three decades of Bharat's battle against Naxalism that a general secretary-ranked leader has been neutralised by our forces. I applaud our brave security forces and agencies for this major breakthrough," Shah said.

He further added, "Also glad to share that after completion of Operation Black Forest, 54 Naxalites have been arrested and 84 Naxalites have surrendered in Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Maharashtra".

"The Modi government is resolved to eliminate Naxalism before the 31st of March 2026," he asserted.

Notably, 26 Naxalites have been killed and many others injured in an ongoing operation involving security forces and left-wing extremists at hilly areas of Abujmahad in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh.

## KTR accuses Congress Govt of corruption & governance failures

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda/Hyderabad,** May 21 : BRS Working President K T Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of turning governance into a "commission-driven circus"



and using notices to former Chief Minister K Chandrababunaidu as a diversionary tactic.

Speaking to the media in Nalgonda, KTR alleged that

the Congress regime is steeped in corruption, with commissions of 20-30 per cent becoming routine.

"Even their own MLAs and ministers admit that no work happens without commissions," he said, pointing to a

Kaleshwaram Project and that notices to KCR are part of this political agenda.

He asserted, "Truth and justice will prevail-we have full faith in the judiciary."

Highlighting governance lapses, KTR cited failures such as the collapse of the Sunkishala retaining wall, the submergence of the Vattam pump house, repeated damage to the Pedda Vagu project, and the government's inaction in the SLBC tunnel tragedy, where bodies remain unrecovered months later.

He further accused the Congress of using inquiries and committees to avoid delivering on its six electoral guarantees.

"We will not stop until every promise is fulfilled-from Rs 2,500 for women to pensions and gold for brides," KTR declared, warning that continued failures could provoke public revolt.

## Modi Govt committed to total eradication of terrorism: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay

**(Capital Information)**  
**Karimnagar,** May 21 : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Wednesday said that the Narendra Modi-led central government is firmly committed to eradicating terrorism in all its forms.

He was speaking at an Anti-Terrorism Day rally organised by the Karimnagar District Cricket Association.

Launching the rally by waving the national flag, the Union Minister said the mindset of the people across the country has changed significantly after the Pahalgam incident, with citizens now expressing readiness to support the fight against terrorism alongside the armed forces.

He lauded the Indian Army's swift and precise action in crossing into Pakistani territory to destroy terrorist camps without harming civilians.

"The credit for these successful operations goes entirely to our brave soldiers. Their use of advanced technology and strategic precision has ensured the safety of our borders," he stated.

Highlighting Pakistan's continued support for terrorism, Kumar said, "That country has become a safe haven for terrorists, providing both shelter and financial assistance. The Modi government recognised this threat and took decisive steps to dismantle terrorist infrastructure across the border."

Referring to previous terror attacks such as the Mumbai blasts, Lumbini Park, Gokul Chat, and Mecca Masjid incidents, he noted that these tragic events had awakened a strong sense of unity and patriotism among citizens.

"It is heartening to see that people, NGOs, and state governments are standing firmly behind our armed forces," he added.

Kumar emphasised the need for collective action against terrorism, urging every citizen—regardless of age or background, to participate in the fight. "There should be no ambiguity in our resolve. Terrorism in any form must be completely eradicated."

He also commended the Karimnagar District Cricket Association for organising the rally and raising awareness about national security on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day.

## How ChatGPT is Revolutionizing Solo and Small Law Practices

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad,** May 21 : Running a solo law practice or managing a small firm means wearing many hats—lawyer, manager, paralegal, and sometimes even IT support. With limited resources and constant pressure to deliver high-quality service, time becomes your most valuable asset. Enter ChatGPT, the AI-powered language model from OpenAI that's changing how legal professionals work. From automating routine tasks to improving client communication, ChatGPT is becoming an indispensable tool for modern legal practice. Here's how solo practitioners and small firms are using it to save time, boost efficiency, and grow their practices.

**1. Draft Legal Documents in Minutes**  
Creating contracts, agreements, and legal letters can eat up a big portion of your day. ChatGPT allows you to generate first drafts of:

- Cease-and-desist letters
- Engagement letters
- Simply input a prompt, and ChatGPT returns a structured draft that you can review and edit in a fraction of the time.
- Enhance Client Communication without Extra Staff
- Responding to client emails, creating intake forms, and managing FAQs is time-consuming. ChatGPT helps by:
- Drafting clear, professional responses
- Generating automated chatbot scripts for websites
- Simplifying legal language for clients

This ensures smoother communication while maintaining a professional tone—even during your busiest days.

**2. Speed up Legal Research**  
ChatGPT isn't a replacement for legal databases, but it can be a great first step. Use it to:

- Summarize legal doctrines
- Explain statutes in plain English
- Brainstorm legal arguments
- This makes early-stage re-



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search faster and helps you focus your deep dives into case law or legislation more effectively.

**3. Cut Non-Billable Hours and Increase Profitability**  
As a solo or small firm lawyer, non-billable hours can quickly add up. ChatGPT reduces time spent on:

- Drafting boilerplate documents
- Formatting forms
- Responding to FAQs
- The result? You can take on more clients, complete work faster, and maintain a leaner operation.

**4. Expand Reach and Improve Accessibility**  
With AI, solo lawyers can:

- Translate content for non-English-speaking clients
- Make legal terms more accessible
- Offer lower-cost services to underserved clients

This helps you build trust, widen your client base, and fulfill access-to-justice goals.

**5. Real-World Use Case: NDA Drafting Scenario:**  
A startup client needs a mutual NDA for an upcoming investor meeting.

**Without ChatGPT:**  
You search for templates, adjust the language, and spend 1–2 hours drafting.

**With ChatGPT:**  
You type a prompt like:

"Draft a mutual NDA between a startup and an investor with a 2-year confidentiality term under California law."

ChatGPT produces a complete draft. You review, tailor, and finalize it in under 30 minutes. Result:

- More time for strategic work
- Streamline Firm Operations
- Beyond legal work, ChatGPT can assist with:
- Writing blog posts and bios
- Creating internal policies
- Drafting marketing emails or social media content
- You can manage your firm more professionally—even without a big team.

**6. A Note on Ethics and Best Practices**  
Use ChatGPT as a tool—not a decision-maker. Always:

- Keep sensitive client data out of public AI tools
- Review and edit AI-generated content
- Stay updated on your jurisdiction's AI and legal ethics rules
- Final Thoughts

ChatGPT is more than a trend—it's a transformative tool for solo and small firm lawyers. By automating routine tasks, improving communication, and reducing overhead, it allows you to focus on what matters most: serving your clients and growing your practice.

## CM Revanth Reddy directs officials to stay vigilant amid heavy rains in Telangana

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad,** May 21 : Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials across the state to remain on high alert as Hyderabad and several other districts continue to receive heavy rainfall.

With the India Meteorological Department forecasting more rain over the next three days, the Chief Minister urged all departments to take precautionary measures to avoid disruption and ensure public safety.

Revanth Reddy instructed District Collectors to safeguard harvested grain at procurement centres and market yards, emphasising the need to prevent damage by promptly shifting paddy stocks to rice mills.

He also directed officials to ensure that residents in low-lying areas are not affected by waterlogging or flooding.

In Hyderabad, the Chief Minister ordered municipal and civic bodies to take immediate action to prevent water stagnation on roads and to avoid traffic disruptions and power outages.

He called for close coordination between the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Police, Hyderabad Traffic Police, and the Electricity Department to address rain-related challenges efficiently, an official statement said on Wednesday.





## 3 killed, 2 injured as car rams stationary vehicle

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, May 21 :** Three people were killed and two others sustained serious injuries when the car they were travelling in collided with a stationary DCM vehicle at Kuntluru in Hayathnagar Mandal of Rangareddy district in the early hours of Wednesday.

The deceased, all residents of Kuntluru, were identified as Chandrasena Reddy, Thinath Reddy, and Varshit Reddy.

The bodies, which were trapped inside the mangled car, were retrieved with the help of crowbars.

The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment, while the bodies were shifted to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem.

A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway, police said.

## Raj : 3, including couple, killed in hit-and-run accident in Jhalawar

**Jhalawar, May 21 (UNI)** Three people, including a couple, died in a tragic accident in Jhalawar district of Rajasthan when an unknown vehicle collided with their motorcycle, police said.

Police said that Dhanraj Bheel (22), his wife Khushboo Bheel, and another individual, Sumit Bheel (13), all residents of Baran district's Babad village, were returning from a temple visit in Hoda village on Tuesday night. Around 9 pm, near Parvan Nadi Pulia, an unknown vehicle hit their motorcycle in the Aklera police station area.

SHO Bhupendra Sharma rushed to the scene upon receiving the information and had the trio shifted to the hospital, where doctors declared them dead. The bodies have been kept in the hospital mortuary, and the family has been informed.

The police are investigating the case.

## India rejects Pakistan's allegations over Balochistan bus attack

**New Delhi, May 21 (UNI)** New Delhi on Wednesday rejected Pakistan's allegations regarding Indian involvement in the terror attack on a school bus in the restive Balochistan province and said it was intended to divert attention from Islamabad's reputation as the "global epicentre of terrorism".

Responding to media queries, the official spokesperson of India's Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal, said it has become "second nature for Pakistan to blame India for all its internal issues," but this attempt to "hoodwink the world is doomed to fail".

Five people, including three students, were killed and several others injured when terrorists attacked a school bus in Khuzdar district of southwestern Pakistan's Balochistan province earlier in the day.

Jaiswal said India consoles the loss of lives in all such incidents.

"India rejects the baseless allegations made by Pakistan regarding Indian involvement with the incident in Khuzdar earlier today. India condoles the loss of lives in all such incidents.

"However, in order to divert attention from its reputation as the global epicenter of terrorism and to hide its own gross failings, it has become second nature for Pakistan to blame India for all its internal issues. This attempt to hoodwink the world is doomed to fail," Jaiswal added.

## CM Revanth Reddy, Congress leaders pays tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary

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Minister Seethakka highlighted his efforts to eradicate poverty and promote social equality, recalling his commitment to uplifting the poor, backward, and marginalised sections of society. She credited him for ushering in a technological revolution in India, particularly by encouraging the use of computers.

She noted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is working in the spirit of Rajiv Gandhi's ideals, especially by implementing youth-focused initiatives like the 'Young India Skill Development' program. She reiterated that the Congress government is committed to continuing Rajiv Gandhi's



legacy of inclusive development.

Congress leaders, including Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah Yadav and Khana-pur MLA Vedma Bojju Patel participated in the tribute program.

TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud also offered tributes to Rajiv Gandhi at Somajiguda, calling him the architect of modern India.

He recalled Rajiv Gandhi's impactful speech at the United Nations, which

promoted peace, freedom, and equality, earning international admiration.

Goud highlighted Rajiv Gandhi's role in ushering in the mobile phone revolution and empowering youth by reducing the voting age.

He remembered Rajiv Gandhi's close bond with former PCC chief Hanumanth Rao and stated that many current leaders were nurtured under his leadership.

He announced that the Congress government in Telangana will honour Rajiv Gandhi by launching the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme to promote self-employment among youth and by installing his statue as a mark of respect.

## Aim is to involve 2 crore people in Yoga across Andhra Pradesh : CM

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"We are rolling out yoga training programs from cities to villages. Andhra Pradesh has 21 temples generating more than Rs 5 crore in annual revenue. Yoga awareness programs will be conducted in over 100 tourism and spiritual destinations, including Amaravati Buddha Stupa, Lepakshi, Gandikota, Araku, Lambasingi, Konaseema, and the Akhanda Godavari region," Naidu mentioned.

AP would partner with the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga to train 2,000 yoga instructors, including 2,000 school teachers, Naidu said, adding that Yoga-related content will be incorporated into school syllabi, and students will receive daily one-hour yoga training once schools reopen. Volunteers who successfully spread awareness about yoga will get the opportunity to attend the PM's event on June 21, he added.

Earlier, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the official 'YogAndhra Website' on the occasion.

## Written examination of village administrators on May 25; Collector examined the arrangements



**(Capital Information)**

**Bhongir, May 21 :** District Collector M. Hanumantha Rao has directed the relevant authorities to set up an armor for the written examination of the village administration officials on the 25th of this month.

The collector inspected the arrangements at Vennela College to be held in Bhongir town on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Hanuman Rao said that all arrangements should be made in the examination center without any prob-

lems. Electricity, drinking water and other infrastructure are to be examined in the examination center.

Suggestions have been made to the relevant authorities on management. Wherever there is an armored action without the possibility of copying. The collector said that the tests should be conducted in a calm environment, without giving any opportunity for any mistakes.

Bhongir RDO Krishna Reddy along with Collectret A.O Jagan Mohan Prasad and Bhongir Tasildar N. Anji Reddy are the relevant authorities.

## The rule of commissions is running in this state, not the rule of the people : KTR

**(Capital Information)**

**Nalgonda town, May 21 :** BRS Working President KTR, who spoke to the media in Nalgonda, made key comments. For the last 17 months, the Congress government has been playing dramas to divert the attention of the people, instead of being able to govern. The government does not see any other way except through commissions. Governance is not visible.

The fact that contractors are directly protesting at the Secretariat makes the real situation clear. Congress MLAs and ministers themselves are saying that work cannot be done without commissions. He said that the rule of commissions is running in this state, not the



rule of the people.

I am asking Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the SLBC tunnel collapsed, 8 people lost their lives. There was no sense to take up rescue measures there. They could not even dare to recover the bodies due to the noise of your commissions. This is the Dad-

damma government that still cannot tell what happened there.

The Sunkishala project in Nalgonda has collapsed, and the government has not responded yet. Congress and BJP are playing dramas together, conspiring on the Kaleshwaram project instead of addressing the

problems of the people, thereby sacrificing the development of the state.

He said that justice and righteousness will always win, honesty will never be defeated. This is an incompetent government that cannot implement the six guarantees you announced. What happened to the gold of the balance, what happened to the pensions of Rs 4,000, no matter how many notices you give, they will fly away like dust.

All your efforts are just petty ones. People will reject you. He said that the days will come soon for Revanth Reddy to be taught a lesson, the days when people will turn against him.

## Police Commissioner inspects Dichpally, Dharpalli police stations

**(Captain Information)**

**Nizamabad bureau, May 21 :** Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya inspected Dichpally and Dharpalli police stations on Wednesday. On this occasion, the Police Commissioner visited all the police stations and thoroughly inspected the functioning of the police stations. He inquired about the functioning of the reception centers and the functioning of the computer staff. He inquired about whether the 5S policy is being implemented or not. He inspected the parking of vehicles. He informed them about the precautions to be taken to prevent road accidents.

Since most accidents mainly occur to two-wheeler riders, it is recommended to wear a helmet while traveling. He said that instructions have been issued to the authorities to eradicate marijuana, and that counseling should be provided to those who become addicted to marijuana, and that strong surveillance has



been established to eradicate it.

He advised that people should be alerted so that they do not get cheated by cyber fraudsters. He said that awareness programs should be organized from time to time so that people do not get cheated by gaming apps. The police do not ask everyone about the hardships

and sufferings.

The Commissioner was accompanied by Dichpally CI K. Mallesh, Dharpally CI B. Bikshapathi, Dichpally SI Mohammed Sharif, Dharpally SI Ramakrishna, Dichpally Mahila SI Suhasini, Dharpally SI L. Ramu, as well as staff from the relevant police stations.



## Vijayawada Division observes Anti-Terrorism Day

**(Capital Information)**

**Vijayawada, May 21 :** South Central Railway, Vijayawada Division observed National Anti-Terrorism Day today i.e., 21st May, 2025. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on May 21st in India, commemorating the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The day aims to raise awareness about the devastating impact of terrorism, honour those who lost their lives to terrorism, and promote peace, harmony, and national unity. Narendra A. Patil, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division, SCR administered Anti-Terrorism Day Pledge to Staff and Branch Officers at Divisional Office Compound, Vijayawada.

During the pledge the staff took resolve to oppose all forms of terrorism and violence with strength and shall strive to uphold and promote peace, social harmony, and understanding among all fellow human beings and fight the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values. P.E, Edwin, ADMR, Infrastructure, Srinivasa Rao Konda, ADMR, Operation, Prem kumar Lakawat, Sr. DPO and branch officers took part in the pledge today.

On similar lines, Anti-Terrorism Day Pledge was administered to the staff at all the major stations across the Division.



## Police Officers Felicitated by DGP for Crackdown in Double Murder Case

**(Capital Information)**

**Khammam Bureau, May 21 :** Khammam police officers who played a crucial role in solving the double murder case of an elderly couple in Nelakonda palli mandal in December last year were honoured with appreciation certificates by the DGP.

Kusumanchi Circle Inspector T. Sanjeev and Nelakonda palli Constable M. Nagaraju were recognized by Telangana DGP Jitender at a special event held at the DGP's office in Hyderabad.

Khammam Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt also extended his congratulations to the officers for their exemplary work and dedication.

## TTD Chairman Unveils Invitation Posters for Himayatnagar SV Temple Annual Brahmotsavams

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad, May 21 :** TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu released the invitation and wall posters for the 20th Annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple located in Himayatnagar, Hyderabad. The release took place at the TTD Chairman's chamber in Tirumala on Wednesday.

On this occasion, the Chairman announced that the Brahmotsavams will be held from June 3rd to June 7th. He instructed the officials to make necessary arrangements in coordination, considering the summer season. These arrangements include shaded resting areas,

drinking water facilities, and attractive lighting decorations for the convenience of devotees.

Event Devotees: June 2: Ankurarpanam (Ritual sowing of seeds) will be held from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

June 3: Dwajorahanam (Flag hoisting) will be conducted between 6:30 AM and 8:45 AM during Mithuna Lagna. Vehicle Sevas: Sessa Vahanam from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM; Hanumantha Vahanam from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

June 4: Surya Prabha Vahanam at 8:30 AM; Chandra Prabha Vahanam at 8:00 PM.

June 5: Gaja Va-

hanam at 8:30 AM; Sri Vari Shanti Kalyanam at 10:30 AM; Garuda Vahanam at 8:00 PM.

June 6: Rathotsavam (Temple Chariot Procession) at 8:30 AM; Ashwa Vahanam at 8:00 PM.

June 7: Chakrasnanam at 11:30 AM; Pushpayagam at 6:00 PM; Dwajavarahanam (Flag lowering ceremony) at 9:00 PM.

