

**PANCHANGAM**

**Tithi**  
Krishna Paksha Navami  
Upto : Dec 13 04:38 PM  
Krishna Paksha Dasami  
Upto : Dec 14 06:50 AM  
**Nakshatra**  
Uttara Phalguni  
Upto : Dec 13 05:50 AM  
Hasta  
Upto : Dec 14 08:18 AM  
**Rahukalam**  
9:25 AM - 10:48 AM  
**Yamagandam**  
1:32 PM - 2:54 PM  
**Gulika**  
6:41 AM - 8:03 AM  
**Dur Muhurat**  
08:09 AM - 08:52 AM  
**Varjyam**  
03:06 PM - 04:52 PM

**WEATHER**

**Forecast : Sunny**  
**Temperature : 27° / 14°**  
**Humidity : 32 %**  
**Sunrise : 6:41 AM**  
**Sunset : 5:39 PM**

## GHMC to Accept Ward Delimitation Complaints Even on Holidays

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has announced that it will continue to receive complaints related to ward delimitation even on the upcoming holidays. Complaints will be accepted on the 13th and 14th of this month, ensuring uninterrupted public access and wider opportunity for citizens to submit their representations.

## Akhilesh Yadav and KTR call for end to divisive politics

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : Reaffirming the strong ties between the Samajwadi Party and the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), Akhilesh Yadav, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, expressed confidence that the national political landscape would improve soon. Holding key meetings with BRS leaders here on Friday, the Samajwadi Party national president emphasised the need for positive politics focused on progress and development.

During his visit, Yadav met BRS working president KT Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao at Rama Rao's residence in Nandi Nagar. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Yadav described Rama Rao and BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao as close allies.

"We will always stand with



them," he said. Yadav stressed that ups and downs were common in politics. "Sometimes people give opportunities, sometimes they do not. We used to get very few seats earlier, but people stood by us. We must remain watchful," he remarked, adding that the country needs to progress with a clear

vision. Criticising the current political climate, Yadav called for an end to divisive and negative politics.

"Divisive politics and negativity should end. We should work towards positive things and progress," he urged. Yadav also revealed that he had spoken to Chandrashekhara Rao

and expressed his intent to meet him soon to seek his blessings. He praised the warm welcome he has always received from the BRS leadership in Hyderabad.

Welcoming the SP chief, Rama Rao hailed the SP's strong performance in the last Lok Sabha elections. He said that despite losing the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls, Samajwadi Party had emerged as the third-largest party in the Lok Sabha with 37 MPs.

"Even after losing the assembly elections, they could win 37 MPs and became the third-largest party," he said. The BRS strives for similar outreach to the masses, drawing inspiration from the Samajwadi Party. Harish Rao, along with former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav and other BRS leaders, received Yadav and felicitated him.



## Will allocate any amount of funds for the development of villages : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
Nalgonda : State Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said that he will give due priority to the development of all the villages in the Nalgonda constituency and allocate any amount of funds.

The newly elected Sarpanches of the Congress Party from Nalgonda, Thiparthi and Kanagal mandals met Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy at the camp office (Indira Bhavan) in Nalgonda on Friday.

The Minister congratulated the newly elected Sarpanches and extended his best wishes. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that positions are not permanent for anyone. He said that the newly elected



Sarpanches should take advantage of the opportunity and take up development programs in the villages without party affiliation.

He said that parties should be removed only during the elections and then focus on development. In Nalgonda constituency He said that he will allocate adequate funds for the development of all villages. He advised that any problem in the villages should be brought to his attention. He advised that no matter how big the problem or difficulty, do not get discouraged.

He said that he is helping the poor people who have lost their son and taking care of his own son among them. He said that he does not have the happiness of (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Akhilesh Yadav Calls on Telangana CM Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : Samajwadi Party president and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills on Friday. Yadav, who arrived in the city to take part in various programmes, held a brief meeting with the Chief Minister and discussed a range of issues.

During the interaction, Revanth Reddy explained the key development and welfare initiatives being implemented by the Telangana government. Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav and several other public representatives were also present at the meeting.



Renowned economist and former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India, Arvind Subramanian, paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence.

## KTR hails BRS performance, calls results beginning of Congress downfall

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : Congratulating BRS-supported candidates who won as sarpanches and ward members in the first phase of Telangana gram panchayat elections, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday described the results as a clear rejection of the ruling Congress party and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's failed governance.

Pointing out large-scale atrocities and murder politics by the Congress during the polls, he praised BRS workers for fighting bravely and securing victories despite the ruling party's reign of terror. Telangana Travel Guide

"Even though Chief Minister Revanth Reddy toured districts under the pretext of official visits and openly campaigned, the Congress could not cross even 44 percent of seats wherever it contested. This is living proof of growing public anger against the government," he said in a post on X, also stating that initial propaganda suggesting panchayat



elections naturally favour the ruling party was shattered, with rural voters expressing complete frustration over Revanth Reddy's administrative failures in two years. Hyderabad Local Events

He asserted that the results had proved that the only credible alternative in Telangana is the BRS, and that the BJP had no foothold in the State. Highlighting that the Congress failed to win even half the seats in many villages, he said the countdown for the Congress had begun from the villages. Accusing the Revanth

Reddy government of betraying rural Telangana on multiple fronts, he said it had failed to implement the promised six guarantees in two years.

He said it had betrayed people on the pension hike promises, Mahalakshmi scheme, one-tola gold scheme, adequate urea for farmers, crop bonus and procurement of crops. He said the collapse of sanitation and rural infrastructure that had progressed during ten years of BRS rule had angered the people.

"Rural people have not forgotten the cheating done in the name of guarantees," he said, terming the panchayat results as only the start.

Predicting a complete collapse of the Congress in the coming days, he said the downfall of the party that began with these panchayat elections was certain to hit rock bottom in the days ahead.

"From Adilabad to Alampur, in every election to come, the pink flag will fly high," he said.



## The leading IT firm Cognizant at Kapuluppada IT Hills in Visakhapatnam

**(Capital Information)**  
Visakhapatnam : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu today laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new campus of the leading IT firm Cognizant at Kapuluppada IT Hills in Visakhapatnam. Along with Cognizant, Bhumi Puja was also held for setting up campuses in Visakhapatnam for 8 other IT companies.

Tech Tammina, Sattva Developers, ImagineInnovate Tech Solutions India, Fluent Grid Limited, Motherthon Technologies, Quax Technosoft, ACN Healthcare RCM Services, Nonrail Technologies will soon start operations in Visakhapatnam. Through these institutions, the state gets Rs. 3,740 crore investments and employment opportunities for around 41,700 people.

Minister of IT and Education Mr. Nara Lokesh, another minister Mr. Dola Bala Veeranjanyaswamy, Visakhapatnam MP Mr. Bharat, CEO of Cognizant Mr. Ravi Kumar participated in these programs.

## 'Drug offenders to be monitored akin to history-sheeters'

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : Hyderabad Commissioner of Police V.C. Sajjanar, IPS on Friday asserted that drug offenders and peddlers in the city would be subjected to the same rigorous level of surveillance and monitoring usually reserved for history-sheeters (rowdy-sheeters).

Addressing a high-level coordination meeting on narcotics control held at the Telangana

Command and Control Centre (TGICCC) in Banjara Hills, CP underscored the police department's commitment to curbing the narcotics menace. The meeting saw participation from various central and state agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau (IB), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Excise Department, Counter Intelligence, EAGLE, and the Foreign



ers Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

To effectively dismantle the drug network in the city, the Commissioner announced the strengthening of the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW). "In addition to the existing teams, four to five new teams are being constituted. These units will play a pivotal role in field-level intelligence gathering and the apprehension of the ac-

cused," CP Sajjanar said.

Terming the eradication of narcotics a "continuous battle" rather than a one-time operation, he called for seamless coordination between departments. It was decided that inter-agency coordination meetings would be held monthly to review case progress, share intelligence on habitual offenders, and analyze new methods of operation adopted by smugglers.

The meeting deliberated at length on the involvement of foreign nationals in drug trafficking and consumption. Officials discussed strategies to maintain constant vigil at airports and coordinate with relevant agencies to track the movement of suspicious passengers.

Special emphasis was laid on the misuse of courier services for transporting contraband. Furthermore, the Commissioner di-

rected officials to strictly monitor foreign nationals arriving in the city on medical visas. "Instances of individuals arriving for medical treatment but failing to report to hospitals must be taken seriously. Such individuals must be tracked immediately in coordination with the DRI and FRRO," he stated.

Cyderabad CP Avinash Mohanty, IPS, IB Joint Director Thirugnana Sambandhan, IPS, DRI Deputy Director Guru Ra-

jesh, NCB Assistant Director Vishnu Vardhan, Eagle Team DIG Abhishek Mohanty, IPS, CISF DIG Mohanka, FRRO Appalanayudu, IPS, Intelligence SP Bhaskaran, IPS, DCP S.B. Smt. K. Apoorva Rao, IPS, DCP Task Force Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, IPS, DCP SMIT CH. Rupesh IPS DRI Assistant Director Anurag Singh, Telangana Excise Department Joint Commissioner Qureshi, and others participated in the program.



## SP Paritosh Pankaj said that special police arrangements have been made for the Sarpanch elections

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sangareddy :** Speaking on the occasion, he said that the 2nd phase of local elections will be held across the District. Out of 243 gram panchayats in 10 Mandals, 14 have been unanimously elected. Elections will be held for 229 seats. All kinds of security arrangements have been made to conduct the elections in a peaceful atmosphere. All problematic, sensitive and hyper-sensitive polling stations across the District have been identified and surveillance has been tightened.