Daily Annadanam (distribution of free meals) will be conducted in the morning, afternoon, and evening throughout the Brahmotsavam days.

Temple AEO U. Ramesh and other officials were present during the poster release ceremony.



## Vijayawada Division Holds 133rd Divisional Rail Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting

**(Capital Information)**  
**Vijayawada**, May 21 : South Central Railway – Vijayawada Division conducted 133rd Divisional Rail Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting today, i.e., 21st May, 2025 at Divisional Conference Hall, Vijayawada. Narendra A. Patil, Divisional Railway Manager & Chairman, DRUCC graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Out of 19 Members of the committee representing a cross section of passengers, customers and other associations, 15 members attended the meeting today.

At the outset, Rambabu Vavilapalli, IRTS, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager & Secretary, DRUCC extended warm welcome to Narendra A. Patil, DRM & Chairman, DRUCC, P.E, Edwin, ADRM, Infrastructure, Srinivasa Rao Konda, ADRM, Operation and the attending DRUCC Members. He expressed gratitude for their



valuable contributions in improving passenger amenities across the Division.

Addressing the DRUCC Members, Narendra A. Patil, DRM said that revenue of the Division registered highest ever Gross Revenue & Freight Revenue of ₹5836.61 Crore and ₹4239.74 Crore respectively in FY 2024-25. With regard to freight loading, DRM shared that Division recorded 38,322 million tonnes (MTs), surpassing its

previous best of 38,169 MTs set in FY 2014-15. 'On passenger front, Division carried 66.7 million passengers and registered earnings of 1386.14 Cr', he added. DRM pointed that the emphasis in this year would be developing the 21 major stations of Vijayawada under "Amrit Station Scheme" and major up-gradation of Nellore & Rajahmundry Station with state of the art passenger amenities and top class features.

DRM revealed that only a minor stretch of 37 km balance is left for commissioning in Vijayawada- Gudur 289 km long tripling project and planning to execute it in next 5-6 months. DRM further stated that Division is expediting essential passenger amenities like lifts, Escalators and FOB's on war footing and also indicated that record 222.23 km of automatic block signalling commissioned in Division jurisdiction, so far for swift movement of trains. Narendra A. Patil emphasized that Divisional officers and staff are trying their best to meet the developmental aspirations of people, besides running the system in good health by undertaking maintenance, safety related works, track strengthening works and ensuring passenger safety as top priority.

In the aftermath, Narendra A. Patil, DRM, Vijayawada Division & Chairman, DRUCC,



and Vavilapalli Rambabu, Sr. DCM discussed the agenda sent by the Members, whose main demands were for Stoppage of the Trains, Provision of Passenger Amenities such as Lifts, Escalators, Punctuality of Trains, and Ensuring Cleanliness at Stations & on Trains. The members were informed that as partners of Railways their suggestions are of great value in deciding on provision of Passenger Amenities and

Stoppages of the Trains etc. Narendra A. Patil assured the DRUCC members that their suggestions and views expressed during the meeting will be given due consideration while formulating plans for improving amenities and services.

P.E. Edwin, ADRM (Infrastructure), expressed appreciation for the members' constructive inputs, reaffirming the Division's commitment to service excellence.

DRUCC members, in turn, thanked Narendra A. Patil, DRM & Chairman, DRUCC, for his leadership and acknowledged the Division's efforts in passenger convenience and critical infrastructure development. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Rambabu Vavilapalli, Sr. DCM.

Among the DRUCC members present were J. L. N. Nagendra Kumar (Palakollu), Koyyana Kumari (Rajahmundry), Ch. Mallikarjuna Rao (Guduvada), V. Rama Mohana Rao (Akievedu), A.P. Ravi Raj Kumar (Kakinada), T. Ravindra Pratap Kumar (Vijayawada), Smt M. Sulochana Rani (Onigole), G. Venu Madhav (Kavali), Shaik Saleem (Nellore), G. Nageswara Rao (Annavaram), P. Lakshmi Satyanarayana (Vijayawada), N. Sudhakar Rao (Onigole), Smt M. Sakku Kumari (Eluru), N. Peddi Raju (Narsapur), and M. Anil Kumar (Kakinada).

## MEDAK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS THE FIRST PLACE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC : SP UDAY KUMAR REDDY

**(Capital Information)**  
**Medak**, May 21 : Medak district SP Uday Kumar Reddy said that Medak district is happy to be the best stations to serve the public at the police station across the state. The Telangana State Police Department unveiled the QR Code of Citizen on January 09 this year to find out the views of the police and the public's views on the police.

The rank has been incor-

porated to all districts based on the feedback given by people since January. Medak district was the first place. District SP Uday Kumar Reddy said he was happy to get the first place in Medak district to compete at the state level. At a meeting held at the DGP office, the certificates were received from the Medak district with additional SP Mahender state DGP.



In the Citizen Feedback, he is happy to have two police stations from Medak district at 10 Best Police Station in the state. He said that the Narsapur police station in Medak district was 1 place and the Toopran police station was 4th. He said the police were providing public services.

Narsapur SI Lingam, Toopran SI Sivanandam cer-

tificate was received by state DGP Jitender Toopran DSP S Venkat Reddy has received the second place in the state for the most charge sheets in the Folkso cases and has received a certificate over the hands of Additional DGP Anil Kumar. We are happy to receive the best certificates for the Medak district in all the services of the police.

## Dr. N. Venkateshwarlu honored

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad**, May 21 : Dr. N. Venkateshwarlu has been honored by the Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education, Smt. A. Sridevasena, IAS, for his exceptional achievements in the academic year. He received the Telangana Best Psychologist Award, the Teacher Inspiration Award (TIA), and the Teaching Excellence Award.

During the felicitation, the Commissioner emphasized the crucial role psychologists play in educational institutions, especially in the post-COVID era. She lauded Dr. Venkateshwarlu for operating free psychological counseling centers both at his college and residence, providing invaluable support to students.

Dr. P. Bala Bhaskar, Regional Joint Director (RJD) of Higher Education, commended Dr. Venkateshwarlu's instrumental role in securing



NAAC 'A' grades for two government colleges. He directed Academic Advisors of the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE) to utilize Dr. Venkateshwarlu's expertise in upcoming aca-

demic programs, including video lessons, workshops, seminars, and training sessions. Furthermore, he appreciated the principal and staff of the Government Degree College, Hayathnagar for conducting a psychological survey on adolescent behavior.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Venkateshwarlu thanked the Commissioner and RJD for their recognition amidst their busy schedules with various entrance examinations. He affirmed his readiness to provide psychological services to the CCE, stating, "I am deeply thankful for the recognition bestowed upon me by our esteemed Commissioner Madam, whose exemplary leadership and humility continue to inspire us all."

## AP to hold awareness programmes on Yoga for one month

**(Capital Information)**  
**Rajahmundry**, May 21 : Andhra Pradesh Government will organize awareness programmes in a big way from May 21 to June 21 on Yoga.

Minister for Tourism Kandula Durgesh inaugurated a massive Yoga event at Gowthami ghat here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the AP Government is organising the International Yoga Day grandly in Visakhapatnam on June 21 in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi would participate.

He said that awareness programmes in various forms would be organized across the State on Yoga from village level to the district level with the theme of "Yogendra 2025".

He said over five lakh people would practice Yoga on June 21 international Yoga day programme over two crore people would also practice yoga across the state on the day.

The Tourism Minister revealed



that prominent personalities including film stars would participate in the programmes. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan and Minister for IT Nara Lokesh would also participate in various awareness programmes on Yoga at various places, the Minister asserted.

District Collector P Prasanthi, SP D Narasimha Kishore, Additional SP Murali Krishna, JC Chinna Rayudu and Municipal Commissioner Ketan Garg were among those who participated at the programme.

## Saraswati Pushkaram enters 7th day amid devotion & spiritual fervour in Kaleshwaram

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad**, May 21 : The sacred Saraswati Pushkaram has entered its seventh day in Kaleshwaram, a revered Trilinga Kshetra known for its spiritual, historical, and natural significance.

Thousands of devotees are continuing to throng the Triveni Sangam-the confluence of the Godavari, Pranahita, and Saraswati rivers-to take holy dips and offer prayers, with the Saraswati Aarti emerging as a key attraction.

The government has also made the divine ritual accessible through live-streaming.

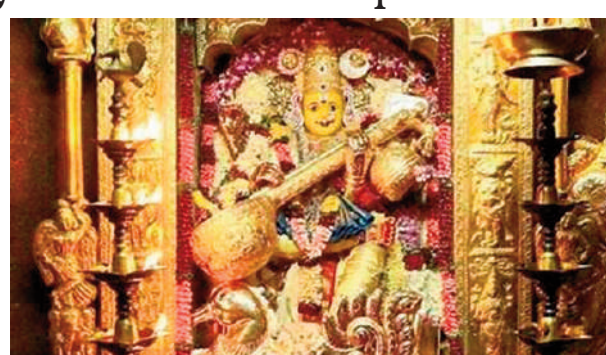
Kaleshwaram holds a unique place in Indian spiritual geography. Here, the Saraswati River-revered as Brahmapatni-joins the Godavari and Pranahita rivers.

According to mythology, this site witnessed the simultaneous manifestation

of Yama and Shiva in the form of lingams on a single panavatta. The temple town thus symbolises both salvation and judgment, making it one of the most spiritually potent locations in the country.

The presence of Saraswati here is particularly significant. Although the river is believed to have disappeared due to geological shifts centuries ago, legends state that it still flows underground in Kaleshwaram. This has made the town the only location in southern India where Saraswati Pushkarams are officially observed.

It is also one of the few places in the country where Saraswati is worshipped in her form as Maha Saraswati, while her other forms, Gyaana Saraswati and Bala Saraswati, are worshipped in Basara and Kashmir respectively.



Devotees, young and old, have been seen bathing in the sacred confluence with chants of "Hara Hara Mahadeva" echoing across the ghats. The atmosphere has been filled with devotional fervour, as conch shells are blown and prayers are offered to the river goddess and Lord Shiva.

On the seventh day of the festival, tradition holds that charity and good deeds carry special merit. Elders have long maintained that bathing alone does not bring spiritual

benefits unless coupled with acts of kindness and giving.

History and local beliefs suggest that donating food, clothing, bedding, or even symbolic homes on this day brings immense blessings. While the ritual has evolved into a community sentiment over time, its original purpose-cultivating compassion and humanity-remains relevant.

The natural landscape of Kaleshwaram enhances the spiritual experience. Unlike the upper reaches of the Godavari, which re-

ceive limited inflows, the region sees a significant volume of water due to the confluence with the Pranahita River.

This ensures a consistent water supply for the Pushkaram festivities and reduces the risk of water-borne diseases. Though the river appears narrow due to wide sandbanks stretching over two to three kilometres, the volume and purity of water make Kaleshwaram an ideal location for such a holy event.

With the Telangana state government's official organisation of the Pushkarams, Kaleshwaram's spiritual legacy is now receiving broader recognition. As pilgrims continue to flock to the site, Saraswati Pushkaram in Kaleshwaram remains a profound expression of faith, tradition, and community spirit.



## Birth of a Girl is a Blessing : Collector Mujammil Khan

**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, May 21 : District Collector Mujammil Khan participated in the "Maa Paapa – Maa Inti Mani deepam" program held at Rebbavaram village of Wyrā Mandal. He personally visited the home of Gutta Anusha and Venkata Ramarao, who were recently blessed with a baby girl, and offered sweets, fruits, and heartfelt congratulations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said, A girl child is not a burden but a blessing. Women play a crucial role in the progress of society. Families should celebrate the birth of daughters with joy.

Officials, ASHA workers, and local villagers took part in the program. This initiative is being conducted every Wednesday across the district.

## THE BROKEN TRUST BEHIND A MILLETS REVOLUTION : DR. M.SURESH BABU, PRESIDENT, PRAJA SCIENCE VEDIKA

**(Capital Information)**  
**Zaheerabad**, May 21 : A Legacy of Empowerment Now Mired in Distrust. For over four decades, the Decan Development Society (DDS) stood as a beacon of grassroots transformation in Telangana's Zaheerabad. What began as a movement to empower Dalit women—reviving millet farming, reclaiming barren lands, and fostering financial independence—has now spiraled into a crisis of trust. The very women who built DDS are now demanding answers: Where are our savings? Who sold our lands? Why have we been left in the dark?

**From Global Acclaim to Growing Skepticism**

Under the leadership of the late P.V. Satheesh, DDS gained international recognition for its innovative model of sustainable agriculture, seed sovereignty, and women-led

sanghams (self-help groups). Funded by global donors like Germany's Brot für die Welt and Canada's Inter Pares, DDS became synonymous with Dalit empowerment and food justice.

Yet today, that legacy is under scrutiny. Allegations of missing savings, unauthorized land sales, and financial opacity have fractured the trust of the women who were once the backbone of the movement.

**Voices of Betrayal**

• Rangamma (60), Hothi village: "We saved ₹1 a week, trusting DDS. Now, they claim my name isn't even in their records." Nagamma, Danavaram village: "We fought for dignity, but now we fight for our dues." Jagannath Reddy, former DDS employee: "Land meant for Dalits was sold to outsiders. Questions were never allowed."

**Key Allegations**

1. Missing Savings:



Women claim decades-old deposits—meant for loans and livelihoods—remain unreturned. DDS acknowledges delays but cites "discrepancies in records."

2. Controversial Land Sales: Acres of sangham land in Kuppanagar, Mansoor, and other villages were allegedly sold without member consent—some at rates far below market value. DDS insists sales followed "due process."
3. Donor Exodus: Once supported by 28 international agencies, DDS now relies on just four donors. Major back-

ers, including Brot für die Welt, withdrew funding by 2022.

**A Reckoning: Protests and Demands**

In February 2025, hundreds of women marched through Pastapur—DDS's former stronghold—holding placards and staging a sit-in at its offices. "What's the use of a famous NGO that betrays its own?" asked Shaikh Ahmed of the Human Rights Forum, which documented the grievances. While Divya Veluguri, DDS's Executive Director, states that savings are being verified and re-

turned, skepticism persists. "Notices were issued in 30 villages, but where is the money?" retort villagers.

**The Irony of Empowerment**

DDS's achievements remain undeniable. Broke caste barriers in Zaheerabad's villages. DDS Revived millet farming and food sovereignty and Built homes, seed banks, and alternative PDS systems. Yet, its decline underscores a painful truth, even the most celebrated grassroots movements can collapse when transparency erodes.

**The Road Ahead**

With Satheesh gone and trust fractured, DDS faces an existential question: Can it reclaim its moral authority, or will it become another cautionary tale of broken promises? For now, the women of Zaheerabad wait—not for handouts, but for accountability.



Editorial

Ensure compassionate governance in Divyang schools

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday emphasised the need for a sensitive, vigilant and proactive administrative system in educational institutions catering to Divyang (differently abled) youth.

During a review of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the CM expressed concern over disruptive elements attempting to lead Divyang students in schools and universities astray to anti-social activities. "We must remain fully alert to such tendencies and ensure the safety and psychosocial protection of our students," he said.

He directed that permission for external organisations to operate in these institutions should only be granted after thorough background investigations.

Yogi directed comprehensive inspections of all Bachpan Day Care Centres, Mansik Mandit Ashray Kendras, Integrated Schools, 'Mamta', 'Sparsh' and 'Sanket' schools across the state. "Institutional frameworks must be strengthened further by engaging with the students and understanding their needs, as well as the aspirations and expectations of their parents," he said.

He emphasised the urgent need to fill vacant teaching posts in these schools. "Until regular appointments are made, qualified youth can be employed through alternative arrangements, with appropriate weightage given to them in future selection processes," he said.

During the meeting, the CM was updated on the status, achievements and action plans of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the Backwards Classes Welfare Department.

He directed that all welfare schemes must be transparent, technically efficient and ensure timely delivery of benefits to the intended beneficiaries. He highlighted that over the past eight years, the department's budget has increased more than tenfold, reflecting the government's strong commitment to the welfare of Divyang individuals.

Officials reported that under the Divyangjan Pension Scheme, Rs 1,300 crore has been distributed to 11.04 lakh beneficiaries, while approximately 12,000 persons affected by leprosy receive monthly assistance of Rs 3,000.

Yogi directed the launch of a state-level campaign to identify eligible individuals not yet receiving pensions, as well as those fraudulently availing benefits, with strict action to be taken accordingly.

It was further reported that in the last financial year, Rs 28.93 crore was provided to 35,136 Divyang individuals for assistive devices such as tricycles, wheelchairs and Braille kits. Under the Motorised Tricycle Scheme, equipment worth up to Rs 2 lakh has been supplied to 270 severely disabled beneficiaries.

The CM emphasised the need to ensure prompt delivery of benefits from central government schemes to eligible state beneficiaries. He also urged Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly to contribute funds toward the Motorised Tricycle Scheme.

Reviewing the 'Cochlear Implant Scheme', he stressed that its success hinges on initiating treatment from the newborn stage. He directed the officials to maintain communication with the families of 214 recently benefited children and closely monitor their health progress.

In the education sector, officials informed Yogi that 1,390 visually, hearing and mentally challenged children receive necessary training and education through Child Day Care Centres across 25 districts. Besides, residential education is provided to 1,680 children via 16 special schools, 7 integrated schools and 5 mental rehabilitation centres operating within the state.

He directed that priority be given to skill development-based courses at Lucknow's Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University and Chitrakoot's Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyang Rajya Vishwavidyalaya. He emphasised that these institutions should be promoted at the national level to attract Divyangjans from across the country.

(The screen person speaks the truth)

"Influencers, wake up! Responsibility should also go viral"

In today's digital age, social media has become an integral part of our lives. It is not only a powerful medium of communication, but has also become an important platform for public opinion formation, social awareness and political debate. The influence of influencers on platforms like Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook is no longer limited to entertainment, but they have also started guiding public thinking on social and political matters. In such a situation, it is natural to ask whether these influencers should have any moral or legal accountability? Should they also follow impartiality like is expected from journalists?

Social media influencers are people who have thousands or millions of followers. Their thoughts, reactions, reviews and comments influence people. Many brands and companies promote their products with the help of these influencers. Now this influence is not only economic, but it has also penetrated deeply into the social and political sphere.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the assembly elections in many states, it was clearly seen how social media influencers are playing the role of campaigners for political parties. They directly share posts, make videos or conduct live debates in support or opposition of a particular party. Most of these posts contain promotional material, but it is not clear whether it is 'paid' or not. There is a guideline of the Election Commission to monitor paid news in traditional media, but this new world of social media does not have this control.

The Supreme Court and various High Courts have also expressed concern from time to time about the monitoring of misinformation, hate speech and election campaigns on social media. Technology may have given people freedom of expression, but when this freedom is exercised without any responsibility, it starts weakening democracy.

Today, anyone can become a journalist - with a smartphone and an internet connection. In such a situation, there is a thin line between journalism and the role of influencers, which needs to be clearly marked. There is a code of conduct for journalists, there is a Press Council, there is accountability of news organizations. But no such mechanism exists for social media influencers.

Two things are important here - one, the freedom of influencers and second, their responsibility. Freedom does not mean that they spread any kind of information or idea without checking the facts. If they are propagating a political ideology or influencing public opinion in favor of a particular party, then it is important that they do it in a transparent manner and it is clear that they are working under an agenda.

Apart from this, considering the posts or videos of influencers as paid promotion, the Election Commission should also make clear rules for this. Just as the fee for advertisements in TV and newspapers is fixed and its declaration is mandatory, in the same way promotional posts on social media should also be monitored.

After all, the strength of democracy lies in its transparency and fairness. If any medium - be it traditional media or social media - behaves in a biased manner, it affects public opinion and weakens the roots of democracy.

On the other hand, many influencers may argue that they are free citizens and have the right to support any idea. This argument is correct to some extent, but when a person or group is influencing the opinion of millions of people through their ideas, then they also have a social and moral responsibility.

Influencers must understand that their words are not limited to entertainment or promotion of beauty products, but they can also influence social concerns and democratic processes. With this influence, they must also accept accountability.

It is time that the government, Election Commission, and society take concrete steps in this direction. Social media platforms should also monitor the activities of their users and make technical arrangements to identify paid advertising. Also, a framework should be created that brings influencers under the ambit of code of conduct and also binds them to transparency and fairness.

The need of the hour is that we should not only talk about freedom of expression but also give equal importance to its responsibility and accountability.

For the success of democracy, it is essential that every platform, every medium and every voice is fair, responsible and truthful - be it a newspaper editorial, a TV debate or an Instagram post.



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

UTTAR PRADESH: THE LAND OF TEMPLES AND VIHARAS

One of the oldest inhabited cities in the world, Varanasi, the land of Lord Shiva, is situated on the banks of the Ganga in Uttar Pradesh. It was the capital of the Kashi kingdom during the time of Buddha in the sixth century BCE. It is famous for the temple of Kashi Vishwanath, which is one of the twelve divine Jyotirlingas. The Goddess Annapurna temple near it was built by Peshwa Baji Rao 1 in 1725. There are many ancient and famous temples like Kaal Bhairav Temple, Batuk Bhairav Temple, Saknet Mochan Temple, and Sakshi Vinayak Temple in Varanasi.

There are many Jain temples in Varanasi, as four Jain Tirthankars - Suparshvanath, Chandra Prabhu, Shreyansnath, and Parshvanath- were born in Varanasi. A unique temple dedicated to Mother India, Bharata Mata Temple, with perfect relief maps of India carved on marble, was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi in 1936 in Varanasi. Sant Kabir's Temple, built on the site of his home, depicts his works in rock frames.

Varanasi is also the land of Ghats such as Assi Ghat, which is one of the oldest and largest ghats, Dashashwamedh Ghat, where Ganga Aarti is held, Manikarnika Ghat, known for the holiest cremation place, that ascertains attainment of Moksha after death, as per beliefs, Tulsi Ghat, Hanuman Ghat, Prahlad Ghat, and Jain Ghat etc.

Sudipta Sen described the ancient history of Varanasi in his monumental book "Ganga - the many pasts of a river" as "During the Gupta period, the imperial family sponsored the worship of Vishnu and Shiva's scion Kartikeya, which is evident from the coins found in the Rajghat area in present-day Banaras. As far as Harshvardhana's reign in Kannauj and Varanasi, we see a melange of Buddhist and Shaiva practices, and by the eighth century common era, various forms of Vajrayana Buddhism seem to have been firmly established in these cities. Mahapala 1, the king of Gauda in Bengal, along with his brothers Sthirapala and Vasantapala, had donated handsomely for the construction and repair of various Buddhist monuments. During the early eleventh century C.E., Varanasi and nearby Sarnath were bustling centers of commerce, travel, and pilgrimage, with a profusion of Viharas and stupas, which indicates the continuous influence of Mahayana monks in the religious life of the city known for Shiva worship. One of the most imposing structures visible on the banks of the Ganga in Varanasi was the Kalchuri ruler Lakshmaikarna's temple known as the Karmameru(Mount Meru of Karna)."

During the tenth century C.E., Mohammad Ghazni's court historian Al-Utbi wrote in his book Kitab-i-Yamini that there were a thousand temples with great hoards of money and jewels at the temples, which the local Hindus boasted were more than a thousand years old.

King Chandradeva donated one thousand pieces of gold and silver, and thirty-two villages in Varanasi to five Brahmins in 1100 C.E. The legendary Kashi Vishwanatha temple and Adi Keshava temple were also endowed handsomely.

Sen also explains that Mohammad Ghouri, who conquered Lahore in 1186, sought to establish an Islamic regime that included the building of congregational mosques where the name of the ruler could be recited as the defender of faith during the Friday congregational prayer (Khutba)- which placed architecture at the center of manifest authority. At least five major Ghurid mosque complexes, made out of brick, mosaic, and terra-cotta, have been located across northern India, along with fragments of Hindu and Jain temples dating to the eighth or ninth century C.E.

Historian Colonel James Tod wrote in his "Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan" that after Varanasi fell to the Turks, there was "a sense of devastation, plunder, and massacre that lasted through the ages and all that was sacred in religion and celebrated in art was destroyed by these ruthless and barbarous invaders."

Sen also mentions about works of Hasan Nizami, historian of Ghurid general Qutubuddin Aibak, that "during the siege of Varanasi, nearly a thousand temples were razed to the ground (zamin-duz) and mosques raised on their sites, and new dispensations of Islamic faith and Islamic law were established. Ibn Asir (Kamil-ut-Tawarikh) notes that the booty that fell to the conquering army was laden on the backs of 1,400 camels. This number is reported as "four thousand" by Mohammad Qasim Ferishta. Similar lists of conquests and pillage at Gwalior, Malwa, Kainjar, Multan, Sialkot, Ajmer, Sarast, Meerut, Delhi, Bihar, Lakhnauti, Banaras (Varanasi), and Badaun adorn the pages of the standard historical compendium of the era, the Tabaqat-i-Nasiri. Nizami is very clear on the point that each and every campaign against infidels must be recorded by historians, and the story of the sultan's deeds circulated far and wide...Qutubuddin Aibak demolished temples in Kannauj and Varanasi, and his successor, Iltutmish, destroyed a three hundred year old temple in Malwa, and most memorably, the grand temple of Mahakal of Ujjain, transporting the main deity and statue of the legendary King Vikramaditya, the founder of the Hindu solar calendar, to the gates of congregational mosque in Delhi to be trampled underfoot by visitors. According to Ferishta, these images were first demolished at the gate of the mosque. The inscription found on the inner lintel of the eastern gateway of the Qutb Mosque in Delhi notes that material from twenty-seven temples (bist va haft alat-i-butkhanah) was used for the structure that was endowed by Qutubuddin Aibak to erect a memorial to the triumph of Islam."

PRAYAG RAJ SANGAM: Prayagraj is revered by Hindus as the Triveni Sangam of three holy rivers, Ganga, Yamuna, and Sarasvati. It is about 121 km away from Varanasi. Prayagraj hosts Kumbh Mela every 6 and 12 years, respectively, and it is believed that nearly 66 crore people took a holy dip at the Maha Kumbh held here in 2025.

SARNATH: Sarnath, one of the holiest places of Buddhism, is 10 km away from Varanasi, where Buddha preached his first sermon to five disciples, which is considered as dharmachakra-parivartana (Turning of the Wheel of Law). A branch of the Bodhi tree of Gaya, where Buddha attained Bodhisattva, was planted at Sarnath. Buddha taught his Dharma here about the Four Noble Truths. His philosophy was concerned with the basic problems of this world, its miseries, and solutions to them, with ethical behavior like the eightfold Noble Path consisting of Right Views, Right speech, Right aspirations, Right Conduct, Right Living, Right effort, Right Mindfulness, and Right Meditation.(Aryashtangika-marga). He did not speak about the afterlife or God.

Buddha also established his first Sangha, a Buddhist monastery, in Sarnath with sixty monks and sent them to different parts of the world to propagate Buddhism.

Sarnath was also called Rishipatana because five hundred Rishis attained nirvana here, and Mrigadava because of herds of deer that roamed freely here due to the dictate of the Kashi king not to kill any animal.

Ashoka, the Mauryan king, who was born in 268 BCE, built Dharmarajika Stupa, about 30.4 meters high, which was pulled down by Jagat Sing of Varanasi in 1794. Dharmachakra, which is adopted by India as our national emblem, is from the monument built by Ashoka here. This pillar is placed in the museum of Sarnath.

Dharmarajika stupa and the Ashoka pillar.

Pala kings Mahipala and Vasantapala restored the Dharmarajika and Dharmachakra of Sarnath, which were destroyed by Mohammad Ghazni. Another great Buddhist vihara, Dharmachakra-Jina Vihara, was constructed by the queen Kumaradevi of Govindachandra (1114-1154 CE)

KUSHINAGARA: Kushinagar is a famous historical place where Buddha gave his last sermon and attained nirvana. It was built by King Kusha, son of Rama of the Ramayana. The city is also associated with Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankar of Jainism, and makes it one of the holiest historical places for Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains. In the Mahaparinirvana Temple at Kushinagar, a 6.10-meter-long resting statue of Buddha is carved out of one piece of red sandstone with the portrayal of the 'Dying Buddha'. An inscription here gives the date of the statue as the 5th century CE.

There is a Ramabhar Stupa, known as the Muktubandhan Chaitya, which is the spot where Lord Buddha's last rites were performed, and a huge cylindrical structure of 34.14 meters in diameter was built here. Wat Thai Temple and Myanmar Buddha Vihar are also famous for their Buddhist images.

AYODHYA: It is a famous historical city that lies on the banks of the Sarayu river in Uttar Pradesh. Adi Kavya Ramayana narrates the life journey of Rama, who was the king of Ayodhya in Treta Yuga. Hindus believe that Rama was born at the very spot of Ramajanna Bhumi in Ayodhya. The Supreme Court of India has settled the dispute of the Ramjanma Bhumi issue, subsequently, the Ramjanmabhumi Temple was constructed with intricate carvings and majestic spires. It is said that the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is made entirely of stone and has 360 pillars in the Nagara style. The temple is 380 feet long, 250 feet wide, and 161 feet tall, and has 392 pillars and 44 doors. The ground floor depicts Lord Ram's life, and the first floor features Lord Ram's Darbar, which is made from pink sandstone from Rajasthan.

Other notable sites to be seen at Ayodhya are Hanuman Garhi, a temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman, from where we can have a panoramic view of Ayodhya, and Nageshwarnath Temple, an ancient Shiva temple believed to be established by King Kusha, son of Lord Ram. Kanak Bhavan Temple, dedicated to Lord Ram and Sita, and Dashashwamedh Ghat are a must-see for tourists for their scenic splendour.

The Archaeological Survey of India and the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department have published booklets about these historical and religious sites, which are useful to tourists.

SOCIAL LIFE OF UTTAR PRADESH: When I asked the car driver about the important temples to visit in Varanasi, he replied nonchalantly, "Here, we have a temple in every house!" Most people are traditional in their attire and revere their culture very much. They love betel leaf (Banarasi Pan), Jelebi, and milk-based sweets. As the cities of Varanasi and Ayodhya are ancient cities that have had continuous habitats for thousands of years, there are small by-lanes which are very difficult to navigate. As there are numerous by-lanes in the city, it is better to use auto-rickshaws for travelling than cars. At present, the State Government is undertaking the work of widening roads at important tourist and pilgrim places to ease the flow of traffic. We can seldom find South Indian food here. But the cost of living is affordable for the common man. Tourism is the biggest boon for Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Sarnath. Kushinagar is a less popular destination for visitors; it is far away from major cities, and is also limited to Buddhist disciples.

-ANANDESI NAGARAJU



## SC dismisses plea seeking FIR against Justice Varma in cash recovery case

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a writ petition filed by advocate Mathews Nedumpara and others seeking registration of an FIR against Justice Yashwant Varma in connection with the alleged recovery of illicit cash from his official residence.

A bench comprising Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan observed that the Chief Justice of India (CJI) had already forwarded the report of the in-house inquiry committee, along with Justice Varma's response, to the President and the Prime Minister of India.

"Since no representation has been made to the President or the Prime Minister seeking action, the writ petition seeking a writ of mandamus is not maintainable," the bench noted.

The court clarified that it was not rejecting the petitioners' right to approach the judiciary at a later stage. "We are not saying you cannot file. But first, you must follow the basic rule."

A writ of mandamus cannot



not be issued unless a representation has been made to the authorities concerned," Justice Oka remarked during the hearing.

The court also declined to entertain other prayers in the petition, such as reconsideration of the K. Veeraswami judgment, which governs the procedure for initiating criminal proceedings against sitting judges. Justice Oka said such issues "need not be considered at the present stage."

Advocate Nedumpara,

appearing in person, contended that the in-house procedure under the Veeraswami judgment was inadequate and called for a criminal investigation. He argued that the alleged recovery of cash constituted a cognizable offence under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Prevention of Corruption Act, and therefore mandated registration of an FIR by police.

However, the court was unmoved. "You don't know the contents of the report.

We also don't know them. If you are serious, make a representation. If no action follows, come back," Justice Oka said, emphasizing procedural propriety.

The present petition is the second such plea filed by Nedumpara. In March, the Supreme Court had dismissed an earlier petition as premature, which had sought a stay on the in-house inquiry conducted by a three-judge committee.

The petitioners have challenged the continued validity of Veeraswami, contending that the requirement of prior sanction from the CJI before initiating any FIR against a sitting judge contradicts basic principles of criminal law.

They further argued that impeachment is merely a civil remedy, and criminal prosecution is necessary when serious corruption allegations arise against a judge.

Justice Yashwant Varma came under the scanner after a fire broke out on March 14 in the storeroom of his official residence, leading to the alleged discovery of unac-

counted cash.

Based on a report from Delhi High Court Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyay, the CJI constituted a three-member in-house committee on March 21 to investigate the matter.

The Supreme Court subsequently made public the Delhi High Court CJ's report, Justice Varma's response, and related visuals on its website.

On March 24, Justice Varma was divested of his judicial responsibilities by the Delhi High Court. The Supreme Court Collegium later recommended his transfer to the Allahabad High Court, his parent High Court.

The petitioners have sought a thorough probe to determine the source of the cash, the beneficiaries, and whether judicial integrity was compromised in any cases.

Despite raising concerns over judicial accountability, the apex court firmly reiterated the need for due process, stating that the matter remains in the domain of the executive until further representation is made.



## Youth Cong files FIR against Amit Malviya, Arnab Goswami

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) The Indian Youth Congress (IYC) on Wednesday said it has lodged an FIR against BJP leader Amit Malviya and journalist Arnab Goswami under non-bailable sections for allegedly defaming leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and "conspiring" to link the Congress to Turkiye.

Youth Congress national spokesperson Varun Pandey said that the FIR was lodged on the instructions of the organisation's in-charge Krishna Allavaru, Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib and legal department national chairman Rupesh Bhadoria.

After the registration of the FIR, Chib and Bhadoria alleged malicious attempt to defame the Congress.

"This FIR sends a clear message that any attempt to spread fake news against the party or its leadership will be met with a strong legal and political response," he said.

The FIR charges the two with spreading fake news, inciting hatred and endangering national security.

## Dharma won, Adharma surrendered before your weapons, I salute you: LG Sinha to Army troops

Jammu, May 21 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday, while interacting with the Army jawans in Poonch district, saluted them, stating that Dharma has won and Adharma surrendered before their weapons and might.

He added, "Dharma has won and Adharma has surrendered before your weapons and might. I am



"Salute to the brave soldiers of the Army for their outstanding courage and gallantry in 'Operation Sindoor'. During my interaction with the soldiers in Poonch, I recalled their invincible power, which ensured a decisive victory for Bharat." LG Sinha said in a post on X.

proud that in just a few days our brave soldiers broke the back of the enemy and today 140 crore citizens are remembering your valour, courage, and sacrifice."

"Operation Sindoor is a liv-

ing example of India's military and strategic might and has also proved that every inch of Pakistan's land is today the

target of our brave soldiers and the enemy knows that if it indulges in future misadventure, then it will not survive," he said.

LG Sinha said, "Operation Sindoor has drawn a new red line. In just 23 minutes, India had brought the masters of Pakistani terrorists to their knees, and the next time if they raise their eyes towards Mother India, not a single area of theirs would remain untouched by punishment."

## ED raids on Parameshwara politically motivated: Surjewala

Bengaluru, May 21 (UNI) Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala on Wednesday lashed out at the BJP-led Central Government, terming the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on educational institutions run by Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara as "a frustrated reaction" to the state government's move to grant ownership rights to one lakh SC-ST families.

Surjewala said Dr Parameshwara, "one of the tallest SC leaders," was being targeted for his role in empowering marginalised communities, particularly after the recent announcement made at Hospet.

"The ED raids on the in-

stitutions of Dr G Parameshwara are a frustrated reaction of the BJP and the Modi Government to the granting of ownership rights to 1 lakh SC-ST families yesterday," he said in a statement. "The constant assault on the Constitution and leaders from SC, ST, and OBC communities has become a habitual pattern."

Dr Parameshwara, who manages the Siddhartha Institute of Technology (established in 1979) and Siddhartha Medical College (established in 1988), both located in Tumkuru, has contributed to expanding access



to education in rural Karnataka, Surjewala noted.

"It is indeed surprising that 46 years after the founding of these institutions, the Modi Government suddenly finds reasons to conduct raids. These actions appear to be aimed at silencing voices of the oppressed while BJP's corruption is ac-

tively being investigated by the state's Home Ministry," he alleged.

Calling the raids a "desperate attempt to cover up the corruption of previous BJP Governments," the senior Congress leader said the party would remain steadfast in implementing its welfare agenda.