The SP said that the 1533 people who created riots in the last elections and had history sheets, who had been asked to behave well, had been bound over in advance and that the people of the district should exercise their right to vote freely with-



out any sense of insecurity. He warned that strict action will be taken as per the election code of conduct if voters are enticed, alcohol and money are distributed, or false propaganda is made on social media or other media to defame individuals or political parties, thereby disrupting the peace of the elections.

Later, addressing the staff, he mentioned important points about the duties that the staff should and should not perform during election duties. He instructed every police officer and staff to strictly follow the election code of conduct and remain vigilant until the election process is completed with full commitment.

The SP made it clear that

if any problem arises in the performance of duty, they should immediately inform the higher authorities and not take any decisions personally.

He said that all departments should work in coordination to ensure that the elections are held peacefully and transparently. He warned that the personnel performing election duties should perform their duties with complete transparency and that departmental action will be taken if it is found that they have supported any person or party.

The program was attended by Additional SP Raghunandan Rao, AR DSP Narendar, Inspectors Ramesh, Kiran, Praveen Reddy, Sada Nagaraju, RI Rama Rao, officers going on election duties, civil and army personnel, etc.



## I did not care about the many allegations made against me during the Panchayat elections : Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda/Thipparthi :** Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy congratulated and congratulated Ootkuri Vani Surender Reddy, who was elected as the Sarpanch of Yellamma Gudem in Thipparthi Mandal. He stated that he did not care about the many allegations made against him during the Yellamma Gudem Gram Panchayat elections. He said that the good works done by Ootkuri Surender Reddy in the village made him win. He hoped that the same spirit would continue in Yellamma Gudem for the welfare of the poor people.

## Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan Tokens for Tirupati - Tirumala Locals Through e-Dip

e-Dip registration from December 25 to 27; Token allotment on December 29

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirumala :** It is well known that TTD has decided to allocate local quota tokens for Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan to residents of Tirumala, Renigunta, and Chandragiri during the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan to be held in Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple from December 30 to January 8.

Under this, 5,000 tokens per day will be allotted for the dates January 6, 7, and 8.

Accordingly, TTD will provide the facility for e-Dip registration from 10 AM on December 25 to 5 PM on December 27.

Residents of Tirumala, Tirupati, Renigunta, and Chandragiri can register for the e-Dip under the 1+3



system through the TTD website, mobile app, and WhatsApp during the mentioned dates.

The allotment of tokens through e-Dip will take place at 2 PM on December 29.

Out of the total daily quota, 4,500 tokens will be allotted to residents of Tirupati, Renigunta, and Chandragiri, and 500 tokens will be allotted to Tirumala residents.

TTD requests all eligible local residents to make note of this and register for tokens through the e-Dip system.

## All Arrangements Must Be Completed for Second Phase GP Polls : Collector Viziendira Boyi

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahbubnagar :** District Collector and Election Officer Vijayendra Bhoi directed officials to ensure that all arrangements for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections on December 14 are completed without any lapses.

In a Webex meeting held on Friday with MPDOs, Tahsildars, Mandal Educational Officers and Panchayat Secretaries of CC Kunta, Devarakadra, Hanwada, Koilkuntla, Kaukuntla and Midjil mandals, the Collector reviewed preparedness and issued strict instructions.

She said the first phase of polls was conducted smoothly due to effective teamwork and urged officials to replicate the same efficiency for the second phase.

The Collector instructed officials to ensure distribution centres are managed prop-



erly on December 13, with polling material issued strictly as per the checklist. All polling stations must have complete basic amenities, and daily reports must contain accurate details, she added.

She informed that the third phase of randomisation has been completed, and PO/APO teams have been allocated to wards and polling stations. Display of polling staff lists at distribution centres and arrange-

opening and sealing of ballot boxes must be provided at the distribution centres, she added.

All facilities must be ensured for polling personnel at polling stations.

At the counting centres, adequate tables and manpower must be arranged so that the process is carried out carefully and swiftly as per the State Election Commission guidelines. The Deputy Sarpanch election process must also be completed immediately, she said.

Tahsildars, MPDOs and special officers must work in close coordination to ensure peaceful polling, the Collector stressed. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, ZP CEO & in-charge DPO Venkata Reddy, RDO Naveen, DEO Praveen Kumar, Trainee DPO Nikhila Sri and others participated in the meeting.

## The village will be developed with the cooperation of everyone

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda/Narketpally :** The Congress-backed sarpanch candidate Ellendula Lingaswamy has won a landslide victory in Yellareddygudem village of Narketpally mandal in the Nakrekal assembly constituency.

Ellendula Lingaswamy, who contested as the Congress sarpanch candidate against the nearest candidate in the gram panchayat elections held on Thursday,

won. Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Ellendula Lingaswamy of the Congress said that he will develop the village with the cooperation of everyone. He thanked the people who voted for him and made him win.

Later, on the occasion of winning the sarpanch and ward numbers, he met local Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham.

## Two-Wheeler donated to TTD

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirumala :** Hero Moto Corp has donated a Hero Glamour two-wheeler to TTD on Friday.

Company representatives, Vijay Kannan and Ganesh Kumar performed special puja for the vehicle near the temple premises and handed over the keys to the Temple Peishkar, Rama Krishna.



## Social welfare Minister Visits Dharmapuri Temple

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jagtial/Dharmapuri :** State Social welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar visited the Sri Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Dharmapuri. He was welcomed by temple officials and received blessings from Vedic scholars and archakas, including Nambi Srinivasacharyulu and Nambi Narasimha Murthy.

Temple Chairman Jakku Ravinder presented the minister with a shawl and Prasadam, honouring his visit.

The event was attended by Temple former chairman Dinsh, Alwal Srinivas, Senior Assistant, SI G Mahesh, other temple staff and others.

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**Open e-Tender Notice**  
 For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt: 05.01.2026.

**1. Name of the work :** Tender Notice No & Date: SCR-BZA-SNT-E16-0T-25-26, Dt: 11.12.2025. VIJAYAWADA Division :- S&T works in connection with Provision of Aspiration type blue LED based aspiration system in Relay Room, equipment room and Battery rooms at 123 EI stations/Goomty and Replacement of Non RDSO version Fire & smoke detector Alarm system with RDSO make at 31 EI stations/Goomty over Vijayawada Division. **Tender value Rs-ps (₹)** 8,89,00,739.87 **EMD:** (₹) 5,94,500.00 Only through online or bid security **CTB:(₹)NIL Completion Period :** 365 Days

**Date of closing and timing :** Time : 15.30 hrs Date : 05.01.2026

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc. are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in".
  2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website "www.ireps.gov.in" before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.
  3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.
  4. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
- Division Railway Manager (S&T), Vijayawada

**Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/ Works/BZA/42/2025 dt.11.12.2025**

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- 1. Tender No.:-E-38-CENTRAL-BZA-2025 Name of work:** SW-I: Vijayawada Division : TSR(P) - 3.3.813Kms (Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam : TSR(P) 29.962km & Vijayawada - Gudur : TSR(P) - 3.851Km) with TRT of Exg. 60kg/90UTS rails on PSC6 sleepers 1660Nos/km density with new wider PSC sleepers 1660 Nos./Km including recoupmnt and increasing of ballast cushion to 35 cm and deep screening of ballast. SWII: Vijayawada Division : (i). Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section (UP&DN) : - TBR - Total length is 40.007 Km, (ii) TBR: Through Ballast Recouping of track along with deep screening by BCM for total length of 31.172 TKm (ii) TBR(Loop lines) : Through Ballast Recouping of track along with manual deep screening for total length of 8.835 TKm between Pulla Gunadala stations of DEN/Central/BZA Jurisdiction. SW-III: Vijayawada Division : Gudur Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section (UP&DN) : (i) TFR(A/F) : Through fittings renewal on PSC sleeper track for a length of 5.231 Km (ii) TFR (GRSP only) : Through Fitting renewal GRSP only on PSC Sleeper track for a length of 52.008 Km (iii) Glued Joints-7 Nos & (vi) TTR(FS+TWS+WCMSC)-6 sets, TTR(DS)-2 sets ,TTR (WCMSC)-22 Sets , TTR (TWS + WCMSC) - 6 Sets ,TTR(CS+WCMSC)- 6 Sets at various locations in DEN/Central/BZA Jurisdiction. **Period of completion:** 12(Twelve Months) **Tender value:** (₹) 7,21,00,091/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 5,10,500/- **Date of closing:** 02/01/2026
- 2. Tender No.:-E-39-CENTRAL-BZA-2025 Name of work:** BZA Division: BZA-VSKP Section : Construction of Electrical office, Parcel office, Health Unit, RPF Barracks, SSE/Works office and Renovation of Existing Station Building rooms at Eluru station in SSE/Works/ EE section in ADEN/EE sub-division under the Jurisdiction of DEN/Central/BZA **Period of completion:** 12(Twelve Months) **Tender value:** (₹) 9,43,37,284/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 6,21,700/- **Date of closing:** 06/01/2026
- 3. Tender No.:-E-46-EAST-BZA-2025 Name of work:** BZA Division: BVRM-NS section: Construction of 3m wide FOB with ramps at Km.28/9-29/0 (trespass location at closed LC No. 27) at Narsapur station. **Period of completion:** 12(Twelve Months) **Tender value:** (₹) 6,06,07,898/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 4,53,000/- **Date of closing:** 06/01/2026

Tender No.	Brief Description
47261016B	60KVA Transformer
85251114	Roller bearing type NU 311 ECJ
81251419	Liquefied petroleum Gas
30253656	Silent block for bolted design anchor link
33251552	N-1 Board to FTRTIPL
31251662A	Asbestos base brake blocks
30253505D	Dual flush valve
30251949C	Gravity cock 1/2 to RCF Drg.no.CC63933, alt-c
45255009	4.5KW Regulated cum Emergency Battery
66259415	Procurement of Variable displacement pump for Track Machine
6025PT037	Procurement of 1 in 12 & 1 in 8.5 O/R Switches
33255011A	Set of 21 items for fabrication of LHB FIAT Bogie Frames
66259003	Track Machine spares plasser make
66259256	Track Machine spares plasser make
6025PT038	Procurement of 1 in 12 & 1 in 8.5 CMSxings
66259332	Procurement of Hydraulic Double pumps for Track Machine.
6025PT034	Rail screw 22x135 mm for 60 kg (UIC) RAIL TO RDSO Drg.no T1035
66259440	Procurement of seal sets for track machine.