"The Congress in Karnataka will continue with the implementation of the five guarantees, and will pursue even more vigorously the sixth guarantee—giving ownership of 1 lakh houses to our SC-ST brothers and sisters," he affirmed.

"Truth shall win. Satyamev Jayate," he concluded.

## Crimes against Dalits rise under CPM rule in Kerala: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Thiruvananthapuram, May 21 (UNI) Over the past 9 years, there has been a sharp rise in crimes against Dalit communities under the rule of CPI(M)-led Pinarayi Vijayan Government in Kerala, State BJP President Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday.

"Yet, convictions have occurred in just 8% of cases. Even in high-profile incidents like the Walayar Sisters' deaths, justice remains elusive. Dalits continue to face humiliation in schools, government offices, and even police stations," Chandrasekhar said in a message.

"Never before in Kerala's history have Dalits been denied justice as systematically and consistently as they have under this regime," he added.

Saying that the cruelty



and mental harassment faced by a young Dalit woman named Ms Bindu in Peroorkkada is not an isolated incident, he said "It is a stark reflection of the anti-Dalit mindset that has defined the nine-year rule of the Pinarayi Vijayan Government."

While the Pinarayi Government has done everything to secure the future of his family members, it has done absolutely nothing for the upliftment of Dalits. In

contrast, Narendra Modi's Government has worked sincerely for Dalit empowerment through schemes like PM Adarsh Gram Yojana, StandUpIndia, and the National SC-ST Hub, encouraging self-employment and promoting economic self-reliance.

Only the BJP with its motto of 'SabkaSaathSabkaVikas,' is committed to 'VikasitaKeralam' - an inclusive development that brings every community along the path of progress.

"Ever since the LDF Government came to power, Kerala's development across all sectors has stagnated. Corruption and nepotism are the only things flourishing in the state today," he alleged.

The Pinarayi Government's lasting contribution to Kerala is pushing it to a point where it can't even afford to pay its employees and pensioners, he added.

As the Pinarayi Vijayan Government marks its fourth anniversary of misrule with grand speeches and self-praise, the ASHA workers are left to protest on the streets for fair wages and dignity.

"These healthcare warriors stood selflessly on the frontlines during the pandemic and continue to serve our communities, yet this government has ignored their just demands and displayed shocking indifference to their struggle."

While the Narendra Modi government is realizing its vision of a developed India, Kerala is being left behind in that journey, he felt.

## Odisha Govt issues specific rules granting 180 days of maternity leave for women employees

Bhubaneswar, May 21 (UNI) The Odisha Government has introduced specific rules granting 180 days of maternity leave to women government employees.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has approved the proposal, effectively resolving longstanding issues faced by women employees in availing maternity leave.

As per the new rules, a woman government employee with fewer than two living children is entitled to up to 180 days of maternity leave.

Previously, there was ambiguity about the timeframe during which maternity leave could be availed. The newly framed rules clarify the conditions and periods under which the leave may be taken.

One major concern addressed is the situation where a woman joins government service after childbirth. The new rules specify that such em-



ployees may still be granted maternity leave, provided the child is under six months old at the time of joining.

However, in these cases, the leave granted will be less than 180 days.

The rules also account for unfortunate circumstances such as miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn. In cases of miscarriage or stillbirth (defined as the baby being born dead after 28 weeks or more of pregnancy), the employee is entitled to 42 days of maternity leave from the date of the incident.

If the child dies between 29 and 120 days after birth, the woman employee is eligi-

ble for up to 14 days of special maternity leave from the date of the incident.

If the regular maternity leave has already expired, she may still receive special maternity leave of 14 days. If her regular leave expires within 14 days of the incident, she will be granted the remaining number of days to complete the 14-day period.

Eligibility for maternity leave is limited to women with fewer than two living children, and the childbirth must occur in a recognized hospital.

Furthermore, if a woman employee is promoted while on maternity leave, she will be considered as having joined the higher post on the date her joining report (in hard or soft copy) is received by the appropriate authority.

She will continue her maternity leave in the promoted role as per the new government rules.



## Op Sindoor : Sanjay Jha-led delegation leaves for 5-nation tour

New Delhi, Mar 21 (UNI) As part of India's global outreach, a parliamentary delegation headed by JDU's Sanjay Jha left for a five-nation tour to convey India's resolve for zero tolerance against terrorism and contours of Operation Sindoor in which nine terrorist camps were destroyed in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Before leaving, the delegation was briefed by foreign secretary Vikram Misri on government's position on terrorism and commitment to eliminate not only terrorists but also their sponsors.

The delegation will be visiting Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Japan and Singapore.

The members include Aparajita Sarangi, Brij Lal, Pradan Baruah, Hemang Joshi of the BJP, Abhishek Banerjee of the TMC, John Brittas of the CPI (M) and Ambassador Mohan Kumar.

## Amit Shah to visit Nanded; ex-MLAs may join BJP

Mumbai, May 21 (UNI) Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Nanded on May 26, coinciding with the birthday of local MLA Sriyaya Chavan. On this occasion, it is expected that two former Congress MLAs and several key officials may formally join the BJP.

Sriyaya Chavan, who belongs to an influential political family, was elected an MLA from Bhokar (Nanded district) in her first attempt last year.

The representation of the Bhokar constituency began with Digambar Rao, the first home minister of the Hyderabad State. However, it was Shankar Rao Chavan who gave the constituency its distinct identity.

Later, his son Ashok and Sanusha Amita Chavan also represented the constituency before passing the traditional seat to a



close relative.

After the delimitation of the Bhokar constituency in 2009, the Chavan family's influence has remained strong. In once a Congress-dominated constituency, the BJP flag was raised for the first time through Sriyaya Chavan. The constituency had consistently voted for Congress candidates since 1962.

From the nearby Parbhani district, Meghna Bordikar secured a cabinet position, but Sriyaya Chavan has yet to receive such an opportunity. Following the linguistic reorganization of states, Shankar Rao Chavan became Deputy

Minister directly in the cabinet, and Ashok Chavan was also appointed Minister of State during his first term in 1993.

Although Sriyaya has not yet been inducted, Ashok Chavan is actively working within the BJP to bring her into the cabinet.

Whether Amit Shah's visit to Nanded on May 26 coinciding with Sriyaya Chavan's birthday is a mere coincidence or a political strategy remains unclear. However, the Home Minister's planned visit to Shankar Rao Chavan's memorial and the BJP meeting to be held at the Kasm Auditorium underscore the significance of the event.

Ashok Chavan had inaugurated this venue in the presence of Sonia Gandhi and Dr Manmohan Singh. Now, for the first time, a national BJP leader will enter Chavan family's educational institution.

## NHRC takes suo motu cognizance of Ashoka University professor's arrest

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Wednesday took suo motu cognizance of the arrest and remand of Ashoka University professor Ali Khan Mahmoodabad and observed that prima facie his human rights and liberty had been violated.

The NHRC also issued notice to the Director General Of Haryana Police asking him to submit a detailed report within a week.

The National Human Rights Commission has come across a news report dated May 20 regarding the arrest and remand to custody of a Professor of Ashoka University in Haryana. The Commission has noted that the report, which contains a gist of the allegations on the basis of which he has been arrested, discloses, prima facie, that the human rights and liberty of the said Professor have been violated.

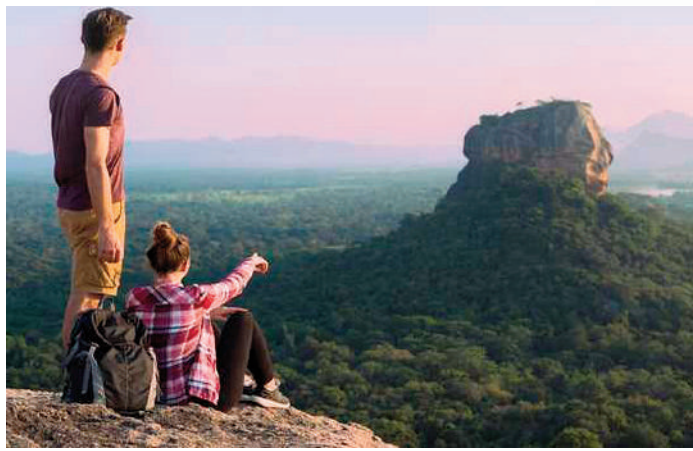
Therefore, it has deemed it to be a fit case for taking suo motu cognizance of the reported incident.' an official statement said.

Accordingly, the NHRC has issued a notice to the Director General of Police, Haryana, calling for a detailed report in the matter within one week, the statement said.





International Information



### Sri Lanka records over 80k tourist arrivals in May

Colombo, May 21 (UNI) Over 80,000 tourists arrived in Sri Lanka during the first 18 days of May, according to the latest data from the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA).

A total of 80,421 tourists visited the country during this period.

As of May 18, the total number of tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka for 2025 has reached 977,305, according to SLTDA data.

Tourism is one of Sri Lanka's main sources of foreign revenue. The country earned approximately 3.17 billion U.S. dollars from tourism in 2024.

### 5 killed, several injured in school bus attack in Pak

Islamabad, May 21 (UNI) Five people, including three students, were killed and several others injured when terrorists attacked a school bus in Pakistan's Khuzdar district of southwestern Balochistan province on Wednesday, an official said.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the Pakistani military, condemned the terrorist attack on "the innocent school-going children's bus," vowing to hunt down the "planners, abettors and executors" of the attack and bring them to justice.

Khuzdar Deputy Commissioner Yasir Iqbal Dashti said that at least five people



### Musk commits to Tesla CEO role, plans political pullback

New York, May 21 (UNI) Multi billionaire and U.S. political figure Elon Musk said he's committed to still leading Tesla Inc. in five years and expects to pare back his political spending,



assuaging some investors' concerns about the future of his most valuable company, reported Bloomberg News on Tuesday.

During a remote ap-

pearance at the Qatar Economic Forum in Doha, Qatar, Musk said that he should be compensated for doing "something incredible" at Tesla. He criticized the Delaware judge who's authority, rather than wealth.

"It's not a money thing," Musk said. "It's a reasonable control thing, over the future of the company."

Musk later said that he's going to spend "a lot less" in the future on politics, saying he thinks he's done enough. "If I see a reason to do political spending in the future, I will do it," he said. "I do not currently see a reason."

Musk, whose 375.5 billion U.S. dollars fortune leads the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, has been chief executive officer of Tesla since 2008, one of the longest active stints atop the world's major automakers. His level of engagement with Tesla has come under greater scrutiny as the company has followed up its first annual drop in vehicle sales in over a decade with steeper declines early this year.



### Finland must compensate Rosatom in Court for ending contract at Hanhikivi-1 NPP - CEO

Moscow, May 21 (UNI) Finland must compensate Russian state nuclear corporation Rosatom in court for the termination of its contract at the Hanhikivi-1 nuclear power plant (NPP), CEO Alexey Likhachev said on Wednesday.

The only country that has demonstratively refused to cooperate with Rosatom is Finland, the CEO said.

"We are currently in court. The political convictions of the Finnish government do not concern us much. They should pay, in our opinion, and compensate us for the losses that were incurred during the first stage of construction and creation of the project," Likhachev said, speaking at the government hour in the Federation Council.

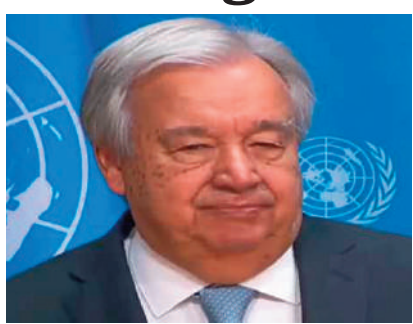
Rostom has practically not left the Western peaceful atom market, but the share of its projects with other countries is growing, the head said, adding that negotiations on a number of new projects abroad are in the final stages.

### UN chief welcomes global pandemic agreement

United Nations, May 21 (UNI) UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday welcomed the adoption of the global pandemic agreement at the World Health Organization (WHO).

Guterres believes that the historic pandemic agreement strengthens global preparedness against pandemics, ensures equity and solidarity in response to health threats and upholds health as a fundamental human right, said his spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

The landmark decision by the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA) culminates more than three years of intensive intergovernmental negotiations in



response to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, said the spokesman. "The secretary-general pointed out that COVID-19 was a reminder that no one is safe until everyone is safe."

There is no other way but through multilateral cooperation to deal with the global health

threats that humanity is facing today, said the spokesman.

The WHA, the WHO's highest decision-making body, adopted the global pandemic agreement in Geneva on Tuesday.

The agreement proposes the establishment of a series of new platforms and mechanisms aimed at comprehensively reforming the existing systems for pandemic surveillance, prevention, and response. It seeks to promote research and equitable sharing of pandemic-related products, adjust the production and distribution order of such products, and further improve the global public health governance system, with a particular focus on addressing fairness challenges in international health development.

In November 2021, a special session of the WHA established an intergovernmental negotiating body tasked with drafting a pandemic agreement to enhance global capacities for pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response.

In April this year, the WHO announced that, following more than three years of intensive negotiations, member states had reached a consensus on the draft text of the agreement, which was then submitted at the 78th session.

### Excise Enforcement Officers Tried to Frame False Cases Against Innocent Man

(Capital Information)  
Nizamabad bureau, May 21 : Nizamabad Excise Enforcement Police tried to frame a person in a false case. In the end, the person was released without any case after he strongly protested. This incident, which took place under the jurisdiction of Bodhan Excise Station, came to light late. The higher authorities had set different targets for the Nizamabad Excise Officers and staff.

In particular, they have to complete the target by making cases against Ganja, Alphazolam and other prohibited drugs. Meanwhile, the Excise Department will soon be promoting the staff. In this order, a constable devised a plan to seize a huge amount of Alphazolam with the intention of getting the approval of the higher authorities and getting



promoted. However, it was not possible.

With this, the higher authorities were informed that some alphazolam was found in a vehicle belonging to a person in Kurnapalli under the Bodhan Excise Station. Immediately, the vehicle and alphazolam were taken to the enforcement office with the person.

However, the officers who

conducted the investigation were shocked to know the real story. Since there was no connection between the things said by the person and the information given by the constable, an in-depth investigation was conducted.

The person who was caught with alphazolam .. categorically said that he had done nothing wrong. He stated during the investigation that he had deliberately kept alphazolam in his vehicle and was arrested. After that, the officers let the person go without doing anything.

However, the constable, who wanted to implicate an innocent person in the case, had no idea where the alphazolam was. Whether the higher authorities will investigate in that regard and take action against the constable or not, remains to be seen.

### Tribute to the Visionary of India's Information Revolution

(Capital Information)  
Khammam Bureau, May 21 : The death anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister of India, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, was observed with solemnity and reverence by the Khammam District Congress Committee. The commemorative event was held at the District Congress Office under the leadership of DCC President Sri Puvvala Durga Prasad.

Senior Congress leaders, including former MLC Sri Potla Nageswara Rao and City Congress Working President Sri Nagandla Deepak Choudhary, along with party workers, paid floral tributes to the portrait of Rajiv Gandhi. Later, they proceeded to Mayuri Centre and the statue near the canal bank to offer garlands and honor his memory.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Puvvala Durga



Prasad recalled Rajiv Gandhi's pioneering contributions to India's technological advancement.

"Rajiv Gandhi was the architect of modern India. He laid the foundation for the IT and telecom revolutions, introduced computerization,

voting age from 21 to 18, introduce 33% reservation for women in local governance, and strengthen India's foreign relations with countries like Sri Lanka and the Soviet Union.

"Protecting the civilization built over generations requires dedication and vigilance. Rajiv Gandhi often reminded us that a single generation of negligence could undo decades of progress. Walking the path he paved is the best tribute we can offer him," Durga Prasad added.

A large number of party leaders and workers participated in the tribute, including Jerripothula Anjani Kumar, Gajjelli Venkanna, Kotha Sitaramulu, Syed Gouse, Mallidu Venkateswara Rao, Ramadevi, Jyothi, and many others, reaffirming their commitment to uphold Rajiv Gandhi's ideals and legacy.

### BLR Brothers Foundation provides health insurance to multi-purpose workers every year: MLA BLR

(Capital Information)  
Miryalaguda, May 21 : On Wednesday, Miryalaguda Mandal Yadgaripelli village organized a one-day training program for mandal panchayat officials, panchayat secretaries and multi-purpose workers on sanitation, wet and dry waste collection, single-use plastic and vermicompost preparation.

Miryalaguda MLA Bathula Lakshma Reddy (BLR) felicitated several multi-purpose workers who had rendered



excellent service on the oc-



casion.

Later, MLA BLR said that all the panchayat secretaries and multi-purpose workers are working very hard and asked them to do even better services. They should collect wet and dry waste from every house every day and keep the villages clean and beautiful. He said that the country will develop only if all the villages develop.

He said that especially in gram panchayats, making vermicompost in this gram

panchayat and selling it to farmers and others will generate money for the gram panchayat.

He said that you to make this fertilizer continuously. The government will pay the salary of all the multipurpose workers through the green channel. From now on, none of you need to worry that your life will not come on time.

Do not lose heart. He also said that all the multipurpose workers working in the Gram



### Strict Enforcement of Section 163 BNSS at Exam Centers : CP Sunil Dutt

(Capital Information)  
Khammam Bureau, May 21 : Section 163 of the BNSS-2023 will be enforced at 38 Intermediate Supplementary Exam centers in Khammam from May 22-29, between 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

Gatherings of more than five people within 200 meters of exam centers are prohibited. Rallies, mics, DJs, and promotional events are not allowed. Nearby internet centers, Xerox and stationery shops must remain closed.

Police have arranged tight security, traffic control, and continuous patrolling to ensure peaceful conduct. Surveillance teams are active. Legal action will be taken against any violations.

CP Sunil Dutt requested full cooperation from the public and organizations



# Business Information

## TCS receives Rs 2,903.22 crore Advance Purchase order from BSNL

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, May 21 :** The Tata Consultancy Services Limited has received an add-on Advance Purchase Order (APO) for Rs 2,903.22 crore, inclusive of taxes from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).  
The Purchasing order received from BSNL on Tuesday for planning, engineering, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, and annual maintenance of 4G mobile network at 18,685 sites, the IT giant said in its letter on Wednesday to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited.  
Detailed Purchase Orders will be issued by BSNL to the Company in due course, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions and documentation as mentioned in the APO, the letter added.