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*(Cont. from Pg 1)* serving the people. He said that he cannot repay the debt of the people of Nalgonda constituency. He said that he will always be available to the people who brought him to this level and share their hardships.

The newly elected Sarpanch of Peddasuraram Gunde Janamma, Sub-Sarpanch of Pendem Aruna Ramakrishna, Sarpanch of Tipparti Mandal Yellamma Gudem Ootkuri Vani Surender Reddy, Sarpanch of Nalgonda Mandal Chennugudem Marri Satish Yadav, Sarpanch of Budharam Tukkani Venkat Reddy, Sarpanch of Chandana Pelli Peddi Lakshamma Govardhan, Sarpanch of Narsing Batla Zakira Minister Komatireddy congratulated and congratulated the new sarpanches and ward members, including Tajuddin, Velugu Pally Sarpanch Potepaka Vinod, Kanchanapally Sarpanch Muppidi Maheshwari, Torragal Sarpanch Chirrayoyina Yadayya, Donakal Sarpanch Kothapalli Sunitha.

### TENDER NOTICE No: 50/2025 Dt:12.12.2025. SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

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# MESSI GOAT TOUR-LIVE EVENT 2025-football match arrangements

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** MESSI GOAT TOUR-LIVE EVENT 2025-football match will be held on 13-12-2025 at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad. The stadium has approximately 39,000 seating capacity. In order to avoid any untoward incidents during the match day, a series of unprecedented measures were taken up at Uppal cricket stadium for the smooth run of football match. For safety and security of VIPs and Spectators, elaborate bandobust arrangements are being made in coordination with different wings, like security wing, traffic-300, law and order (1492), TSSP/AR force 18 platoons, Octopus 2 teams, Mounted Police-10, Vajra-02, and other wings likes SB, CCS staff, SOT, and 4 fire tenders with firefighting squad. Total of about 2500 Police persons are deployed for bandobust. Gate No.1 is exclusively for players and VVIP's whereas, others are not allowed. Spectators are allowed through gates as per their ticketing and evacuation plan is ready for any emergency situation.  
 \*\* In and around the stadium, a total of 450 CCTV cameras installed including the places at vehicle check points, parking places to cover the entire area of the stadium, enroute and parking areas  
 \*\* A Joint command & control room is also established to monitor all the CCTV footages for taking immediate action. (ACP IT Cell and teams)  
 \*\* Anti sabotage checks with the help of B.D teams would continue round the clock until the match is completed on the day of matches  
 \*\* Effective communication system is being main-



tained with the allocation of VHF sets to every Sub-Inspector and above rank for quick response and also a control room has been installed.  
 \*\* The scanners installed at the stadium will allow police and other security personnel to detect explosives and other prohibited material inside the venue. The services of bomb disposal team and sniffer dogs were pressed into services to ensure safety in the stadium and parking places.  
 \*\* Separate teams are being deployed for checking the movements of antisocial elements.  
 \*\* A Team of mobile technicians (5 to 8) were deployed at each gate for checking of spectators mobile phones  
 \*\* Additional bandobust arrangements made in and around the stadium round the clock with octo-



police officers and men.  
 \*\* The antecedents of the personnel, who are being engaged by the sponsors/vendors related to this match, are being thoroughly checked and passes with photos were issued to them.  
 \*\* Exchange of accreditation Cards is strictly prohibited and replacement of personnel is not allowed and cases also booked against change of passes.  
 \*\* Adequate signage boards are erected at different places to make the viewers to reach the stadium easily.  
 \*\* The viewers have to park their vehicles at prescribed parking areas only. (Mainly ILLA Parking)  
 \*\* Gates will be opened and spectators will be allowed in to the stadium before 3 hours of the match schedule. (i.e., from 04:00PM)  
 \*\* Keeping the spectators count in view, adequate measures were taken by increasing the number of ambulances from 3 to 5 will be provided for immediate medical services to spectators.  
 \*\* Vendors/hackers prohibited outside the stadium, special teams will be on move and will watch on the movement of black tickets and pick up them.  
 \*\* The Organizers/HCA/Hyderabad Talkies authorities have erected sufficient signage boards at all the main roads from Habsiguda to Uppal, L.B. Nagar to Uppal, Medipally to Uppal, Ramanthapur to Stadium with proper arrow marks.  
 \*\* Uppal Cricket Stadium has a total of 13 outer gates, with exclusive bandobust arrangements made for these gates. Five patrolling teams have been deployed for crowd control.



## BRS-backed candidates should be made to win with the largest majority in the Gram Panchayat elections : Former MLA Nallamothu Bhaskar Rao

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalguda :** On Friday, former MLA Nallamothu Bhaskar Rao conducted a door-to-door campaign on behalf of BRS party-backed candidates in Kalvapalli Thanda, Junk Thanda, Dondavarigudem, Venkatadripalem, and Utlapalli villages in Miryalaguda mandal, as well as Ralla Vaguthanda villages in Damaracharla mandal, within the Miryalaguda constituency. Sarpanch candidates Khalvapalli Thanda Badavat Vanitha Pratap, Janku Thanda Dhanavat Poli, Rallavagu Thanda Dhirawat Ravi Nayak, Venkatadripalem Aakumarthi Nagamani Venkanna, Utlapalli Konakanchi Sekhar Rao, Dondavarigudem Alakani Ramana were asked to win with the largest majority.  
 In this program, Pasham Narasimha Reddy, Alakani Ramana, Baredy Ashok Reddy, Malavat Ravinder Nayak, Jetty Lingaiah, Dharavat Biksha Nayak, Surya Nayak, Naresh, Chinam Ramesh Babu, Aakumarthi Venkanna, Jatti Lingaiah, Chennaboyina Veeraiah, Talakoppula Saidulu, Punna Nayak, Ravi Nayak, Potla Venkateswara Rao, Anjaiah, Yadagiri, Talakola Ashok Reddy, Matangi Ravi, Nagamani, Bachalapuri Srinu, Matangi Anjaiah, BRS party leaders, activists, women, villagers and others participated.



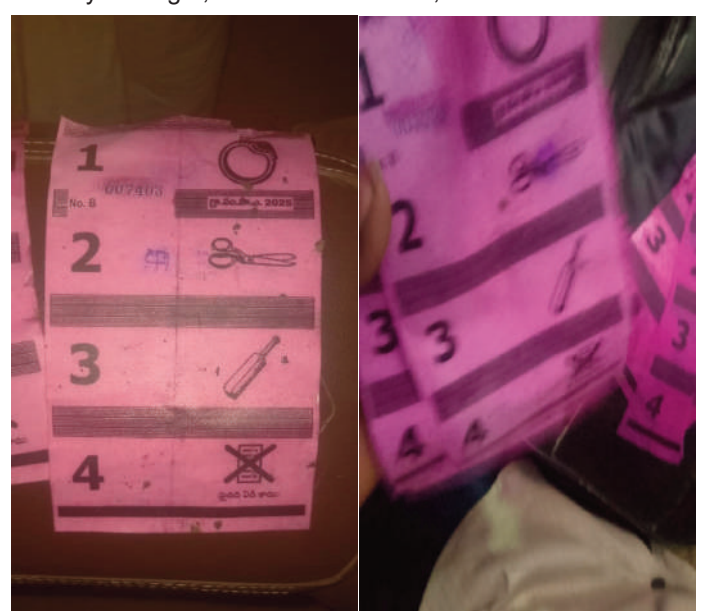
## SCR GM Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, Conducts Inspection of Bhadrachalam – Vishnupuram Section

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway, conducted an inspection of the Bhadrachalam Road – Vishnupuram Section, including Bhadrachalam Road Railway Station of Secunderabad Division, today i.e., 12th December, 2025. He was accompanied by Dr. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division.  
 The inspection commenced at Bhadrachalam Road Railway Station, where the General Manager reviewed the ongoing Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) redevelopment works being executed at a cost of ₹25.41 crore. The works include construction of a 12 metre foot over bridge, platform surface improvements, additional cover over platforms, provision of lifts, a modern waiting hall, façade enhancements, and improvements to the circulating area. Srivastava instructed officials to expedite the works to ensure timely completion and enhance passenger amenities.  
 He also inspected the Crew Lobby at Bhadrachalam Road, reviewing facilities available for Loco Pilots & Train Managers. During the visit, he interacted with employees, enquired about operational challenges, and advised officials to resolve issues promptly. The General Manager further examined passenger amenities on the platforms and inspected the One Station One Product (OSOP) stall, which promotes local products. Several public representatives met Srivastava during the inspection and submitted memorandums highlighting local requirements.  
 Later, Srivastava carried out a rear window inspection of the Bhadrachalam Road – Vishnupuram section. He examined safety aspects related to track maintenance, bridges, signalling systems and emphasized strict adherence to safety protocols. He advised officials to remain vigilant, particularly in view of the winter season.

**Public Notice.**

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I, Thonta Shekhar, S/o. Buggaiah, aged approximately 35 years, R/o H.No.2-144, Kandukur, Gummadavelli, Rangareddy, Telangana-501506, hereby solemnly and sincerely affirms and declares as follows:  
 I have lost my original land document no. 21537/2018 obtained from the Maheshwaram Sub-Registrar's office. My file went missing on the bus on 23/11/2025. I saw that the original land document was missing, but I could not find it.  
 I have been unable to find the said original land document, and if it is irrecoverably lost, should it be found in the future, I have submitted this declaration to the concerned authorities for its cancellation.  
 I need the land document, and for that purpose, I am making this statement as required by the concerned authorities.  
 The above-stated facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Solemnly affirmed and signed before me in Hyderabad on this 02nd day of December, 2025.  
 Thonta Shekhar,  
 S/o. Buggaiah



## Congress leaders involved in rigging in Chinnakaparthi village of Chityal mandal

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda bureau :** Voter slips found in the drainage of the BRS party sarpanch candidate.  
 The slips of the BRS party candidate who voted for the scissors symbol, which were washed away in hundreds in the drainage, and the voter slips thrown near the counting center were examined by former Nalgonda MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy and former Nakrekal MLA Chirumarthi Lingaiah.

## District Legal Services Authority Secretary B. Soujanya

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sangareddy :** Organized an awareness program at Sangareddy Government Medical College to celebrate Universal Health Coverage Day – 2025 on December 12. District Legal Services Authority Secretary Smt. B. Soujanya attended the program as the chief guest and addressed the gathering.  
 Universal health coverage is very necessary to provide quality medical services to every person without financial burden, health is the fundamental right of every citizen, it is important to raise awareness among the people about government health schemes, insurance schemes and emergency services.  
 Legal awareness is necessary on government measures to ensure that people get equal medical services in rural and urban areas, and the importance of maternal and child health, health of the elderly and special medical services for the disabled was explained.  
 He said that it is everyone's responsibility to get medical check-ups done on time, take precautions against minor diseases, raise awareness about government schemes like Aarogyasri, free tests, 104/108, etc.  
 Legal guidance will be provided to poor and eligible patients through legal aid clinics in hospitals. Equality, patient respect and awareness in the health sector are everyone's responsibility. Medical college faculty, students and health staff participated in the program.



## MP Tenneti Pushes for Quick Approval of Greenfield Road Alignment

**(Capital Information)**  
**New Delhi :** Lok Sabha Panel Speaker and Bapatla MP Tenneti Krishna Prasad met V. Umashankar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, in New Delhi on Friday (12-12-2025) and sought the Centre's immediate approval for the proposed alignment of the Greenfield Road Project connecting Guntur–Narokoduru–Tenali–Chandolu–Nizampatnam Fishing Harbour.  
 The MP noted that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the crucial road link has been pending and urged the ministry to expedite its clearance.  
 He said the completion of the route would significantly boost fish exports from Nizampatnam Fishing Harbour, enhance coastal tourism, and bring substantial benefits to local communities.

# Editorial Progress of fisheries sector is an important link of Viksit Bharat 2047

The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAH&D), Government of India, in collaboration with the U.T. Administration of Lakshadweep, is organizing an Investors Meet on "Investment Opportunities in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector of Lakshadweep Islands" at Bangaram Island, Lakshadweep date 13/12/2025 in the gracious presence of Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Prof. S.P.

Singh Baghel, Minister of State, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, George Kurian, Minister of State, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Praful Patel, Administrator of Lakshadweep and other dignitaries.

This event will provide a unique platform for investors to explore the potential of developing the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the Lakshadweep Islands. A dedicated interactive session will enable investors to share experiences and highlight challenges, facilitating targeted policy interventions re-

quired for the islands.

The event will also have participation from senior officials from the Department of Fisheries, NFDB, MPEDA, EIC, CMFRI, CIFT, CIFNET, NCDC, NCEL, FSI, UT Admin of Lakshadweep along with local fishermen societies. Around 35 key investors are expected to participate from various parts of the country, including key entrepreneurs in the areas of tuna, seaweed, deep-sea fishing, waste management, and ornamental fisheries.

The Lakshadweep Islands present immense po-

tential for responsible investment in fisheries and aquaculture, wherein Tuna accounts for the largest share of the catch (75%), has 4200 Sq Km lagoon area, and rich ornamental fish biodiversity. The region offers opportunities for deep-sea tuna fisheries, establishing tuna processing and cold-chain facilities, seaweed cultivation, offshore mariculture farms, and ornamental fish production units. These ventures can cater to the growing global demand for eco-labelled tuna, high-value seaweed seeds and

seaweed products, and sustainably sourced aquarium species. Strategic investments in these areas promise strong returns while enhancing local livelihoods and contributing to the development of a resilient blue economy. The efforts are being made by the Government to create an enabling environment for investors through water-area leasing, infrastructure support, and community partnerships. This Investors Meet aligns with the Export target envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yo-

jana (PMMSY) of achieving 1 Lakh Crore worth exports.

The Interactive Session of Investors along with representatives from line Ministries, Agencies, Scientists, Academia and Local Fisherman Societies etc. shall drive integrated planning for fisheries and aquaculture via Whole-of-Government approach. The Investors Meet marks a significant step towards unlocking Lakshadweep's fisheries potential and is envisioned to propel the UT towards sustained growth, contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

## Cabinet approves CoalSETU window: Auction of coal linkages for diverse industrial uses and exports, ensuring fair access and optimal resource utilisation

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today has approved for the Policy for Auction of Coal Linkage for Seamless, Efficient & Transparent Utilisation (CoalSETU) by creation of new window named "CoalSETU window" in the NRS Linkage Policy to utilise coal for any industrial use and export. The new policy adds to the series of coal sector reforms being undertaken by the Government.

The Policy will allow allocation of coal linkages on auction basis on long-term for any industrial use and export by adding a separate window named CoalSETU in the NRS (Non-Regulated Sector) Linkage Auction Policy of 2016 wherein any domestic buyer requiring coal can participate in the linkage auction. The coking coal shall not be offered under this window.

The existing policy for auction of coal linkages for the NRS provides for allocation of all fresh coal linkages to NRS viz. Cement, Steel (Coking), Sponge Iron, Aluminium,

and Others [excluding Fertilizer (Urea)] including their Captive Power Plants (CPPs) to be auction based. As per the present policy of NRS Linkage, the sub-sectors are for specified end users only.

Looking at the current & future market dynamics and for the purpose of ease of doing business and for accelerated utilization of existing coal reserves and reduce dependence on imported coal for meeting country's energy requirement, there was a need to have a fresh look at the current arrangements of coal supplies to the NRS, and extend the linkages in NRS to coal consumers without any end use restrictions. In line with the opening of the coal sector for commercial mining, which allowed allocation of coal blocks without any end use restrictions, this policy for auction of coal linkages for NRS has been modified for allocation of coal linkages on auction basis on long-term for any industrial use and export by adding another window/sub-sector. Traders shall not be allowed to participate in the

proposed window.

The present auction of coal linkages for the specified end-user sub-sectors in NRS (Non-Regulated Sector) shall continue. The specified end-user (s), can also participate in this window.

The coal linkage obtained under this window shall be for own consumption, export of coal, or any other purpose (including coal washing) except resale in the country. Coal linkage holders will be eligible to export coal upto 50% of their coal linkage quantity. The coal linkage holders may flexibly utilize the coal obtained under this window as per their requirement amongst its Group companies. Considering the demand for washed coal, which would increase in future, the coal linkages to the Washery operators will result in increased availability of washed coal in the country and consequently reduce imports. Further, the washed coal will also find takers outside the country and therefore, the washed coal may also be used for the purpose of export.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA ATTENDS A PUBLIC FUNCTION AT SENAPATI, MANIPUR PRESIDENT URGES ALL COMMUNITIES TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS FOR PEACE, UNDERSTANDING AND RECONCILIATION

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, attended a public function at Senapati, Manipur, today (December 12, 2025). She also laid foundation stones and inaugurated various developmental projects on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that dignity, security and growth opportunities for tribal communities of Manipur and their greater participation in the country's progress is a national priority. The Government of India is working closely with local leaders, civil society, and communities to ensure that development in the Manipur is inclusive and sustainable.

The President said that the Government of India is committed to en-



sure that development reaches every corner of the country. The Government is giving special attention to the development of remote tribal regions. In recent years, the hill districts of Manipur have benefited from focused investments in areas such as road and bridge connectivity, including national highways and rural roads, healthcare, education, drinking water, and electricity supply. Livelihood programmes such as skill training, SHGs, and Van Dhan are

improving the quality of life of people. These efforts are a reflection of the Government's commitment to supporting tribal communities while respecting their unique identity and traditions.

The President said that Manipur's strength lies in its diversity — its culture, languages, and traditions. The hills and the valley have always complemented each other, like two sides of the same beautiful land. She urged all communities to continue supporting the efforts for peace,

understanding and reconciliation. The Government of India recognises the aspirations of the people of Manipur. She reiterated the Government of India's commitment to the well-being and progress of the people of Manipur, including the people of this region. She said that we should continue working together for a peaceful and prosperous Manipur.

Earlier, the President paid her respects to the brave women warriors of Manipur at the Nupee Lal Memorial Complex, Imphal. The Memorial Complex stands as a tribute to the sacrifice of Manipuri women and commemorates their uprisings in which they challenged the British and feudal powers with great courage.

## Food Processing Sector Drives Employment Growth and Industrial Output Across India

### MoFPI Schemes Boost Women's Participation and Expand Opportunities in Food Processing Industry

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** Food processing sector is one of the largest employment provider in the organized manufacturing sector contributing 12.91% of employment in the total registered/organized sector as per the report of Annual Survey of Industries 2022-23. Food Processing sector accounts for 20.4% of exports in total Agri-food exports in 2024-25 and having

share of 7.93% of Manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) in the country during 2023-24 (as per 1st Revised Estimates). The Gross Value Added (GVA) in this sector has increased from Rs.1.34 lakh crore in 2014-15 to Rs 2.24 lakh crore in 2023-24 (as per 1st revised estimates).