## Seven Odisha SHG products to shine at Maldives Saras World Expo

Bhubaneswar, May 21 (UNI) Seven unique products under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, crafted by five Self Help Groups (SHGs) from Odisha, have been selected for display at the Maldives Saras World Expo 2025.

The event will take place from May 23 to 31.

This year, special products from across India, developed by SHGs under the ODOP initiative of the Union Ministry of Rural Development, will be showcased at the expo.

Among the selected Odisha entries are Pattachitra Ketli and Odisha Pattachitra by the Raghurajpur Producer Group, Pattachitra Bottle by the Naya Patmay



Samiti Sambalpur Shaadi by the Bargarh Handloom and Agri Producer Company Limited, Ikat Shaadi by Ma Mangala SHG, Subarnapur, Dokra Konark Wall Hanging and Dokra Artwork by the Utkal Dokra Craft Producer Group.

These entries will showcase the rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship of

Odisha on an international platform.

Both Sambalpur Shaadi and Ikat Shaadi have received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

All products have been crafted and packaged by women members of SHGs who have been empowered through continuous training, skill development, financial

aid, and institutional support provided by the Government of Odisha.

This international opportunity is the result of the vision of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi for a self-reliant and progressive Odisha, where rural women are not only financially independent but also globally competitive.

Under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Parvathi Parida and the Lakshpati Didi initiative, over 16 lakh SHG members in Odisha are now earning an annual income of Rs.1 lakh or more.

Official sources stated that this event will play a significant role in providing a global platform for the SHG movement in Odisha.

## Bharat Biotech's oral cholera vaccine Hillchol demonstrates success in Phase III

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, May 21 :** Bharat Biotech's Oral Cholera Vaccine Hillchol has demonstrated against both Ogawa and Inaba serotypes, proving non-inferior in healthy Indian adults and children, supporting its potential as an effective OCV.

The study findings have been published in the ScienceDirect, Vaccine journal 126998 to assess a double-blind, randomized phase III clinical trial to evaluate safety, immunogenicity, non-inferiority & lot-to-lot consistency of single component oral cholera vaccine Hillchol in comparison to a comparator vaccine in a diverse participant group of 1,800 individuals, from infants to adults, across 10 clinical sites in India, Hyderabad based Vaccine maker

said in a release here on Wednesday.

In this study, participants were divided into three age groups: adults over 18 years, children aged 5 to under 18 years, and infants aged 1 to under 5 years.

They were randomized in a 3:1 ratio to receive either Hillchol or a comparator vaccine.

The primary endpoint focused on the proportion of participants achieving >4-fold increase in vibriocidal antibody titres against Ogawa and Inaba serotypes 14 days after two doses. While secondary endpoints included Geometric Mean Titre (GMT) measurements and safety.

Key highlights from the findings are that Hillchol



demonstrated a greater than 4-fold rise in vibriocidal antibodies against both Ogawa (68.3%) and Inaba (69.5%) serotypes, proving non-inferiority to licensed vaccines.

Adverse events were mild and comparable between the two vaccines. The vaccine was well-tolerated and immunogenic

across all age groups including infants (?1 year), children, and adults.

Dr. Krishna Ella, Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech, said, "This publication reaffirms our commitment to advancing vaccines built on rigorous research, thorough clinical trials, and reliable clinical data."

"Cholera is a vaccine-

preventable disease that has faced a surge in outbreaks along with a huge shortage of vaccines. The new generation Oral Cholera Vaccine Hillchol, featuring a simplified single stable O1 Hikojima strain, inducing robust antibodies against both Ogawa and Inaba serotypes, aims to enhance production efficiency and affordability, particularly in lower- and middle-income countries where waterborne diseases continue to pose serious health threats," Dr Ella added.

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingesting food or water contaminated with Vibrio cholerae bacteria.

Studies have estimated that 2.86 million cases and 95,000 deaths occur annually.

With Hillchol, Bharat Biotech strengthens its commitment to combating global infectious diseases through innovation and clinical excellence.

As cholera continues to threaten communities lacking clean water and sanitation, Hillchol provides a streamlined, scalable solution designed to support global health programs and ensure equitable access to life-saving vaccines.

Global demand for OCVs is close to 100 million doses a year, and given that only one manufacturer supplies them, there is a global shortage. Bharat Biotech's facilities in Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar have a capacity to produce up to 200 million doses of Hillchol.

## Kamineni Hospitals launches free hematology camp to raise awareness on Thalassemia in children

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad, May 21 :** Kamineni Hospitals, Hyderabad, has launched a free haematology camp to raise awareness about Thalassemia and offer early diagnostic testing for children.

The camp, running daily from 0900 AM to 1600 hours, aims to educate parents about the risks of Thalassemia and facilitate early detection through specialized tests conducted by pediatricians, hematologists, and genetic specialists.

Thalassemia is a serious inherited blood disorder. If either parent is a carrier of Thalassemia Minor, there is a significant risk that their children may inherit Thalassemia

Major, a life-threatening condition if left untreated. However, timely diagnosis and consistent treatment through blood transfusions and medications can help manage the disease effectively.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr S Narasimha Rao, Head of Pediatrics and Senior Consultant Pediatrician, said, "If children frequently appear tired or weak, have pale or yellowish skin, experience delayed growth, enlarged abdomen, abnormal facial bone structure, recurring fevers or infections, or dark-colored urine, these may be signs of Thalassemia. Immediate medical evaluation is essential. Early diagnosis can save lives."

The event also saw the

participation of key medical professionals, including Consultant Pediatrician Dr Kanchar S Channawar; Consultant Medical Oncologists Dr S Jayanti and Dr M. Srinivas; Head of Genetics and Molecular Medicine Dr Annie Q Hasan; Genetics Counsellor Dr Sreelatha Komandur; Head of Immunohematology and Transfusion Medicine Dr N Vivekananda; and Consultant Dr. Anne Puneet Babu.

They are conducting free haemoglobin and hemoglobinopathy screenings (HPLC tests) as part of the camp.

Parents interested in availing the free tests can contact 8985450534 for more details and registration.

## Childhood would be missing in a spree of marks

The results of the A Dhiqtar board examinations have come. Seeing the result, there was a cry of congratulations somewhere, so there was a silence. No one is willing to think that any kind of exam is not the final exam of life nor does everything depend on the outcome of any one exam. Life always gives opportunity and sometimes gives. ultimately knowledge and talent matters only. The permanent success and failure of life depends on these. Often such illustrations are seen in the society that the hard work done with patience and consistency is ultimately proven fruitful even after scoring less marks in board examinations or initial failure found in competitive exams. But despite all such illustrations, the pressure of the board and competitive exams appear to be a missing childhood on one hand, then on the other hand, the uptake of passing the yen ken prakara and collecting more and more marks is also visible. And stress is the question whether one's knowledge or personality from a piece of paper can be assessed overall? Does the success of any one exam depend only on failure? How helpful are these

exams in real exams of life? These are known to have a tendency to run away from behind the points without fail.

Assuming more receipts to be the sole criterion of success there is no discussion of virtues or values like sociability, sensitivity and creativity anywhere. If a student's receipts are less, but he/she meets the moral, social, cultural, and practical instruments, shouldn't it all be his/her qualification criteria? Should his dialogue skills, leadership abilities, service-sense, reflexes towards nature-surroundings etc. not be assessed. If look at the human achievements of the last hundred years, then the people who give direction to humanity1, the big exploits were not the people who scored the highest marks in the Vidyalyai exams, but many of them were weak or weak or slippery in the rate in the sight of the then teaching- mechanism. While his knowledge about the society was a must-have and approach wider. By becoming a part of the blind race of points, is it not appropriate that we would have serious contemplation and extensive discussions on why our teaching- institutions do not meet the criterion



of global standards? Why is the absence of our educational institutions and universities fundamental research and scientific-practical approach reflected? Why our educational institutions don't promote innovative experiments, innovative practices, analytic trends ? Why most of the students who came out of our educational institutions don't become self-reliant and self-reliant ? Why do they get to see lack of office efficiency and efficiency? Why they can't face life's challenges with courage and confidence ?

Suicide pressure of compe-

tion of points is tragic. Under this pressure children are becoming mutually rivals than to become allies. Such blind competition makes them lonely and selfish by centering the egos of something, pushing something to the trough of endless frustration. It is the fact that a person in competition and jealousy despise the cooperation, harmony and beauty rampant in nature. He begins to have a competitive spirit towards his home-family, society and the nation as well. At times, he also gets bitter and ungrateful towards his own. But ironically, we have been learning

to overtake others since childhood. Whereas, we should learn of togetherness, cooperation and harmony.

'Life is more essential than a struggle, knowing that life is a continuous practice of 'cooperation and balance'. In this round with the Galacat competition of marks, the sabjabag of success shows | and the coaching institutes sell dreams make a separate foul. They deal with success from parents. They do not show endless list of all failed candidates and their pain behind the shining star faces of successful candidates and

raised claims. Who has seen the syah bitter truth behind the rotten carpet? The mindset of becoming or being a millionaire overnight also blunts our spontaneous power of thinking. Through deceptive propaganda or offensive ads, naive innocents and dreams for them in the whites of their eyelids are seduced by all the parents. At times, parents tend to forget to put their dream burden on their tender shoulders unknowingly without considering their children's interest and ability. Children carry loads of their dreams forget their instinctive- natural childhood and life. The children could do anything else. Some could have become better, but they are pushed into an endless race and crowd of competitive exams because of the sheepfold. Well, if they succeeded, they failed, all their lives could not get out of the guilt of that failure. Then innate haas from their lips and inner joy from life, glee vanishes.

Society and institutions have to think that these children or students are not products and live human beings. So your offspring will have to focus on the development of their overall, balanced and multi-dimensional personality rather than

the blind competition of points and the endless race. | Children | There are no number-collecting machines. Not every child is a book, one is a whole world, ?with many dreams and possibilities. Every child has some talent or fundamental trait. Just need to move or give the right direction. Many things happened even though every child is different, his thinking, interest, trend, background and talent vary. The child should refine and mange in the same field which has interest and qualification.

This would go on to earn that expertise in the subject of his interest and ultimately prove his sublime. Not a little skilled and skilled people in every field in today's world, Apitu needs accomplished people in one of the fields. Children should not weigh just by numerals. Education also means inculcating understanding and sensation in them. Children should be motivated not to compare themselves, but to improve them. They should try to give direction. No of numbers, the value of smile should be understood. Children are our future, and always remember that we need machines not, sensitive and understanding human beings.

## Reflexes on the corona knock must

Corona's crisis over the country and the world is cruising once again. Well the number of influencers in the country is minor. There were officially 257 cases until May 19. Right now the number is definitely less as per the fresh data of the past week but there is also the truth that the cases are either not understood or recorded. 69 cases reported in Kerala last week, 44 in Maharashtra and 34 cases in Tamil Nadu. But the way Covid cases are being registered in the rest of Asia, they seem to raise concerns.

In Hong Kong and Singapore it is spreading fast. The new variant Jn-1 outbreak continues now. It was first found in August, 2023. The World Health Organization had declared it in December, 2023 by declaring the

'Variant of Interest' that it is a descendant of Omicron BA 2.86. It found almost mutations of 30 which had more number of LF7 and NB1.8. This new wave of Corona is showing more impact in South-East Asia. Covid cases have grown very fast in countries like Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand. Singapore alone has more than 14,200 new cases in early May. In these places also, JN1 and its sub-variants are getting more. Experts believe that increasing cases in these countries are also the cause of antibodies in the body of people there. Even in India, such a possibility is not ruled out. Slowly right in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Maharashtra, its growing is not a good sign. In the past, on May 18, the explosive batsman of the Australian

cricket team Travis Head Corona was infected, Bigg Boss fame Shilpa Shirodkar was also hunted on the other day.

So much has been understood that Singapore is now emerging as a new hotspot. The increase of 28 per cent in infections cases is alarming throughout the week itself. Even what is coming out of China, Corona cases have been significantly accelerated in the past one month. But as many variants came out of China, what destruction had happened in the world, everyone saw. Most people who are infected this time are those who are in comorbidities i.e. co-morbidities. In this, influencers have more than one disease at the same time. Some are common risk factors, while some

are caused by symptoms or its treatments resulting from other conditions. Most of the symptoms right now, comorbidities, or those older than 65. In view



Vijay GarG, Retired Principal

of health risks, authorities have advised to take the updated vaccine on doctor's advice. High-risk elderly, victims of comorbidities have already been advised to take the COVID-19 vaccine annually. There has been confusion after the death of two patients in a Mumbai hospital. The hospital told them the death caused by severe diseases that had no connection with Covid-19.

The hospital says the deaths have been caused not by Covid-19, but due to severe diseases such as hypocalcemic seizures and nephrotic syndrome with cancer. But there is discussion that both the dead had symptoms of Covid. Don't think that such boring situations will lead to confusion like never before, over Covid? Corona

virus cases have started increasing gradually again in India. Hong Kong health officer Albert Au's statement is worrying in which he believed that cases of Corona virus are increasing rapidly there. The number of patients with shortness of breath found to be Covid positive has just reached a high level in just the fifth month of the year. While it is alarming to have doubted cases of Covid virus found in patients who have undergone breathing ailments in China. People have been advised to take booster shots. Also, according to Chinese Centre for Disease and Prevention data, the wave of Covid can also be fast. India is also cautious in seeing the conditions of South-East Asia. The Director General

of Health Services, experts from National Disease Control, Disaster Management Cell, Indian Council of Medical Research and Central Government Hospitals, came to the conclusion that the current number of confirmed cases of Covid is 257.

It is very low in terms of the population of the country. Hospitals have been asked to monitor serious cases of influenza-like diseases and respiratory infections. Although the Union Health Ministry is closely monitoring the situation. All hospitals and healthcare providers across the country also have the responsibility to keep all adequate arrangements. Do not use Kotahi in medical consultation if there is a slight doubt. Be good that get conscious from now on.





### Pak Shelling: Govt job for one member from families of martyred civilians across J&K: LG Sinha

Jammu, May 21 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that one member from the families of civilians martyred in cross-border shelling across Jammu and Kashmir will be provided a government job.

"At Poonch, met grieving family members who lost their loved ones due to unprovoked shelling by Pakistan," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said in a post on X.

He said, "One member from families of martyred civilians across J&K will be provided a government job. Ex-gratia and reliefs were provided, and the Government of India is committed to further necessary assistance."

"The proper rehabilitation of affected families is my top priority. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, we are working on a comprehensive plan for the proper rehabilitation of affected families," he said.

### More than four crore saplings to be planted along rivers in UP

Lucknow, May 21 (UNI) As part of its ambitious Plantation Mahabhiyan-2025, the Uttar Pradesh government will plant 4.12 crore saplings within a five-kilometre radius of major rivers across the state, official sources said here on Wednesday.

Sources said that the initiative seeks to enhance the state's green cover and support ecological balance.

"Building on last year's achievement, during which 3.72 crore saplings were planted at 2,656 sites along riverbanks, the campaign will see plantation activities spanning 24,271.66 hectares near 13 major rivers, including



Ganga, Yamuna, Saryu, Rapti, Chambal, Chhoti Gandak, Hindon and Gomti. Among these, the

highest number of saplings will be planted along the Yamuna river districts," they said.

Mission Director of Plantation Mahabhiyan Deepak Kumar said that over 1.09 crore saplings will be planted along the

Yamuna, around 77 lakh along the Ganga, 53 lakh along the Betwa, 39.35 lakh along the Saryu, 34.25 lakh along the Sai and 33.56 lakh along the Gomti riverbanks.

He said that in a symbolic gesture commemorating the upcoming Mahabhiyan, the government will also plant Triveni saplings, a sacred trio of Neem, Peepal and Pakad, along riverbanks. "To facilitate this campaign, areas within a 5-kilometre radius of the 13 major rivers, including the Ganga, Yamuna, Rapti, Saryu, Sone and Chambal are identified and marked for afforestation," he said.

### SC grants anticipatory bail to ex-IAS officer Puja Khedkar in fake certificate case

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted anticipatory bail to former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar, who is facing serious allegations of submitting forged OBC and PwBD (Persons with Benchmark Disabilities) certificates to clear the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination.

A Bench comprising Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma allowed the criminal appeal filed by Khedkar challenging the Delhi High Court's earlier denial of anticipatory bail.

"In view of the nature of offences and facts and circumstances of the case, this is a fit case where the High Court ought to have granted the relief of anticipatory bail," the Bench observed.

The Court made permanent the interim protection from arrest that had been

granted to Khedkar in January.

The final order reads, "In the event of arrest, the appellant shall be released on bail upon furnishing cash surety of Rs 25,000 along with two live sureties.

She shall extend full co-operation in the investigation, shall not misuse her liberty, and shall not influence witnesses or tamper with evidence. Liberty is reserved to the respondent to seek cancellation of bail in case of any violation."

The Court rejected the argument of the State Counsel, who contended that Khedkar, while appearing before the investigating agency, was not fully cooperating. It was also argued that the accusations were grave in nature, involving exceeding permissible UPSC attempts by using fake certificates, and therefore she should not be granted anticipatory bail.

Appearing for Khedkar,



Senior Advocate Sidharth Luthra countered these submissions and maintained that she was entitled to protection under law.

The case against Khedkar stems from an FIR filed by UPSC, which alleged that she forged documents to claim reservation under OBC and PwBD categories, and thereby appeared for the examination beyond the permissible number of attempts.

Earlier, on March 18, the Supreme Court had extended Khedkar's interim



protection and denied the Delhi Police's request for custodial interrogation, despite the police's claim that they were probing a "larger scam" involving forged documents in the civil services examination.

In December 2024, the Delhi High Court had dismissed Khedkar's anticipatory bail plea, holding that she was not prima facie eligible for benefits meant for disadvantaged sections and had manipulated the system through forgery and misrep-

resentation. The High Court had also expressed concern that releasing her could adversely affect the ongoing investigation.

Khedkar joined the Pune Collectorate as an IAS probationer in June 2024. Following public controversy and the FIR, UPSC issued a show-cause notice for cancellation of her selection and barred her from future exams.

A public statement issued by the UPSC further revealed that Khedkar changed her name, her parents' names, photograph, signature, email ID, mobile number, and residential address to fraudulently obtain additional attempts at the CSE and to fake her social and physical status.