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has conducted regular sur-

veys i.e. Annual Survey of Industries which covers the manufacturing units (including food processing sector) in the registered sector. As per the latest report of the Annual Survey of Industry (ASI) for the year 2023-24, State-wise women employment in the food processing sector is placed at Annexure. The information related to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled

Tribes (ST) and minority community workers has not been captured in ASI.

Further, in order to ensure overall development of food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its two Central Sector Schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yo-

jana (PMKSY) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). Further, a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme is also being implemented by MoFPI. All these three schemes are demand driven and are implemented across the country and thereby cre-

ating off-farm employment opportunities in Food Processing Sector. So far, 4.53 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated from the operational projects under component schemes of PMKSY across the country, as on 31st October, 2025. 4.88 direct and indirect employment opportunities have been generated under PMFME

scheme across the country, as on 31st October, 2025. 3.39 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated under PLISFPI across the country, as on 31st October, 2025.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Ravneet Singh in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

## Support to Farmers to Enhance Sustainability of Agriculture

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** Agriculture is a State subject. Government of India supports the States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary allocation for schemes for farmers welfare. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) from Rs. 21,933.50 crore BE during 2013-14 to Rs. 1,27,290.16 crore BE during 2025-26. The schemes/programmes of the Government of India that aim to increase productivity, sustainability, support mechanisms, provide remunerative returns, income support to farmers and mitigate the challenges faced by farmers including small and marginal farmers are annexed.

Government is implementing Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) to provide loan on concessional interest rate through Kisan Credit Card (KCC). Farmers receive KCC loans at a subsidized interest rate of 7%. To facilitate this, an upfront interest subvention (IS) of 1.5% is provided to financial institutions. Additionally, farmers who repay their loans promptly receive a 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI), effectively reducing the interest rate to 4% per annum. The benefits of IS and PRI are available for loan limits up to Rs. 3 lakhs.

Government has introduced yield-based Pradhan Mantri

Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and weather index-based Re-structured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) from Kharif 2016 to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities, adverse weather incidence, and to stabilize the income of farmers etc. Comprehensive risk insurance is provided under the scheme from pre-sowing to post-harvest loss. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is voluntary for the States as well as for farmers.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is an income support scheme for cultivable landholding farmers providing Rs. 6,000 per year in 3 equal instalments. So far, more than Rs. 4.09 lakh crore has been disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in 21 instalments to the eligible farmers across the country.

Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), assistance is provided for setting up of primary/mini processing units in all the States. Under HRD component of MIDH, awareness programmes, farmers training, exposure visit, etc. are being provided to make farmers aware about the latest and modern technologies being used in horticulture. Farmers are also made aware of the processing facilities/mega food

parks nearby and processable varieties of horticulture crops.

Government has introduced Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) during 2014-15 under the National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology and since 2022-23, merged under the umbrella of PM-RKVY with the objectives of increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low; promoting 'Custom Hiring Centres' and 'Hi-tech Hubs of High Value Machines' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small landholding and high cost of individual ownership; creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration and capacity building activities of various farm mechanization technologies including agricultural machines at FMT-TIs and designated testing centres located all over the country.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) scheme in different States of the Country to support farmers in the adoption of innovative farming techniques developed by National Agricultural Research System. The activities of KVKs include on-farm testing to identify the location specificity of technology under

various farming systems; front-line demonstration to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers' fields; capacity development of farmers for knowledge and skill upgradation; and production of quality seeds, planting materials and other technology inputs for availability to the farmers. In order to develop awareness about agricultural innovations and technologies among the farmers, a large number of extension activities are taken up by the KVKs.

To mitigate the impacts of adverse weather on agriculture, under the Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) scheme, medium-range weather forecasts for the next 5 days at the district and block levels are generated by India Meteorological Department (IMD). Based on rainfall and other weather parameters along with weather forecasts issued by IMD, 130 Agromet Field Units prepare Agromet Advisories in English as well as in the regional language for dissemination through multiple channels.

The Government of India supports and facilitates the State Governments to promote agriculture throughout the country and infusing modern and smart farming technologies into the agriculture sector. The use of modern machines including kisan drones is pro-

moted under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization. Under NeGPA programme, funding is given to State Governments for Digital Agriculture Projects using emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML), Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain etc.

A component called "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" has been launched under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY-RAFTAAR) in 2018-19 with the objective of promoting innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing the incubation ecosystem. Under this programme, start-ups are encouraged to use innovative technologies to resolve challenges faced in agriculture and allied sectors. The funds are released to the States based on their proposals.

Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation namely Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Systems. The Micro Irrigation helps in water saving as well as reduced fertiliser usage through fertigation, labour expenses, other input costs and overall income enhancement of farmers. Recent evaluation studies of the scheme have reiterated that

Micro Irrigation is relevant in achieving national priorities such as improving on-farm water use efficiency, enhancing crop productivity, improving quality of agri/horti products etc.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is implementing a project - National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA), that studies the impact of climate change on agriculture, conducts district level risk and vulnerability assessment. Under the project, risk and vulnerability assessment of climate change has been carried out at district-level for 651 predominantly agricultural districts as per Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) protocols. 310 districts were identified as vulnerable out of which 109 districts have been categorized as 'very high' and 201 districts as 'highly' vulnerable. For enhancing the resilience and adaptive capacity of farmers to climate variability, location-specific climate resilient technologies have been demonstrated under the project through KVKs in 448 Climate Resilient Villages. Capacity building for establishing village level seed banks and community nurseries is undertaken under NICRA project that enables availability of seeds in the adopted villages. Drought and

flood tolerant climate-resilient varieties of rice, wheat, soybean, mustard, chickpea, sorghum, gram, and foxtail millet were demonstrated in several NICRA villages. Besides, training programmes are conducted under Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) on various issues of agricultural practices including creation of awareness on using quality seeds among the farmers.

Government is implementing National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), to promote sustainable agriculture practices in the country. Several schemes under NMSA encourage farmers to adopt sustainable agriculture practices. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme increases water use efficiency at the farm level through micro irrigation technologies i.e. drip and sprinkler irrigation. For promoting organic farming and natural farming, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), and National Mission on Natural Farming (NMFN) are implemented respectively.

To promote sustainable agriculture practices, the Government implements the Crop Residue Management scheme which supports in-situ and ex-situ management of crop residues through subsidized farm machinery, thereby reducing stubble burning and improving soil health.

# World Human Rights Day Celebrations Held Grandly at Tyagaraya Gana Sabha

### Nampally Court Judge Gubba Prabhakar Felicitated with "Best Legal Service Award" Former MLC Prof. Kodandaram, Musheerabad MLA Muta Gopal, Former ZP Chairperson Patnam Sunitha Mahender Reddy Attend as Guests of Honour Dr. Kommu Venkanna Babu Plays a Key Role as Programme Coordinator



**(Special Correspondent) Hyderabad :** On the occasion of World Human Rights Day, grand celebrations were held at Tyagaraya Gana Sabha in Hyderabad under the auspices of the National Human Rights and Social Justice Commission. Prominent personalities from various fields who rendered distinguished services across the country were felicitated on this occasion.

inspiring address on human rights and social justice. "Protecting human rights is the responsibility of every citizen. Justice must reach all if society is to progress on the path of equality," Judge Prabhakar said. Honouring Padma Shri & Nandi Award Recipients Among those felicitated were: Padma Shri awardee Dr. Saibaba Goud Nandi Award winner & Doordarshan news reader, President of Television Producers Council Mohammed Sharif Senior journalist N. Srinivas Reddy, Nawab Qasim Saheb, Dr. Suresh, Gopi Krishna, Shyam Prakash, Bichala Veerababu, K. Lakshmi Sundari, Ramagiri Hari Babu, Kargil Ashok, GVM Raju, Vasa

Veena Goud, Dr. Venkata Murali, and several others. Chief Guest Dr. Mehtab Roy highlighted the vital role every individual plays in safeguarding human rights, stressing that humanitarian values are the true foundation of a just society. Dr. Kommu Venkanna Babu as Programme Coordinator State Spokesperson & Organising Secretary Dr. Kommu Venkanna Babu played a crucial role as coordinator in ensuring the success of the event. Commission leaders appreciated his efforts in guest coordination, programme planning, award presentations, and media management, all executed with

remarkable dedication. With the presence of several dignitaries, the event turned vibrant and lively. Those who attended included: National Vice Presidents Dr. Sukka Daniel and Deepak Sharma, State President Sarvender, Working President Sagu Venumadhav, Chairmen Kasala Nagaraju, Yadava Reddy, Ashok Kumar, Rahim, Srinivas Reddy, State Vice President Sheikh Mansoor Shah, General Secretary Jitender Singh Rana, Education Wing Chairman Dr. Srikanth, Senior Advocate Abel, Women's Chairperson Rebecca Vishal, Representatives Lakshmi, Madhavi Lata, Gomati Surekha, Preeti, Sindhu, Vas-

anthi, Dr. Aneasha, and others including Pramod, Abhilash, Medchal District Chairman Sagu Saikumar, Damodar Gupta, Kottala Srinivasulu, Raj Kumar, etc. Cultural Programmes Add Colour to the Celebrations Classical performances including Kuchipudi, Bharatanatyam, and other classical dances, along with orchestra songs, enthralled the audience. The exceptional talent of the artists received repeated applause. The grand event held on the occasion of World Human Rights Day concluded successfully, spreading awareness on human values and social justice among the public.



## Mahbubnagar Officials Told to Strengthen Disaster Preparedness Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap stresses robust planning at NDMA virtual workshop

**(Capital Information) Mahbubnagar :** District authorities must be equipped with a strong and actionable disaster-management plan, said Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, while participating in an awareness session conducted via video conference by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The programme, led by NDMA expert Major General Sudhir Bahl (Retd.), focused on preparedness and response mechanisms for floods, industrial accidents and other emergencies. Officials were briefed on conducting district-level mock exercises and the essential arrangements required to handle various disaster scenarios. Speaking after the session, Additional Collector Shivendra Pratap said that the NDMA's guidelines and previous experiences should guide the planning of mock drills to ensure quick and coordinated response during floods, industrial mishaps or any other emergencies. He stressed the need for seamless coordination between upstream and downstream areas during heavy floods, especially while managing water discharge. He also emphasised establishing a communication system that ensures immediate intimation to NDRF, SDRF, the Army and other emergency agencies whenever a disaster strikes. The meeting was attended by District Industries GM Yadayya, Fire Department Officer Kishore, Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Madhu Sudhan Goud, DSO Gampa Srinivas, and other line-department officials.

## Officials should responsibly perform duties in the Gram Panchayat elections : District Election General Observer Ravi Nayak

**(Capital Information) Suryapet :** District Election General Observer Ravi Nayak suggested that officials should responsibly perform duties in the Gram Panchayat elections. As part of the arrangements for the 2nd phase of Gram Panchayat elections, the randomization process for polling personnel was conducted by District Election Officer and Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar along with General Observer Ravi Nayak.

The randomization was conducted on Friday as per the rules of the Election Commission at the VC Hall in the Collectorate. The presiding officers and OPOs who will perform the election polling duties for the Sarpanch and Ward posts of the respective Gram Panchayats in Penapahad, Chivivemla, Mothe, Munagala, Nadigudem, Kodad, Ananthagiri and Chilukur mandals where the second phase of elections will be held were allocated through randomization.



Considering the locality, the mandal where the duties are being performed, etc., the polling duties were assigned to the staff. In the second

phase, the election notification was released for a total of 181 village panchayat sarpanchs and 1628 ward members in the district.

As 23 sarpanchs and 166 wards were elected unanimously, the presiding officers conducted randomization for 1901 OPOs and 2429 polling stations by including 20 percent reserve personnel for the remaining 158 village panchayat sarpanch and 1462 ward seats. Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao, ZP CEO VV Apparao, DPO Yadagiri, DLPO Narayana Reddy, officials and others participated in this randomization process.

## Lords Sri Vidyavani School Celebrates 'Chrysalis Day' with Great Enthusiasm

**(Capital Information) Hyderabad :** The Chrysalis Day celebrations at Lords Sri Vidyavani School, located in R.N. Nagar, Meerpet, were conducted with vibrant participation from primary students. Lords Educational Institutions Chairman Siddala Beerappa and Vice-Chairman Berlu Srinivas Reddy graced the event as chief guests. They conveyed their greetings to the parents for their continued trust and support towards the

institution. Speaking on the occasion, the management highlighted that Chrysalis represents a modern, experiment-based learning approach that stands apart from traditional teaching methods. They said the objective of the event was to showcase the academic progress achieved during the current academic year through this innovative learning system. The guests expressed



their delight at witnessing the students' demonstrations and extended their blessings. Parents were visibly impressed by the creativity, confidence, and presentation skills displayed by their children. Director Siddala Sripatha, Dean Satish, Principal Beeradar Kishan Rao, In-charge Chandrakala, Sandhya Rani, and several teachers took part in the programme, contributing to its success.

## "Legal Literacy" i.e. understanding of laws is as necessary for everyone as literacy : N. Bheemarjun Reddy, Chief Legal Aid Defense Council

**(Capital Information) Nalgonda bureau :** A meeting was held at the District Hospital on the occasion of "World Human Health Protection and Legal Awareness" Day under the chairmanship of Bheemarjun Reddy, Chief Legal Aid Defense Council. Speaking on the occasion, he said that "Legal Literacy" i.e. understanding of laws is as necessary for everyone as literacy is necessary for everyone. Only if this is done, a person can stand up in society with self-respect and protect their rights equally with everyone and live without being subjected to injustice by anyone. He informed that the District Legal Services Authority is working for this and that they can avail our



services. Similarly, Dr. Nagesh, In-charge Superintendent, said that health is a right for everyone in the preamble of our Indian Constitution, and in accordance with this, village hospitals, basti hospitals, sub-centers, primary health centers, CHCs, area hospitals, district hospitals are being established and health is being made available to all the people 24 hours a day through doctors, nurses, ANMs, ASHA workers. Finally, Dr. Tirupati Rao, District Mass Media Officer, spoke about the Clinical Establishment Act, Abortion Act, Prohibition of Sex Determination of Fetuses, Prohibition of Child Marriages, and COTP Acts. Doctors, staff and nursing students of the hospital participated in this program.

## Save our children's lives from "ranking factories" - PAAP Urgent Resolution on Student Suicide Crisis

**(Capital information) Nellore :** Expressing deep concern over the growing crisis of student suicides in educational institutions in the state, The Parents Association of Andhra Pradesh (PAAP) today held an emergency roundtable meeting and passed a key resolution. PAAP announced that this resolution will be immediately submitted to the Chief Minister. In the first six months of the new academic year in Nellore district, 9 students committed suicide. Out of these incidents, 7 took place in the hostels/colleges affiliated to educational institutions. PAAP strongly argues that there is a systemic crisis in the state that is taking the lives of our children. PAAP has expressed deep dissatisfaction over the government's failure to release any white paper on these tragic incidents. Concern over violation

of Supreme Court orders The Supreme Court has already responded to this crisis. On July 25, 2025, in Sukdeb Saha vs. In the State of Andhra Pradesh case, the Supreme Court bench declared mental health of students as a right to life under Article 21 and issued 15 mandatory guidelines. Important among these are mental health policies, counselling, safety standards, registration of private coaching centres. However, despite the court's order to implement it by October 2025, the Andhra Pradesh government has stopped short with the announcement of the formation of a committee - implementation is not happening. PAAP has warned that if the Supreme Court's orders are not implemented immediately, it will have to file a Contempt of Court Petition against the government to protect the



rights of students. PAAP's five urgent demands To curb this crisis and enable the implementation of the Supreme Court guidelines, PAAP has urged the government to immediately implement five urgent demands through an order with a timeline: \* Apology & Compensation - Institutional Responsibility: The management of the institution concerned should be held responsible for every student suicide in the

last two years. They should issue an unconditional apology to the victim's family. PAAP will provide free legal aid to the victim's family till criminal cases and civil compensation are filed \* Immediate implementation of 'Safety & Counselling Mandate' (SCM): This mandate should be made mandatory in every educational institution with hostels. This includes appointment of one full-time qualified mental health coun-

seller for every 300 students, 24x7 confidential helpline and security cameras in hostels. License renewal of institutions that do not comply with these rules should be stopped. \* Impartial Investigation & Monitoring: An independent investigation committee headed by a retired High Court judge should be constituted immediately on all suicides in the state, including Nellore. Monitoring committees should be headed by District Magistrates as per the orders of the Supreme Court. In addition, the government should take into account the reports of 'Parents Audit Teams' formed by PAAP. \* Awareness for change among parents: PAAP organizes state-wide awareness seminars with the slogan that peace of mind is more important than marks. As per the orders of the Supreme Court, the government must implement career

counseling and parent awareness workshops in educational institutions. \* Ban on unethical advertisements & seals: An FIR should be immediately registered against the managements who make accusations like "love failure", "mental disorder" and make accusations against dead students. PAAP demands that such actions should no longer be a crime and for this, the government should immediately bring an amendment to the law. Schools and colleges should be temples that teach life, not ranking centers. PAAP demands that the Chief Minister should respond immediately and implement the orders of the Supreme Court and release a white paper. The chief guests in the round table meeting

chaired by Ravuri Ramesh Babu were Dr.// Sunitha (Vikrama Simhapuri University), Dr. Srinivasa Teja (prominent psychiatrist) Dr. G. Dayakar and senior journalist A. Jayaprakash participated and gave suggestions and advice on various issues. Shikharam Narahari Parents Association Andhra Pradesh State President, prominent lawyer Janasena District Leader Sriram, Parents Association District Leaders Udutha Rajasekhar Yadav, CH Mahesh, P. Leela Mohan Aditya Sai, leaders of voluntary organizations, activists, students, leaders of youth organizations. Students' parents participated and decided on future actions. Later, a campaign poster was released to raise awareness among students' parents on the prohibition of drugs to prevent suicide. - A. JAYA PRAKASH

## I will ensure UGC approvals for Ambedkar Open University: TDP MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu

**(Capital Information)**  
**Amaravati/New Delhi :** TDP MP and Parliamentary Leader Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu has assured that he will ensure all necessary approvals from the University Grants Commission (UGC) are obtained in a timely manner for the proposed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University to be established at Eluru in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that he would write to the UGC and personally pursue the matter to expedite the process.

As part of this effort, Dr. Velaga Joshi, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), and Dr. Subba Reddy met MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu at his residence on Ashoka Road in New Delhi. During the meeting, they discussed the re-

quirements and formalities related to the establishment of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University at Eluru and submitted a comprehensive report outlining all relevant details.

After the bifurcation of the state, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University continued to function as a common institution for both states for a period of ten years. With the completion of this ten-year period, the need arose to establish a separate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University exclusively for Andhra Pradesh. In this context, the state government took the initiative and decided to set up the university



at Eluru, issuing the necessary government orders. However, due to certain technical issues involved in the

process, the immediate establishment of the university could not take place. This necessitated specific amendments and approvals from the UGC.