While granting relief, the Supreme Court has made it clear that the bail conditions must be strictly followed, and any breach will allow authorities to seek cancellation.

### Mirwaiz urges dialogue on leaders' death anniversaries

Srinagar, May 21 (UNI) On the death anniversaries of separatist leaders Mirwaiz Molvi Farooq and Abdul Ghani Lone, Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Wednesday said the political foresight of both leaders and their belief in resolving the Kashmir issue through dialogue was once again being acknowledged globally as the way forward.

He said dialogue was seen by the leaders as the best way to end the uncertainty faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir and to bring peace and stability to the region.

Molvi Farooq was killed by militants on May 21, 1990, while Lone was gunned down

by the militants on this day in 2002. Over the years, a valley-wide shutdown has been observed on May 21 on the death anniversary of the two leaders. However, over the last few years, there has been no shutdown call on their anniversaries.

In a message posted on the social media platform X, Chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Mirwaiz paid tributes to two leaders

Mirwaiz expressed strong disappointment over being yet again barred by authorities from visiting the "Martyrs' Graveyard" at Eidgah Srinagar to offer Fatiha and pay homage.

"As expected, authorities again barred us



from visiting Eidgah to offer Fatiha and pay homage to Shaheed-i-Millat and our beloved Shaheed-i-Hurriyat Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone Sahib," he said.

Recalling the political vision of both these leaders, Mirwaiz said their faith in resolving

the Kashmir conflict through peaceful dialogue is once again being echoed globally as the only viable path to peace.

"The political foresightedness that both these leaders exhibited, their faith in resolution of the Kashmir conflict

through dialogue, which they saw as the best means to end lingering uncertainty for the people of J&K and as the catalyst for ensuring peace and stability in the region, is once again acknowledged by the world as the way forward. Hope India and Pakistan pay heed to it," he said.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Conference today solemnly commemorated the death anniversary of Gani Lone

"Remembering my father Abdul Gani Lone, who was killed by gunmen on this day 23 years ago," reflected JKPC President Sajad Gani Lone, leading the commemoration.

### Today's Horoscope

#### ARIES



Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. You can become capable of earning money with anyone's help. All you need is to believe in yourself. Children could disappoint as they fail to live upto your expectations. You need to encourage them to see your dream fulfilling. May find someone to experience the ecstasy of love. Things seem to be in your favor at work. It is okay to complete every task on time, as it gives you a room for yourself at the end of the day. Procrastinating every now and then only adds to the burden.

#### TAURUS



Tension at home would make you angry. Suppressing them would only increase physical problem. Get rid of it with physical activity. It is better to leave the irritating situation. You should refrain from consuming alcohol or any such item today, as you may lose your items in toxic state. Control your temper to avoid hurting the feelings of your family members. If Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort- pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. Take advantage of new moneymaking ideas that strike your mind today.

#### GEMINI



Psychological fear could unnerve you. Positive thinking and looking at the brighter side will keep it bay. Any advice from your father can prove to be beneficial at the workplace. Do not make quick judgment about people and their motives-They might be under pressure and need your compassion and understanding. Don't forget to forgive your beloved today. Keep your emotions under control when negotiating major business deal. Children of this zodiac sign will spend their entire day playing sports. Parents should pay attention to them, as they may get injured.

#### CANCER



Make your life more sublime to enjoy the richer grandeur of infinite life. Absence of worry is the first step in this direction. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty. Company of friends will provide comfort. Your darling might expect some time along with gifts today. Business and education benefits for some. Your flair to convince others will pay rich dividends. Looks like, the day is better than normal days with your life-partner.

#### LEO



You are likely to enjoy the success of other people by praising them. If you were asking a debtor to return your money from a long time, and s/he was avoiding it, then today is your lucky day, as s/he can return your money unexpectedly The news would make your family members proud and would also inspire them. Brighten the day of your lover with a lovely smile. Good day to send your resume or appear for an interview. Looking at the position of the Moon, it can be said that you'll have a lot of free time on your hands today, but won't be able to utilize it as you want.

#### VIRGO



Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for you- as you set about to enjoy life to the fullest. Due to any member of your family falling ill, you may face financial problems. Although at this time, you should worry about their health more than money. Go out with friends who are positive and supportive. Don't indulge in eve-teasing today. Opportunities to show your skills will be with you today. Looking at the position of the Moon, it can be said that you'll have a lot of free time on your hands today, but won't be able to utilize it as you want. For an active and positive love life, serve and feed black cows.

#### LIBRA



Check your aspirations to enjoy the life. Take the help of yoga-which teaches you the art of living physically mentally and spiritually healthy to improve your temperament. Increase in income from past investment is foreseen. Help from family members take care of your needs. Secret affairs can ruin your reputation. Use your intellectual power to your benefit. It will help you in completing professional projects and give new ideas. Today, students should avoid postponing their work until tomorrow, and complete their tasks in free time.

#### SCORPIO



Health remains good. Those who were spending money without thinking much till now can understand its importance in life, as an urgent need can arise. Health of an aged person in the family might cause some tension. Music of love is heard by those who are into it all the time. Today you will hear that music, which will forget you all the songs of this world. Success is definitely yours- if you make crucial changes one step at a time. If you live away from home due to your studies or job, then utilize your free time today by talking to your family members.

#### SAGITTARIUS



It is high time for you to cure your fear. You must realize that it not only wears down physical vitality but and shortens life. You will possess a desire to earn quick money. Today you need to put your intelligence and influence to sort sensitive issues at home. Your lover can demand something from you today, but you won't be able to fulfil the wishes. This can make your beloved upset. Your boss might praise your work today. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Frustration will increase between you and your love partner due to the lack of time.

#### CAPRICORN



Today you will be full of energy-Whatever you do- you will be able to do it in half the time you generally take. A new financial deal will get finalized and fresh money rolls in. Evening at the movie-theatre or dinner with your spouse seems to keep you in a relaxed and wonderful mood. You will benefit from the changes occurring at work. In today's busy lifestyle, it gets difficult to find time for yourself. But today is your lucky day, as you will have plenty of time for yourself. You might face a difficult time with family members, but at the end of the day, your spouse will caress you.

#### AQUARIUS



Spend some time with close friends in order to relax. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Your interesting attitude would brighten up the atmosphere at home and fill it up with good vibes. If you feel that your beloved does not understand you, then take some time out and spend it with them. Talk openly and speak out your heart clearly. Work at office will gain momentum as colleagues and seniors extend full cooperation. A sparkling laughter filled day when most things proceed-as you desire. Health of your spouse may keep you worried.

#### PISCES



Some of you who have been working overtime lately and with your energy lagging- the last thing you want today is a day of stress and dilemma. Today, businessmen of this zodiac sign should stay away from the members of their household who ask for your financial help and do not return it later. Your charms and personality will help you make few new friends. Past happy memories will keep you busy. An increase in responsibility seems likely on the professional front. You would like to spend your time with people close to your heart, but won't be able to do so.

### Three of a family die, 2 injured in road accident

Shahjahanpur (UP), May 21 (UNI) Three members of a family, including two children were killed and two others were injured when an auto rickshaw was hit by an unidentified vehicle in Madanpur area

of Shahjahanpur district here in Uttar Pradesh, a senior police officer said here on Wednesday.

Superintendent of Police

(SP) Rajesh Dwivedi said that the incident took place when the family from Madanpur area was going to Bareilly.

"The father Banarasi was driving the auto when an unidentified vehicle hit the auto near village Chandokha on Katra-Jalalabad road in which the auto driver's two sons Sid-dharth (6) and Babu (1) died on



the spot," he said.

He said that Banarasi (32), his wife Ragini and daughter Ananya were seriously injured in the incident.

Police admitted all three injured to the medical college where Banarasi died during treatment on Wednesday morning.

"His wife and daughter are undergoing treatment," he said.



### BJP MLA surrenders in court in Rajasthan's Jhalawar

Jhalawar (Rajasthan), May 21 (UNI) Kanwarlal Meena, BJP MLA from Anta assembly constituency in Jhalawar-Baran Lok Sabha seat, surrendered before the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) court in Manoharthana, Jhalawar district, on Wednesday.

His surrender came after the Supreme Court refused to grant him relief in a 2005 case where he allegedly threatened an SDM with a pistol in a panchayat election.

Before surrendering, Meena visited the Kamkheda Balaji temple in Aklera and offered prayers.

Meena was sentenced to three years imprisonment in the 2005 case. The Supreme Court upheld the sentence on May 7, directing Meena to surrender within two weeks.

The case dates back to February 3, 2005, when Meena allegedly threatened SDM Ram Niwas Mehta with a pistol during a panchayat election. Meena was acquitted by a lower court in 2018 but was later convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment by the additional district judge court in Aklera in 2020.

The high court also upheld the sentence, and subsequently, the Supreme Court refused to grant him relief.

### PM pays tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tributes to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary.

The Prime Minister on his social media handle X said, "On his death anniversary today, I pay my tributes to our former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi Ji."

On this day in 1991, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) terrorists in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.





### Former MP Nama Nageswara Rao Expresses Deep Condolences

(Capital Information)

Kothagudem, May 21 : Former MP and senior BRS leader Nama Nageswara Rao expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Smt. Triveni, wife of BRS leader and former ATMA Committee Chairman Bathula Veeraiah from Sujathanagar mandal, Bhadradri Kotha gudem district.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of Smt. Triveni's demise. This is an irreplaceable loss for the family. I pray to the Almighty to give Veeraiah and his family the strength and courage to bear this grief," Nama said.

He offered heartfelt prayers for her soul to rest in peace and conveyed his deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.



### Rajiv Gandhi's Death Anniversary

(Capital Information)

Jagtial, May 21 : Government Whip, Dharmapuri MLA and Congress party District president Adluri Laxman Kumar, along with former Minister Jeevan Reddy, participated in the death anniversary ceremony of Rajiv Gandhi at Indira Bhavan in Jagtial district center. They paid floral tributes to Rajiv Gandhi's portrait, paying their respects.

On this occasion, Laxman Kumar praised Rajiv Gandhi as a leader of the downtrodden and a visionary who guided the nation. He highlighted Rajiv Gandhi's efforts towards the welfare of marginalized sections and his role in granting voting rights to youth by reducing the voting age from 21 to 18 years.

Jeevan Reddy praised that Rajiv Gandhi's contributions to India's development and his vision for a prosperous society would always be remembered.

The ceremony was attended by Congress Party leaders, workers, and others.

## Rajiv Gandhi forever in the hearts of the people of the country : Bodhan Constituency MLA Sudarshan Reddy

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad bureau, May 21 : On the occasion of the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Late Rajiv Gandhi, Bodhan Constituency MLA Sudarshan Reddy paid tribute to the portrait of the great man at the Congress Bhavan. Similarly, District Congress President and Chairman of the State Cooperative Union Limited Manala Mohan Reddy paid tribute to the statue of Rajiv Gandhi in Vinayak Nagar by garlanding it.

Speaking on the occasion, Bodhan MLA Sudarshan Reddy praised him as a reformer who gave the youth the right to vote at the age of 18 and made them actively participate in politics, a good administrator who brought revolutionary changes in the IT sector and ushered in a technological revolution in the country, and an educationist who implemented the National Education Policy and took the country forward.



He said that he is a great leader who became the Prime Minister of the country at the age of 40, and that he has a great reputation as the eldest son of the country's first Prime Minister Nehru's grandson and the only woman Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He said that he served and developed the largest democratic country, India, for five years.

The history of granting financial assistance on war

footing for the health of Opposition Leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee belongs to Rajiv Gandhi.

Today, the BJP at the Center is calling Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi a liar, saying that Narendra Modi is not the kind of person to say what he should say while in the position of a Prime Minister, and that he is lowering his level by talking. He said that no one can erase the spirit of Rajiv Gandhi.

He said that the anti-defection law curbed party defections, and that Rajiv Gandhi was a great man who made himself a rare leader by remembering his grandfather in governance and his mother in decisions. He said that he successfully implemented foreign policy and improved good relations with many countries. He said that even though he is not physically present today, the society he desired will be seen in

reality. He said that the image and thoughts of Rajiv Gandhi will always be among the people. He called on the youth to move forward by adopting his ideals and ideas.

The program was attended by State Urdu Academy Chairman Taher Bin Hamdan, DCCB Chairman Ramesh Reddy, District Library Chairman Anthi Reddy Raja Reddy, former PCC Secretary Ram Bhupal, former State Youth Congress Vice President Gopi, State NSUI General Secretary Venu Raj, District OBC President Narender Goud, District Seva Dal President Santosh, former Youth Congress Parliament President Bobbili Ramakrishna, District Fisherman President Srinivas, Market Committee Director Esa, Pola Usha, Puppala Vijaya, Subhash Jadhav, Salim, Avin, Sangem Sailu, Yendala Kishan, Nikhil Reddy and others participated.

### Annadanam Organized at Madhira Vigneshwara Swamy Temple

(Capital Information)

Madhira, May 21 : An Annadanam program was held at the Vighneshwara Swamy Temple in Madhira on Wednesday, organized by Madhira Seva Samithi. The event was sponsored by Sri Vishwanadhula Srinivasa Chary and Smt. Lakshmi to mark the wedding anniversary of their daughter Swapna and son-in-law Bellamkonda Vamshi Krishna, who reside in the USA.

Participants highlighted the significance of Annadanam as a noble act of service and expressed happiness in being part of a cause that benefits the needy and devotees.

Among those present were Madhira Seva Samithi President Palapothu Prasada Rao, Swimmers Association President Janga Narasimha reddy, Kuncham Krishna rao, Chaluvasi Krishna murthy (Retd. RTC), Dachehalli Muthyalu, Namburi Murali krishna, Chaluvasi Chinna Krishna murthy, Vemula Naveen Kumar, Vatte Saidulu, and Samudrala Paparao.



### Awareness conference on Kashmir facts on 28th of this month

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, May 21 : Conference on Kashmir facts on 28th A conference on the real situation of Kashmir will be organized in the city on 28th of this month, said Mohandas and Anand, president secretaries of Ithasa Sankalana Samiti. The program will be held at 6 pm at the Munnur Kapu Sangam Bhavan on Nyalkal Road in the city. It was stated that prominent journalist Raka Sudhakar, author of the book Kashmir Files, and High Court lawyer Katipally Mahender Reddy will be present as the chief guests.

# IMPORTANCE OF PART-TIME JOBS FOR STUDENTS

Every job has a purpose and plays important role in everybody's life. Students all across the nation are enrolled in classes at hundreds of universities and colleges in order to one day obtain a job they desire. Working is how we will pay for bills, support ourselves and simply make a living in the future. Many college-aged learners have part-time jobs; the reason they have these jobs can vary from getting experience for a future job they want to need a job to pay their way through college. I personally see a part-time job as an important stepping stone to the job for which you are going to college. A part-time job may not be directly related to the field you are interested in, aspects of the job can help you gain experience and look good for future employers. A part-time job simply involves working fewer hours in a week than a full-time job. Often, part-time jobs involve working in shifts. These shifts are usually rotational with other part-time workers. In my viewpoint, the choice of working part-time is made after four major considerations: personal choice, financial priorities, skills possessed/required, charity and contribution.



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#### Importance of Part-Time Job

We all know that going to college is expensive and many students turn to a part-time job to help offset the tuition fee and other college expenses. Working while in college is a necessity for some and a way to earn spending money for others. Having a part-time job will actually help a student learn many skills that they might not have the opportunity to learn in school or col-

lege. Whatever the reason, there are plenty of benefits associated with working while going to college as discussed below.

Stable Cash Flow: Although obvious, this remains one of the greatest perks of working part-time while in college or school. Having a steady income allows you to pay off tuition fees or whether it is for paying for rent or just getting extra grocery money. This is how having a part-time job can help you by supplementing your income. Although it is nice to spend all your money on the shopping or saving that money for something more important is a better feeling. Having an extra source of income is great when you have such expenses to pay off. Even, you can use this amount to enjoy life a bit more, either through shopping, going out or putting it towards something useful. The ability to buy things yourself will give you a new sense of independence. You will learn the importance of money management. When you start earn-

ing your own money, you will gain a better understanding of how to handle it. Working hard for your money will help you appreciate important personal finance lessons such as the benefits of budgeting and the importance of saving and being economical.

Develop Useful Skills: There are just some things or skills, which a college or university can't teach. Working at a job can help young people develop skills, like commitment, time-management, teamwork, leadership, customer service, communication and organization, problem-solving, marketing and other components that help someone throughout their career. Having a part-time job will help you gain a wide range of skills including punctuality. You can actually mention these things in your CV or Resume, as it shows that you have transferable skills. When writing or updating your CV, showing that you have been in employment will look good and work in your favour. It will help you when you are applying for your graduate job, as your work can act as a reference for you. It doesn't matter if you are an accounting professional working as a server or computer science professionals working in customer service. Any part-time job you have in college is teaching you practical job skills that you will use in your full-time job after graduation. Learning how to work in a team, solve problems, be professional, and communicate effectively will help you a lot in your future career and will take you far.

Time Management: You will discover how to manage your time more efficiently. With the decrease in free time that comes along with a part-time job, this will automatically improve your time management skills. You will learn how to use your time more effectively, such as completing or reading assignments during your travel time. You will also learn the importance of becoming more organized. It may seem difficult, but it is a skill that if perfected, will help you in your coming life. It is not easy of course, but the more you get used to doing it, the more it will help you in the long run. You need to learn how to schedule and place importance on certain things when you are working while going to school. This will teach you how to weigh your priorities, sometimes you have to skip fun activities to finish your responsibilities. This will prepare you for the life after school or college where excuses and delayed work will not accept. Effective time management benefits both your studies and life after college.

Responsibilities: You will learn how to handle responsibilities. Being a good student takes a lot of responsibility but if you learn how to balance school studies or activities and a part-time job, you will learn the true meaning of responsibility. As you grow older, your amount of responsibilities will only increase so learning how to multitask at an early age will better prepare you for the future. When you get a job, your parents are going to expect you to help around the house that means paying the bills or other expenses, definitely, your parents probably

won't make you pay rent or something like that. However, paying for your cell phone bills or other amenities may be an option which reduces their burden. Your parents will feel free when you pay your expenses on your own. Moreover, students earning their own money get lessons on spending wisely. They may be less likely to spend their hard-earned money irresponsibly and learn pay for necessities such as textbooks and rents. At the same time, they can save for non-essential purchases, such as a car. This is how working in this age helps you to become a responsible person.