Accordingly, a detailed report with comprehensive information has already been submitted to the UGC by the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education. The issuance of a formal notification by the UGC is now awaited.

Every year, nearly 40,000 students in the state pursue various courses through distance education under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University. However, due to the lack of

operational activities in recent times, the admissions process has come to a standstill. As a result, thousands of students have been deprived of the opportunity to continue their studies through distance learning.

In this backdrop, Dr. Velaga Joshi and Dr. Subba Reddy requested MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu to take immediate steps to secure UGC approvals and to facilitate the establishment of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University at Eluru on a war footing. Responding positively, the MP assured them that he would write to the UGC without delay and would personally engage with UGC officials to ensure that the required approvals are granted at the earliest.



## Blankets distributed to begging elderly people

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kodad :** Kodad Retired Employees Association State Vice President Ravella Seetharamiah said that the association should bring good name to the society by undertaking social service programs.

On Friday, which is a holy day for Muslims, blankets were distributed to the elderly and orphans who were shivering in the cold and begging at the mosques. He advised the association members to stand by the illiterate and poor people in the society by providing help and support.

Balemia, Yes Dani, Hassan Jani, Thirupathamma, Veera Babu, Rambabu, Hussain, Srinivas Rao, Bhraramamba, Raghu and others participated in this program.



## MLA BLR participated in Sarpanch election campaign in several villages

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalguda :** Miryalaguda MLA Bathula Laxma Reddy (BLR), who participated in the Sarpanch election campaign in the villages of Kalvapalli, Subbareddy Gudem, Alagadapa, Raini Palem, Mulkalakalva, Avantipuram, Badhalapuram, Gudur, Kishtapuram, Kothagudem, Rudraram, Botya Nayak Thanda, Chintapalli, in Miryalaguda mandal on Friday.

Spoke on, the occasion and explained to the people the welfare schemes being provided by the Congress party in the villages and urged them to ensure that the Sarpanch candidates supported by the Congress party win with a landslide majority. Congress party leaders and activists participated in this program in large numbers.



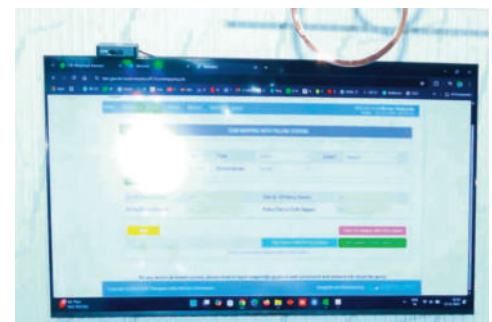
## Telangana Legislative Council Chairman prays for the soul of Shivraj Patil to rest in peace

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy has expressed his condolences on the death of former Lok Sabha Speaker, former Union Minister and former Punjab Governor Shivraj Patil. Praying for the soul of Shivraj Patil to rest in peace, Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy expressed his deepest condolences to his family members.

Shivraj Patil, who represented Latur in Maharashtra as an MLA twice and as a Member of Parliament seven times, served as the Deputy Speaker of Maharashtra and the Speaker of the 10th Lok Sabha. Gutta Sukhender Reddy said that it is very sad to lose a great leader.

## Third phase randomization program completed in the presence of District General Observer

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** The third phase of randomization program for the mandals where the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections will be held was conducted on Friday in the presence of District General Observer for Gram Panchayat Elections Korra



Lakshmi under the auspices of District Collector Ila Tripathi at the District Collector's Chamber.

On the 14th of this month, the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections will be held in 2418 polling stations in Advidevulapalli, Anumula, Damaracharla, Madugulapalli, Miryalaguda, Nidamanur, Peddavuura, Tirumalagiri Sagar, Tripuram and Vemulapalli mandals under Miryalaguda division.

The related personnel randomization program was conducted. In order to conduct the elections smoothly in the above-mentioned 10 mandals where the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections will be held, 2898 Presiding Officers and 3334 Other Presiding Officers were required, and 2418 teams were formed for the randomization in each of the mandals.

In this program, District Collector Ila Tripathi, Additional Collector in Charge of Local Bodies Narayana Amit, Revenue Collector J. Srinivas, District Panchayat Officer Venkaiah, ZP CEO Srinivasa Rao, Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, District Education Officer Bikshapati, EDM Durga Rao, NIC Officer Prem and others were present. Observer Nodal Officer District Animal Husbandry Officer Ramesh and other officers attended this randomization program.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 163 BNS AT NAVODAYA EXAM CENTRES. : SP D.V. SRINIVASA RAO

**(Capital Information)**  
**Medak :** Medak District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao, said that section 163 of BNS will be implemented at Jawahar Navodaya examination centers in Medak district on Saturday.



District SP said that a strong bandobast has been arranged at all 6 examination centers for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Exam - 2026 to be held on Saturday in Medak district.

1. Siddharth Model High School, Venkat rao nagar Colony, Medak (A-Centre) 2. Siddharth Model High School, Venkat Rao nagar Colony, Medak (B-Centre).3. Government Girls High School, Medak. 4. Geetha High School, Children's Park, Medak. 5. ZPHS Boys School, Behind RDO Office, Narsapur. 6. Manjira Vidyalaya, A-Centre, Ramayampet.

Implementation of 163 BNS (Section 144 policy) SP said that Section 163 BNS will be implemented within 500 meters around each examination center. District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao appealed.

## Government scholarship is like a security for the future of poor students' education : Collector Ila Tripathi

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** District Collector Ila Tripathi said that the government scholarship is like a security for the future of poor students' education. The District Collector said that the provision of such scholarships should be expedited without delay.

A review was held on pre-matric scholarships in the conference hall of the Collector's office. Mandal Education Officers (MEOs), officials of Social Welfare, BC Welfare, Tribal Welfare departments, and lead bank officials said that the implementation of various scholarship schemes provided by the government to students should be expedited.

He said that the scholar-



ship system should be further strengthened, and that these are very crucial for students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and

backward classes. Therefore, all the review, verification, and release of funds on scholarship applications should be completed within the specified deadlines. He

said that it is the main responsibility of every MEO to ensure that no student loses the benefit due to technical reasons, document errors, or data entry problems.

He said that the tehsildars should ensure that caste certification documents are issued to students quickly, and that the mandals that have completed the 50 percent target so far should ensure that 100% of the applications are completed as soon as possible. He said that the delay in sanctioning scholarships directly affects the education of the students. He said that it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that government funds are deposited in the accounts of the students on time.

Revenue Additional Collector J. Srinivas, District Education Officer Bikshapati, District Social Welfare Officer Sasikala, Lead Bank Manager Shramik, and others participated in this meeting.

## Handicrafts Week: Live Craft Demo & Sales Event Thrives at CGO Towers

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Handicrafts Service Centre (HSC), Hyderabad, under the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, successfully organised a two-day Live Craft Demonstration and Sales Programme on December 11-12 at CGO Towers, Kavadiaguda.

This event formed part of the nationwide Handicrafts Week celebrations from December 8-14, 2025.

Skilled master craftspersons, including State Awardees and GI-tagged artisans, enthralled visitors with live demonstrations of Telangana's traditional crafts such as Hyderabad Lac Bangles, Cheriya Painting and Mask Making, Nirmal Painting, Zari and Zardozi Embroidery, Pearl Jewellery, Mandala Painting, Terracotta and Pottery, Dry Flower Craft, and Wood Turning and Lacquerware.

Officers and staff from CGO Towers, NTPC, and Power Grid offices actively participated, interacting with the artisans, appreciating their exquisite workmanship, and extending support by purchasing handcrafted products.

The programme offered a vital platform for artisans to showcase their skills, promote Telangana's rich handicraft heritage, and enhance livelihood opportunities. It underscores the Ministry of Textiles' unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting India's traditional crafts.



## Mock exercise to be held at state level on floods and industrial accidents on Dec 22

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** On Friday, National Disaster Management Authority officials held a video conference from Delhi with the collectors of all districts of Telangana and officials of relevant departments regarding conducting a mock exercise at the state level on floods and industrial accidents.

In this video conference, it was decided to conduct a mock exercise at the state level on 22nd of this month across Telangana regarding floods and industrial accidents. For this, NDRF officials gave the necessary instructions and directions during this mock exercise.

Moreover, after the mock exercise, a coordination conference will be held with the officials of the relevant departments again to prepare a new plan on the measures to be taken by the National Disaster Management Authority to prevent floods and industrial accidents, and in this conference, there will be an opportunity to focus on the formulation of the plan by considering the opinions and suggestions of experts.

Revenue Additional Collector J. Srinivas, Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, District Industries Manager Satish, officials from Transport, Civil Supplies, Electricity, RWS, Public Health, Panchayat Raj, Fire and Rescue, etc., along with all the Municipal Commissioners attended this video conference.



## Strict action against anyone violating election rules : Rural SI Gopal Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kodad :** Kodad Rural SI Gopal Reddy warned that strict action will be taken against anyone violating the rules during the Gram Panchayat elections to be held tomorrow in Kodad mandal.

Speaking at his office on Friday, he said that strict steps are being taken to ensure that the elections are completed in a peaceful atmosphere without any untoward incidents on the polling day. He made it clear that actions against election rules such as threatening voters at polling stations, distributing money or liquor, and moving around in groups will not be tolerated.

He urged voters to come and exercise their right to vote without fear. He said that no rallies or victory celebrations are allowed after the counting and that the winning and losing candidates should go to their respective homes.

He said that since the election code is valid until the 17th of this month, everyone should follow the rules and that rowdy sheets will be opened if they disrupt peace and security. He appealed to the people to cooperate in ensuring that the elections are held smoothly.