Social Network: Working a part-time job allows you to develop connections. You may get a great friend, reference, connection or even full-time job after school or college from committing to a sustainable number of hours each week. Through a part-time job you are likely to work with other people, who you can socialize with. This can help make your time at university even better, especially if you can spend time with your work colleague outside of work. Having professional connections can open up opportunities you wouldn't have otherwise and building up a network of contacts before college is even over is a huge benefit to working in college. You never know someone you meet at your college job could be the key person to getting your foot in the door of your dream job after college.

Find Passion Job: Working a part-time job allows you to try a lot of different tasks and refine skills that might help you find your pas-

sions. As you work, you understand the detailed feature and aspects of the different jobs and career paths that might make yours a little clearer. So whether it is reinforcing your passion for health or your new dream to go into student affairs, having a part-time job can help make your future a little bit clearer. Part-time jobs allow you to try out a variety of roles to help you make your mind up for a future career. Moreover, you can use your part-time job to get an introduction to a career or area of interest you desire to go into after finishing your college. This experience will help you stand out from the other candidates at interview; you can begin networking with others in your chosen field because forming professional relationships at this early stage will help your chances of gaining employment early after graduation.

As per my perspective, I think having a part-time job is extremely good for a school or college student in various aspects. Instead of people worrying about the student's grades declining due to having a part-time job, I think they should look at it as a challenge for the student because later in life they will likely face bigger obstacles. Having a part-time job guide the students sharp skills which they will need all throughout their careers and lives. While there are many benefits of having a part-time job in high school but not all students are capable of handling it. If your academic performance begins to suffer or you are not getting enough sleep, you should cut your working hours or only work during the weekends and vacations.







## Sports Guide Students Towards Holistic Growth : DYSO Parandhama Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Yellendu, May 21 :** District Youth and Sports Officer (DYSO) Parandhama Reddy visited the ongoing Taekwondo summer training camp at Ashok Nagar, Lakshmidhevipalli in Khammam district. Interacting with the students, he emphasized that "sports not only bring joy but also instill physical fitness and discipline, while martial arts like Taekwondo build inner strength."

He appreciated the free training initiative and lauded coach and Taekwondo Association General Secretary Inigala Mogili for organizing the camp effectively. He expressed hope that more such camps would be conducted across the district and highlighted the goal of identifying young talent to bring state-level recognition to Khammam.



## Collector Pays Courtesy Visit to Principal District Judge

(Capital Information)

**Khammam Bureau, May 21 :** On Wednesday, District Collector Muzammil Khan paid a courtesy visit to the Principal District Judge of Khammam, G. Raja Gopal, at the District Court premises.

During the meeting, they discussed several important legal matters, including the expansion of legal services in the district, ensuring timely justice for the public, improvement of court infrastructure, and the establishment of digital courts. The Collector assured full cooperation from the district administration to strengthen the judicial system.

Officials stated that the meeting emphasized the importance of coordination between the judiciary and the district administration for effective governance.

## Haryana CM Meets P M Modi, Congratulates On Operation Sindoor

(Capital Information)

**(JAG MOHAN THAKEN)**

**Chandigarh, May 21:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday to congratulate him on the success of Operation Sindoor and express his gratitude to the Army. Later, while addressing the media persons at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi, Saini praised the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, stating that under his guidance,

the brave soldiers of the country had successfully destroyed terrorist hideouts on their own land. "Only the Prime Minister could have taken such a historic decision," he remarked.

The Chief Minister condemned the cowardly attack by terrorists in Pahalgam, in which innocent civilians were killed. He said the incident deeply hurt and angered the people of the country, who demanded strong action against terrorism. Responding to the nation's sentiments, Prime Minister took decisive steps and launched Operation Sindoor, through which our brave soldiers eliminated the terrorists on their own land.

C M Saini stated that before 2014, terrorists used to infiltrate the country and carried out attacks, creating an atmosphere of fear and insecurity across the nation. However, Prime Minister



Narendra Modi took decisive and stringent measures against terrorism. The Prime Minister made it clear that the time had come to eliminate the remaining ground of terrorism. Our brave soldiers struck at the very land in Pakistan where terrorism was nurtured and protected, and successfully crushed the terrorists at their source.

He said that the country is secure under the leadership of the Prime Minister. By taking such decisive action, the Prime Minister has strengthened the nation, ensuring its safety and empowerment. Today, there is a sense of satisfaction among the citizens, while fear has gripped the minds of terrorists.

In response to a question, the Chief Minister said that Operation Sindoor has exposed the true face of Pakistan to the entire world. While Pakistan was attempting to defame India, Prime Minister Modi unmasked its role in promoting terrorism on the global stage. He added that the Prime Minister has sent a strong message that "blood and water cannot flow together."

The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister has also been briefed on the ongoing development works and schemes in Haryana. He said that several development projects were launched by the Prime Minister on the occasion of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti. The Chief Minister added that whenever the Prime Minister visits Haryana, it brings a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm among the people.

In response to another question, the Chief Minister said that the police are thoroughly investigating the cases of spying in Haryana. He added that clear instructions have been issued to conduct a comprehensive probe into the individuals involved.

## Election Returning Officer felicitated

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Bureau, May 21 :**

As per Proceeding No. A1/738/2025 dated 20 Tuesday issued by the District Election Officer and District Collector, Gangadhar, Nayab Tahsildar, Nizamabad has been transferred to Nirmal. A felicitating ceremony was held at the Municipal Commissioner's Chamber of the Election Returning Officer on



Wednesday evening. All Assistant Election Returning Officers and representatives of political parties attended the function.



## Exercise is a must in everyday life

Third Edition Half Marathon Wallpaper Unveiled - Collector, CP

(Capital Information)

**Siddipet, May 21 :** Half Marathon Wal Poster District Collector Manu Chaudhary Police Commissioner Anuradha unveiled the Siddipet Ranganayaka Sagar project on July 27. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the enthusiastic young women and young people in the Siddipet district should participate.

Everyone wants to run and exercise. Candidates who have already registered through Half Maratan Digital Link are interested candidates who are doing a variety of exercises. To convey Marathan's run in rural areas, Half Marathon Run is useful for encouraging... It was a great opportunity for rural players.

The members of the Siddipet Runners Association Raju members Hari Krishna, Narayana Reddy, Raji Reddy, Ramesh, Lingara Reddy, Shravan Reddy, Jeevan Reddy and Krishna Reddy Srinivas Madhusudan Reddy participated.



Govt whip, Local MLA Adiluri Laxman Kumar, PCC member Dinesh, Mandal wise president vemula Rajesh, Town president Rajesh, Mandal Congress party leaders and others participated in the last ceremony for Vodnala Bhumeswar, who tragically lost his life in a road accident near Bharat Petrol pump on Dharmapuri. Bhumeswar's wife, Vodnala Bindu, was injured in the accident when a Tata Ace vehicle driven by Salluri Rajesh collided with their motorcycle. The MLA offered his condolences to the family. Sub-Inspector Uday Kumar of Dharmapuri Police Station has registered a case and is investigating the accident.

-(Capital Information, Jagtial/Dharmapuri)

## The process of resolving land issue applications should be completed quickly : Nirmal Collector Abhilasha Abhinav

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Bureau, May 21 :**

District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav has instructed the officials to resolve the land issue applications received in the revenue conferences as soon as possible. A review meeting was held at the office of the Collector Kuntala Tahsildar on Wednesday after the village revenue conferences held in Kuntala mandal, where the Bhu Bharati Act is being implemented as a pilot project, concluded successfully.

The Collector revealed that a total of 667 land-related applications were received through the revenue conferences held in 16 revenue villages in the mandal. The officials submitted details of the applications received on issues like missing survey numbers, Sadhabaidama, name and address changes, corrections of errors, mutation,



etc. to the Collector.

Speaking on this occasion, the Collector suggested that notices be issued to the applicants for the resolution of land issues and a transparent inquiry should be conducted in the presence of both parties to resolve the issues. He directed that steps be taken from tomorrow to resolve the issues related to people's lands quickly, applicants should be called for hearings and details of the applications resolved on a daily basis should be submitted in

the form of a report.

The Collector said that the revenue officials are responsible for providing services transparently and as per government rules and also for strictly implementing the Bhu Bharati Act, which is being implemented with the utmost ambition of the government.

Additional Collector Kishore Kumar, RDO Komal Reddy, Tehsildars Kamal Singh, Praveen Kumar, Ejaz Ahmed, revenue staff, and others participated in this review meeting.

## Top Maoist Leader Nambala Keshava Rao Killed in Encounter, Confirms Former Maoist Instructor

(Capital Information)

**Mulugu, May 21 :**

In a major blow to the outlawed CPI (Maoist), its Central Committee Secretary Nambala Keshava Rao, also known by his alias Basavaraju, was confirmed dead in an encounter with security forces in the forests of Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh, on Tuesday. The confirmation came from Durga Ramana, former All India Military Instructor-in-Chief of the Maoist outfit and now a reformed activist from Mulugu district.

Durga Ramana, who served in the CPI (People's War Group) and CPI (Maoist) for over 15 years, recalled his association with Basavaraju. Speaking to reporters, Ramana said he worked closely with Keshava Rao for nearly a decade during his tenure as



Military Instructor-in-Chief. He described Keshava Rao as a strategic leader who was always surrounded by a special security detail of 15-20 armed guards.

After central police forces released a photograph of the deceased Maoist leader, some skeptics questioned the identity. However, Ramana, having personally known and worked alongside Keshava Rao, confirmed the individual in the photo was indeed the top Maoist commander. He further stated that

during the internal party congress sessions held in 2014-15 and 2016-17, Keshava Rao was chosen as the General Secretary of the CPI (Maoist) after former chief Ganapathy stepped down due to health concerns.

Durga Ramana, who laid down arms in 2007 and returned to mainstream life, has since played an active role in Telangana's political and social struggles. Recognizing his experience and dedication, former Chief Minister K. Chandrababbarao appointed him as Chairman of the Mandal Atma Committee.

Ramana described Keshava Rao's death as a significant loss to the Maoist organization and a critical moment in the ongoing anti-Maoist operations in the region.



## Celebrate festivals peacefully with mutual respect-ACP Ramana murthy

(Capital Information)

**Khammam Bureau, May 21 :** A peace committee meeting was held at Khammam One Town Police Station under the supervision of ACP Ramana murthy, ahead of Bakrid and Hanuman Jayanti festivals. The ACP urged all communities to celebrate peacefully with mutual respect, in line with the vision of Khammam as a symbol of communal harmony.

To prevent illegal cattle transport, seven check-posts have been established in coordination with the Animal Husbandry Department. Only vehicles with valid documents will be allowed.

The ACP warned against spreading provocative content on social media and stated that the Police Media Monitoring Cell is active. Permission is mandatory for rallies and gatherings to ensure public safety.

Special traffic and security arrangements will be made near Eidgahs to facilitate prayers. Community leaders assured full cooperation. Inspectors Karunakar and SI Maulana were also present.



## Youth Leader Pattabharam Blesses Newlyweds

(Capital Information)

**Khammam Bureau, May 21 :** Yarrabanjara, Kalluru Mandal – The wedding of Akshaya, daughter of Guguloth Srinu, and Harish was celebrated on Wednesday.

BRS leader and DPR Trust Chairman Devarapalli Pattabharam attended as chief guest and extended his blessings to the couple. Party leaders Pedakanti Ramakrishna, Kalyan Kishore, Picchireddy, and others were present.

Pattabharam also interacted with local youth, discussing education and job opportunities.



## TRIVENI SCHOOL TOPS TSRJC RESULTS WITH STATE RANKS

(Capital Information)

**Khammam Bureau, May 21 :** Students of Triveni School, Khammam, have secured impressive ranks in the TSRJC entrance examination, reaffirming the institution's academic excellence.

Shahistha secured the 26th rank in the state with 117 marks. Deepthi scored 104 marks (43rd rank), Hansika 111 marks (44th), Vishnu 104 marks (139th), and Manhiitha 93 marks (313th).

School Director Gollapudi Veerendra Chowdary congratulated the students on their success. Principal Rajendra Prasad stated that Triveni students consistently excel in both SSC and competitive exams, showcasing their dedication and discipline.

A felicitation event was held at the school, attended by Director Yarlagadda Venkateswara Rao, CRO Katragadda Murali Krishna, Vice Principal Swapna, campus in-charges Mustafa and Charles Sandeep, and the teaching staff.



## KCR Notice Issuance is Vindictive Action : District BRS President

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial, May 21 :** Kalvakuntla Vidyasagar Rao, Jagtial District BRS President, stated that former CM K Chandra Shekar Rao has provided good governance and transformed Telangana into a prosperous state.

He credited KCR with conceiving the Kaleshwaram project, a globally renowned lift irrigation project, to provide water to the people and farmers of Telangana. He criticized the current government for drying up crops and causing distress to farmers by not providing water.

Vidyasagar Rao alleged that the notice issued to KCR is a vindictive action, driven by the government's growing apprehension towards KCR and the BRS party's increasing popularity. He claimed that the government has failed to fulfill its promises over the past 15 months and is resorting to such actions. He asserted that no matter how many notices are issued, KCR and the BRS party will face them head-on.





## Jagtial Police Stations Excel in State-Level QR Code Feedback System

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial, May 21 :** The Medipalli Police Station, led by SI Shyam Raj, and the Ibrahimpatnam Police Station, led by SI Anil, have secured impressive rankings in the state-level QR code feedback system. Medipalli Police Station ranked second, while Ibrahimpatnam Police Station ranked sixth. The rankings were based on citizen feedback, evaluating police services, staff behavior, and overall experience.

The Director General of Police (DGP) Jitender presented appreciation certificates to the police officers for their outstanding performance. District SP Ashok Kumar congratulated the officers, praising their dedication and competence. He expressed hope that they would continue to excel in their duties and achieve further success in the future.

## SC steps in to ensure protection for domestic violence victims

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) In a landmark move aimed at strengthening the enforcement of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Supreme Court on Tuesday (May 20) issued a slew of directions to the Central Government, States and Union Territories to ensure full and effective implementation of the law.

A bench, comprising Justices B V Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma, passed the order while hearing a plea filed by the NGO, We the Women of India.

The Court expressed serious concern over the continued gaps in implementing the DV Act and said that it was time the law be translated into "real and accessi-

ble support" for aggrieved women.

Among the key directives the court said, mandatory appointment of Protection Officers across all districts and talukas, as required under Section 9 of the Act.

Officers from Women and Child Development department are to be identified and designated for this role within six weeks.

These officers will be responsible for assisting women in distress from filing domestic incident reports to coordinating shelter and support services.

The Court made it clear that Chief Secretaries and departmental Secretaries of all States and Union Territories would be held directly accountable for implement-



ing the directions.

Justice Nagarathna stressed the importance of public awareness, directing wide publicity for the Act and its provisions through print, electronic and social media.

On support infrastructure, the Court said that shelter homes must be identified

and strengthened to provide safe accommodation for women in crisis, in addition to the existing access to Primary Health Centres.

The Court reaffirmed that free legal aid is a right, not a favour. It instructed the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to ensure that

every aggrieved woman is informed of her entitlement to legal advice and representation at no cost.

District and Taluka Legal Services Authorities are to be equipped to deliver timely support.

The Court also reminded the Central Government of its statutory duty under Section 11 to raise awareness and implement the DV Act.

It clarified that the enforcement of protective and rehabilitative measures for women is a shared responsibility between the Centre and the States.

Senior Advocate Shobha Gupta appeared for the petitioner NGO, while Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati represented the Central Government.

## KTR slams Cong govt for failing to retrieve bodies from SLBC tunnel

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, May 21 :** BRS working president and former Minister KT Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticised the Congress-led Telangana government for its failure to retrieve the bodies of workers trapped in the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), KTR wrote: "In a fully functional government under a competent leader, you could have brought back humans from Mars in three months. But since it is the Congress, they have failed to even bring out the dead bodies from the SLBC tunnel."

He directly targeted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, saying, "Aren't you ashamed, Revanth Reddy?! Despite all the big statements and questionable deadlines, all you have done since February 22nd is next to nothing."

Calling for compassion and accountability, KTR added, "At the very least, have the empathy to issue a condolence statement and meet the families of the deceased. Apologise to them. Any half-decent human would have already done that."



## Traditionally built ancient, stitched ship inducted into Indian Navy as INSV Kaundinya

New Delhi, May 21 (UNI) The Indian Navy on Wednesday formally inducted and named the ancient, stitched ship as Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Kaundinya at a ceremonial event held at Naval Base, Karwar.

The event was presided over by Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, marking the culmination of an extraordinary project that celebrates India's rich shipbuilding heritage, an Indian Navy statement said.

INSV Kaundinya is a stitched sail ship, based on a 5th century CE ship depicted in the paintings of Ajanta caves.

The project was initiated through a tripartite agreement signed in Jul 2023 between the Ministry of Culture, the Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations, with funding from the Ministry of Culture.

Following the keel laying



in September 2023, the vessel's construction was undertaken using a traditional method of stitching by a team of skilled artisans from Kerala, led by master shipwright Babu Sankaran. Over several months, the team painstakingly stitched wooden planks on the ship's hull using coir rope, coconut fibre and natural resin. The ship was launched in February 2025 at Goa.

The Indian Navy played a central role in the project, overseeing the design, tech-

nical validation, and construction process. With no surviving blueprints of such vessels, the design had to be inferred from iconographic sources. The Navy collaborated with the shipbuilder to recreate the hull form and traditional rigging, and ensured that the design was validated through hydrodynamic model testing at the Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT Madras, and internal technical assessment.

The newly inducted vessel

incorporates several culturally significant features. Her sails display motifs of the Gandaberunda and the sun, her bow bears a sculpted Simha Yali, and a symbolic Harappan style stone anchor adorns her deck, each element evoking the rich maritime traditions of ancient India.

Named after Kaundinya, the legendary Indian mariner who sailed across the Indian Ocean to Southeast Asia, the ship serves as a tangible symbol of India's long-standing traditions of maritime exploration, trade, and cultural exchange.

Inducted as an INSV, Kaundinya will be based at Karwar. The ship will now embark on her next historic phase, involving preparations for a transoceanic voyage along the ancient trade route from Gujarat to Oman, scheduled for later this year.

## Himachal: HC to deliver verdict on handing over Vimal Negi death probe to CBI by May 23

Shimla, May 21 (UNI) The Himachal Pradesh High Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on whether to transfer the Vimal Negi death case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), with a final order expected on May 23.

A single-judge bench of Justice Ajay Mohan Goel heard arguments for over three hours from Advocate General Anup Rattan, representing the state, and senior advocate R K Bawa, counsel for the petitioner.

During the hearing, Bawa pointed to serious discrepancies in the investigation.

Referring to a status report filed by Director General of Police Atul Sharma, he informed the court that a pen drive recovered from a constable, Pankaj, was found to contain 15,000 formatted

files. The deletion of these files, confirmed by Forensic reports, raised significant questions about the fairness of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) inquiry, Bawa argued.

Justice Goel questioned the Advocate General on inconsistencies between various status reports submitted by different authorities, including the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS). Rattan responded that while the ACS report was based on witness statements also given to the SIT, the findings could not be treated as legally binding.

The AG further clarified that two separate SITs were constituted — one by the DGP to trace the missing person, and the other to investigate the alleged abetment to suicide.

The court observed con-

traditions in the findings of the SIT led by SP Shimla Sanjeev Gandhi, the DGP, and the ACS. It ordered that the sealed ACS report be returned to the state for official consideration, while also directing that a copy be retained in court records.

SP Sanjeev Gandhi reiterated before the court that the SIT probing the death is distinct from the one tracing the missing person and assured that the investigation is being carried out under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) to ensure justice.

Justice Goel, however, expressed concern over the lack of coherence in reports from the police hierarchy and emphasized that discipline and consistency are expected within the police force.

The court will pronounce its decision on May 23.

## Eols from Invest Kerala Global Summit get underway: Minister Rajeeve

Thiruvananthapuram, May 21 (UNI) Four projects for which EOLs were received in Invest Kerala Global Summit (IKGS) held at Kochi this February with a total outlay of Rs 1,211 crores commenced in April, while 8 projects with an investment of Rs. 2,675 crores will have their foundation stones laid this month.

The 4 projects have the potential to generate 3,050 jobs. As many as 8,800 jobs will be created by the 8 projects.

Disclosing this at a press conference here today, Minister for Industries, Law and Coir P Rajeeve said this clearly affirmed Kerala's standing as a premier investment destination with increased investor trust in the government.

Also, another five projects, with an investment outlay of Rs over 1,000 crore and the potential to generate 2,400 jobs, are slated to begin in June, he noted.

"The proactive steps taken by the government following IKGS 2025 underscore the state's strong commitment to investor facilitation and results-driven governance," Rajeeve said.

"By combining transparent digital

tools, decentralised execution, and policy reform, Kerala is setting a new benchmark for investment promotion and project implementation in the country," he added.

AI company Dynimated's Rs.800 crore project in Ernakulam, Joy Alukkas Group's residential and hospital project with an investment of Rs 300 crore in Ernakulam, Positive Chip Boards manufacturing unit in Ernakulam with an investment of Rs 51 crore and MS Wood Alliance Park's manufacturing unit in Kannur with an investment of Rs 60 crore are the four projects that came up at IKGS 2025 which commenced in April.

Kalyan Silks' Rs. 500 crore project in Thrissur, Athachi's Rs. 100 cr project in Palakkad, Sutherland's Rs 1500 crore project at Kochi, Gasha Steels Rs 110 crore project at Palakkad, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences' Rs 200 crore project at Kollam and Thrissur, Delta Aggregates — a Private Industrial Park in Pathanamthitta Rs. 15 crore project, Indraprastha's Rs. 100 crore project at Kochi, Geojit Financial Services Rs.150 crore project in Kochi are set to start by the end of May.

Among other major proposals that came up at IKGS 2025, the Genome Valley at Life Sciences Park with an investment of Rs 3,800 crores in Thiruvananthapuram will commence construction shortly while Unity Mall at Thiruvananthapuram will be inaugurated in November, the Minister said.

Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, APM Mohammed Hanish, KSIDC Executive Director Harikrishnan R and KINFRA MD Santhosh Koshy Thomas were also present.

A dedicated Advisory group, chaired by the Minister for Industries, has been formed for monitoring project implementation, coordinating across departments and resolving issues swiftly to enable seamless execution.

Principal Secretary, Industries, is the Vice Chairman and Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) MD the convener of this body, which has representatives of industry and trade bodies, renowned industrialists, and senior government officials as members.

A high-level policy reform meet-

ing chaired by the Chief Minister is scheduled in June. The meeting will address the procedural and policy bottlenecks that affect investment implementation and focus on improving the overall Ease of Doing Business.

The Industrial Land Web Portal, https://industrialand.kerala.gov.in has been launched to create a database of land available in the state for industrial purposes, said the Minister. The portal will function like a match-making website where those who have land available for industrial purposes can list their information on it, he noted.

Another portal, developed by Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), provides investors and departments with real-time updates and critical information about each proposal's implementation status. It also features a monthly progress report to ensure transparency and stakeholder accountability.

Out of some 450 Eols (Expressions of Interest) received at IKGS, over 370 project-level meetings have been conducted so far, and updated status reports and photographs uploaded to the dashboard of IKGS portal.

## All claims of BJP government on crime control are false: Akhilesh

Lucknow, May 21 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday said that the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh has collapsed and incidents of crime are increasing continuously.

In a statement issued here, Akhilesh said, "All the claims of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government regarding crime control are proving to be false. The BJP government's claim of zero tolerance towards law and order and crime has become zero. Incidents of murder, robbery and rape are continuously increasing. Due to the failure of the BJP government, UP has become number one in crimes against women."

He said that recently, a teenager was gang-raped in Moradabad. "An attempt was made to rape a nurse in Meerut. An elderly woman sleeping at home was murdered in Farrukhabad. A person was murdered in Chaubepur of Bilhaur Kanpur city. These incidents are just examples. Dozens of such incidents are happening every day in the state," he claimed.

The SP chief said that no one is safe in UP under the BJP govern-



ment. "Incidents of injustice and atrocities against the poor are also continuously increasing. No one is getting justice. No work is being done on the ground. The government has nothing except assurances. Lies, loot, and corruption have become the identity of the BJP government. The BJP government has failed on every front," he said.

He said, "The maximum number of deaths in police custody is happening under the BJP government. The BJP government has lost the trust of the people. Instead of working in the public interest, the BJP government is harassing the innocent. The suffering, helpless public is determined to remove the BJP from power in the 2027 assembly elections."





## Sukumar spills details about his next with Ram Charan

It's been several months since Sukumar wrapped up Pushpa 2, and ever since, fans have been eagerly waiting to hear about his next move. The exciting news is that his upcoming film will be with Global Star Ram Charan, who is currently working on Peddi under the direction of Buchi Babu Sana.

During a recent visit to his hometown, Mattaparru in Andhra Pradesh, Sukumar shared some updates about this much-anticipated project. He revealed that the script and pre-production work are already underway, and the film is tentatively titled RC 17.

This will be Charan's immediate project after Peddi, and expectations are sky-high for this powerful combo. Mythri Movie Makers, the banner that backed the blockbuster Rangasthalam, is once again producing this biggie. Adding to the excitement, Devi Sri Prasad is officially on board to compose the music for what promises to be another sensational outing from this team.

## Pawan Kalyan's OG locks release date? Mega clash brewing with Akhanda 2?

A side from Hari Hara Veera Mallu, the most awaited film in Power Star Pawan Kalyan's lineup is undoubtedly They Call Him OG. Directed by Sujeeth, this intense period

September 26, 2025. Unlike usual release rumours, this one feels more solid, and if it turns out to be true, fans are in for a box office storm.

Why? Because Balakr-



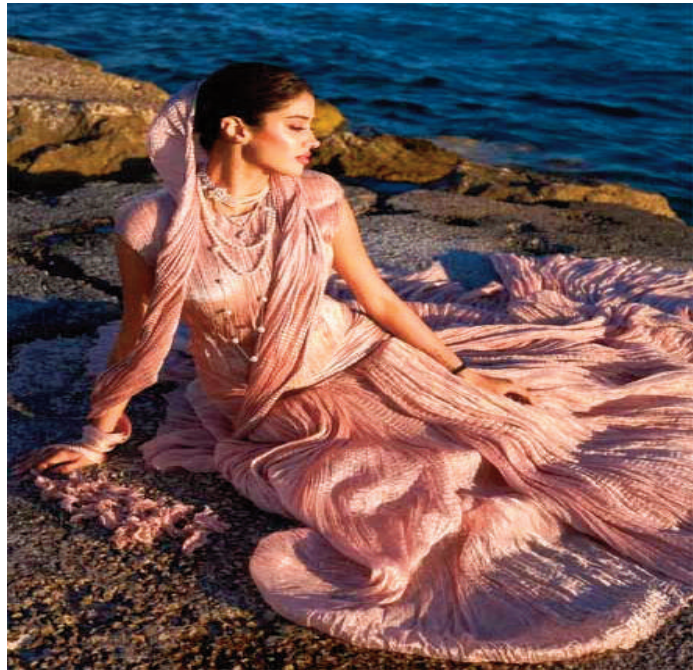
gangster drama has been making serious noise since its announcement. The Hyderabad shooting schedule recently wrapped up, keeping the momentum high.

Now, a strong buzz is doing rounds on social media – OG is reportedly eyeing a grand release on

ishna's highly awaited sequel Akhanda 2: Thandavam is also targeting a September 25, 2025 release – just a day apart. If both films stick to their dates, we're looking at one of the biggest mass movie face-offs in recent memory. However, there's a

chance that Akhanda 2 might shift its date to avoid the clash. If that happens, it could be a huge win for OG, giving it an open runway at the box office. But even if the clash stays, it'll be a thrilling battle – and fans of both stars are already hyped to see who takes the lead.

They Call Him OG stars Priyanka Arul Mohan as the female lead and Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi as the menacing antagonist. The film also features Prakash Raj, Sriya Reddy, Arjun Das, Shaam, and more. Backed by powerhouse producer DVV Danayya, the movie promises a stylish, action-loaded experience. And with Thaman scoring the music, expect nothing short of a sonic storm. Stay tuned for more updates, because the countdown to OG just got way more exciting!



## Janhvi Kapoor makes stunning Cannes debut, looks stunning

Janhvi Kapoor has officially made her debut at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival 2025. Her latest film, Homebound, directed by Neeraj Ghaywan, has been selected under the Un Certain Regard category, marking a significant moment in her career.

As the film's lead actress, Janhvi attended the festival in full glamour. As part of her Cannes experience, Janhvi also took part in the iconic Riviera photoshoot.

Draped in an impressive outfit and adorned with layers of pearls, she posed gracefully by the sea, captivating the international fashion scene. She will next be seen in Ram Charan's Peddi.

## Vishwambhara: Special treat coming out

Megastar Chiranjeevi's fantasy action drama Vishwambhara has been in the making for a long time. The biggie, directed by Vasishtha, has been postponed indefinitely due to a delay in CGI works. The teaser received massive backlash on social media because of its inferior quality, and right now, makers are working hard to enhance the quality of visuals.

The first single was released recently, but fans are expecting something big from the team. Here is the update that will provide them a

sigh of relief. The production house took to social media and wrote, "Producer Vikram Reddy takes Vishwambhara to Cannes



with an EPIC REVEAL offering a glimpse into the world of Vishwambhara at the international stage. Stay tuned for the EPIC REVEAL tomorrow."

What is it that the team is planning to release? Is it a new glimpse or the theatrical trailer? Let's wait and see. Vishwambhara features Trisha as the female lead. The movie also stars Kunal Kapoor, Ashika Ranganath, Ramya Pasupaleti, Esha Chawla, and Ashrita Vemuganti Nanduri in supporting roles. Backed by UV Creations, the film features music by MM Keeravaani.

## Atlee meets Allu Arjun for high-level discussions; Pre-production in full swing

A stunning announcement video has generated massive hype around the next big project of Icon Star Allu Arjun with successful director Atlee. Referred to as AA22 x A6, the film has already become a hot topic across social media.

On Wednesday, Atlee, the man behind blockbusters like Jawan, Theri, Bigil and more, landed in Hyderabad for key discussions with Allu Arjun. With pre-production underway for this high-budget, interna-

tional-scale emotional action entertainer, the meeting is considered a crucial step in moving the project

forward. Another exciting update is that the team is planning to go on floors in



June, and fans are eagerly waiting for regular updates from the makers.

Backed by South India's leading production house Sun Pictures, this is touted to be one of the costliest films in the pipeline, proudly presented by Kalanithi Maran. The music for this biggie will be composed by Sai Abhyankar, with a grand release targeted for late 2026 or early 2027. Stay tuned for more exciting updates on AA22xA6 – this one's going to be massive!

## Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team Leaves for Four Nations Tournament in Argentina

Bengaluru, May 21 (UNI) The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team left from Kempegowda International Airport, here, in the early hours of Wednesday for the Four Nations Tournament in Rosario, Argentina.

The friendly tournament, part of the team's preparation for the FIH Hockey Junior Women's World Cup in December, will feature Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile alongside India, as the teams battle it out for top honours.

Scheduled from May 25 to June 2 (IST), the Four Nations Tournament will see the Indian team



play two matches against each of the participating nations. The tournament aims to help the team evaluate their performance, test combinations, and refine strategies ahead of the World Cup.

The Indian squad,

coached by Tushar Khandker, will be led by goalkeeper Nidhi as Captain, while forward Hina Bano will serve as Vice-Captain.

India will open their campaign against Chile on May 25, followed by a

match against Uruguay on May 26. On May 28, India will face hosts Argentina, completing the first round of fixtures.

Speaking before the team's departure, Captain Nidhi said, "The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is excited about the upcoming Four Nations Tournament in Argentina. We have been working hard in training, and we hope our efforts reflect in the matches. Playing against stronger opponents will only help us improve. We are confident in our abilities and look forward to the upcoming games."

## Pakistan reveal squad for Bangladesh

Karachi, May 21 (UNI) A host of big names remain on the outer as Pakistan revealed their squad for their upcoming three-match T20I series at home against Bangladesh.

Former skipper Babar Azam, veteran keeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan and pace spearhead Shaheen Afridi are notable absentees from the 16-player group that will take on Bangladesh in three matches in Lahore.

Batter Salman Ali Agha will continue as skipper with all-rounder Shadab Khan his deputy, while experienced white-ball performers Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah are also included.

But there is no room for Babar, Rizwan and Shaheen, with Pakistan declaring the selection of the squad was based upon performances during the ongoing Pakistan Super League season.

The hosts have also received



a big boost with the return of swashbuckling batter Saim Ayub to the lineup, after his bout with injury.

Ayub had been ruled out midway through Pakistan's tour of South Africa earlier this year after he fractured his ankle while fielding in the second Test in February. The left-handed batter had marked his comeback to competitive cricket in the ongoing PSL

season, an ICC report said.

Meanwhile, 29-year-old batter Sahibzada Farhan has been rewarded for his PSL performances, and his back into the T20I setup for the first time since 2018.

Farhan has notched 394 runs from his 10 outings so far in the PSL at a strike rate of 154.50, and leads the run-scoring charts in the league.

The series against Bangladesh will be the first in charge of new Pakistan coach Mike Hesson, with the schedule for the series to be announced in the coming days.

Pakistan squad: Salman Ali Agha (c), Shadab Khan (vc), Abrar Ahmed, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Hassan Nawaz, Husain Talat, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Haris, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Naseem Shah, Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub.



## Brazilian winger Kenedy joins Pachuca on loan

Mexico City, May 21 (UNI) Pachuca has signed Brazilian winger Robert Kennedy on a year-long loan from Spain's Real Valladolid, both clubs said.

The deal includes an option for the Mexican side to make the 29-year-old's move permanent next summer.

"He is the signing that we needed for the FIFA Club World Cup," the club said in a social media post on Tuesday, referring to the tournament in the United States that will run from June 15 to July 13.

Kenedy has made 44 appearances and scored two goals across all competitions for Real Valladolid since joining the club from Chelsea in 2022.

Pachuca will make its debut in the FIFA Club World Cup against Red Bull Salzburg on June 18 before also facing Al-Hilal and Real Madrid in the group stage.

## Meghalaya to host 39th National Games, 2027 : CM Conrad Sangma

Shillong, May 21 (UNI) Meghalaya will solely host the 39th National Games, 2027, with majority of the sports disciplines, including the opening and closing ceremonies will be held in this mountainous state, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said on Wednesday.

"Meghalaya is the host state. There is no other state that is hosting the National Games," Sangma said dismissing reports of Meghalaya jointly hosting the mega national sports event.

State Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Shakliar Warji had said that the central government has asked Meghalaya to ensure that all other North Eastern states are allowed to host at least one discipline.

However, the Chief Minister said that while inclusiv-



ity is being promoted by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Government of India, Meghalaya will retain primary hosting responsibilities.

"To promote inclusiveness, one or two disciplines may be given to different northeastern states. This is just to send a positive message of unity across the region," Sangma said.

Reiterating that the 39th National Games is "not a jointly-hosted one, but rather a fully Meghalaya-led

initiative with only symbolic participation from neighboring states", the Chief Minister said, "This is a completely Meghalaya-hosted program. There is no confusion and no question of it being a jointly-hosted Games."

In a bold step toward environmental sustainability, Sangma that the upcoming National Games in Meghalaya will be plastic-free event.

"My target is that the National Games should be completely biodegradable," the Chief Minister declared, underscoring his government's commitment to long-term environmental change.

Meghalaya will be the third state in the Northeast to host the Games after Manipur and Assam that hosted it in 1999 and 2007 respectively.



## Platense beats River Plate on penalties to reach semifinals

Buenos Aires, May 21 (UNI) Platense progressed to the semi-finals of Argentina's Primera Division Apertura tournament with a dramatic away victory over River Plate on penalties.

Platense took the lead at Estadio Monumental when Vicente Taborda's first-time effort from 12 yards rolled into the far corner after taking a deflection off goalkeeper Franco Armani on Tuesday.

The visitors looked poised for a 1-0 win but River striker Miguel Borja was brought down by Oscar Salomon in the last minute of the allotted stoppage time and teenager Franco Mastantuono slotted the resultant penalty to force a shootout.

Kevin Castano and Sebastian Driussi missed for River before Ignacio Schor converted the decisive spot kick as Platense prevailed 4-2 on penalties.

Platense's next opponent will be San Lorenzo while Independiente will meet Huracan in the other semifinal.

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