## ASCI Hyderabad and NSSTA, Greater Noida, Sign MoU to MoU to Boost Capacity Building and Governance Training

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, and the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on December 12, 2025, at the ASCI Bella Vista Campus, Lok Bhavan Road, Hyderabad.

This partnership aims to foster synergy between the two institutions in the areas of training, research and knowledge creation, with a shared commitment to advancing capacity building in governance and public administration. The collaboration covers a wide range of initiatives, Capacity-Building Programmes, Research Projects, Consultancy Assignments, Faculty Exchange, Mission Karmayogi

initiatives, Resource Sharing, and other mutually agreed activities.

The MoU establishes a framework for enhanced professional, academic and scholarly engagement in the domains of public policy, governance, administration, data analytics, data protection, digital transformation, crime analysis and related fields. It seeks to promote the generation and dissemination of knowledge based on reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The MoU was signed by Dr. O. P. Singh, Registrar & Secretary, ASCI, and Dr. J. S. Tomar, Deputy Director General, NSSTA, MoSPI. Dr. Janardhan Reddy, IAS (Retd.), DoRS-ASCI; Dr. Valli Manickam, DoTP-ASCI; Dr. Subodh Kandamuthan, Dean-LDP, ASCI; Santosh Kumar Gupta, Director, NSSTA; and officers from ASCI, Hyderabad, were present during the event.



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### Significance of the MoU:

The collaboration aims to organize joint programmes such as lectures, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, symposia, webinars and training programmes in identified areas of mutual interest and expertise. It also

envisages the publication of proceedings of these events, including background papers, compendiums, white papers, journals, dossiers and policy documents on emerging and relevant themes.

Both institutions will mutually share infrastructure, resources and expertise for the

execution of these programmes. The collaboration may also include arrangements for field visits and other academic engagements that contribute to strengthening learning and research outcomes.

### About NSSTA:

The Administrative Staff

College of India (ASCI), established in 1956 in Hyderabad, is an autonomous, self-supporting, public-purpose institution of national importance. It pioneered post-experience management education in India and serves as a leading think tank in policy advisory and capacity building. ASCI integrates economic, social, financial, technological, regulatory and environmental perspectives into its management development programmes, applied research and consultancy services. It conducts around 200 Management Development Programmes every year, along with two AICTE-approved long-duration programmes — PGDM and PGDM (HM) — and a range of online courses on contemporary themes.

### About NSSTA:

National Statistical Systems Training Academy

(NSSTA), established on 13 February 2009 at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, is a premier national institute dedicated to human resource development in Official Statistics, offering capacity-building programmes for newly inducted and in-service statistical and non-statistical personnel of Central and State/UT Governments as well as international participants. It focuses on developing updated curricula and effective pedagogical methods to equip professionals with theoretical and applied skills in statistics for data collection, collation, analysis and dissemination, thereby strengthening evidence-based policy formulation, monitoring and evaluation of large-scale programmes and projects in the country.

## Win Ramannapet Village Sarpanch with huge majority : TRS candidate Miriyala Mallesh

**(Capital Information)**

**Ramannapet/Yadadri Bhanavagiri :** BRS candidate Miriyala Mallesh, who is contesting the Ramannapet Major Gram Panchayat Sarpanch election, held a huge rally in Ramannapet town on Wednesday demanding to vote for the bat symbol and win with a large majority.

TRS and CPM party workers held a massive rally on Main streets demanding the victory of BRS party candidate Mallesh who was supported by CPM party for the post of Major Gram Panchayat Sarpanch of Ramannapet.

Sarpanch candidate Miriyala Mallesh said on this occasion that he will join forces for the development of Ramannapet village and he assured that he will always know and solve the problems



of the people. He appealed to me, who is dedicated to public service, to vote for the Bat symbol in large numbers and win with a large majority.

He requested that the funds sanctioned by the Gram Panchayat Government should be spent for the implementation of the problems and that I should be given a chance to win the

post of Sarpanch.

TRS leaders Bandela Ramulu, Potaraju Saikumar, MD Amer, Gorige Narasimha, Ramini Laxman, MD Ejias, CPM leaders Gorige somulu, Kandula Hanumantu, Munikuntla Lenin, Bavandla Balaraju, Amudha Anjaneyulu, Lavanam Radhika, Uma, Rama and others participated in this rally.

## Boddupalli Chandrasekhar appointed as TRP Youth Wing State President

**(Capital Information)**

**Miryalguda/Hyderabad :** TRP State President MLC Teenmar Mallanna today officially appointed Boddupalli Chandrasekhar as the State President of the Telangana Rajyadhikari Party (TRP) Youth Wing.

Speaking on the occasion, Mallanna pointed out the need for the youth wing to play a key role in strength-

ening the party, awakening the youth and protecting the rights of the BC Bahujans. He said that Chandrasekhar's appointment as a leader who will instill confidence in the youth will bring new energy to the party. He said that a new impetus should be brought among the youth.

Mallanna suggested that TRP should be taken to



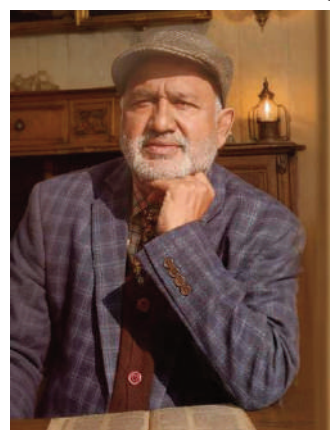
every home and that it should stand up for the problems of the people without bias. With the arrival of new leadership in the TRP Youth Wing, there has been new enthusiasm among the workers across the state and the party leaders expressed their hope that Chandrasekhar will lead the youth wing forward towards reaching out to the youth and fighting for the

rights of the Bahujans.

In this Program TRP State Working President Sudagani Harishankar Goud, disciplined Committee Chairman Bandarapu Narsayya, leaders Pakala Narasimha, Chintapandu Prabhakar, Kiran Mudiraj, Dr. Surya Narayana, Vineeth, Srinivas, Dasharatha, Mallesh, Sutarapu Ranganna and others participated.

## Develop the habit of Reading Newspapers and Magazines in Children

In today's digital age, as the grip of mobile, TV and social media is getting stronger, the habit of reading is getting weaker among children. The instant information available on the screen has greatly affected the nature of reading with patience, curiosity and depth. In this context, it is the need of the hour to inculcate the habit of reading newspapers and magazines among children, because this habit is very important for their intellectual, linguistic and social development.



**VIJAY GARG**  
Retired Principal, Punjab

### Newspapers—Introduction to the World

Newspapers are an open window to knowledge for children. With simple sections—news, science, sports, art and culture—they begin to understand the world's circumstances. This instills in them the ability to think, self-confidence, and a sense of responsibility towards society.

### Magazine—the foundation of imagination and creativity

Children's magazines are filled with stories, comics, puzzles, facts, and colorful pages. They stimulate their creative thinking. The easy vocabulary found in magazines also strengthens children's language skills.

### Reading builds discipline.

Setting aside some time every day for reading a newspaper or magazine instills discipline in a child. This habit has a long-term positive impact on his education, character, and career.

Logical thinking and problem-solving ability While reading newspapers, children start thinking about the cause and effect of events. This develops logical thinking. The complex games and puzzles in magazines strengthen problem-solving skills.

### Get rid of mobile addiction

The more children engage with books, newspapers, and magazines, the less they will fall into the clutches of gad-

gets. A proper reading culture also protects children from digital addiction.

### Role of parents and teachers

This habit can be developed in children only when parents and teachers themselves become the motivation for reading. Bringing newspapers to the house, bringing age-appropriate magazines for children, setting aside some time for reading, and creating a 'reading corner' in the classroom are effective steps.

### Age-appropriate selection is important

Magazines with stories inspire young children, magazines with science and general knowledge inspire middle-class children, and newspapers with youth supplements inspire older children.

Set an example yourself. Children learn by watching their elders. If you yourself read the newspaper or magazine daily, your children will also adopt this habit by watching you. Set up a family reading time where everyone sits down and reads together. 2. Selection of interesting content Choose content for children based on their interests. Sections with colorful



pictures and comics for younger children, and magazines or news related to sports, science, or the environment for adults. Give children the opportunity to make their own choices, which will keep them interested. 3. Set a regular time Set a specific time each day to read, such

as in the morning after breakfast or before bed. This will help make this habit part of their daily routine. 4. Include fun activities Encourage them to solve crosswords, Sudoku, or puzzles from the newspaper. Ask the children to make a scrapbook by cutting out interesting articles. Discuss the

articles you read. Ask them questions about what they learned and what they think about it.

### Result

The habit of reading newspapers and magazines makes children knowledgeable, sensitive, intellectually strong and responsible citi-

zens. In the digital noise, this habit gives birth to a calm, thoughtful and creative mind. Therefore, it is necessary that home and school work together to open the door to the world of books for children—so that they can gain not only information, but also knowledge.

## The Country's Population is Aging Rapidly

The country's population is aging rapidly. The number of elderly people is estimated to be 227.4 million by 2036. Challenges such as healthcare, social security, economic dependence and digital amenities are also increasing. In response to a question from Congress MP CK Kumar Reddy, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai in the Lok Sabha, citing the findings of the Technical Group on Population Estimates constituted by the National Population Commission, said that the

number of people aged 60 years and above is expected to increase from 10.16 crore in 2011 to 227.4 crore in 2036.

During the same period, their share in the total population is estimated to increase from 84 percent to 14.9 percent, meaning that one in every 7 Indians will be a senior citizen. The estimated population by 2036 will be 153 crore. Every fifth Indian will be elderly by 2050: NITI Aayog in the year 2023, NITI Aayog has said that the population of senior citi-



zens is increasing rapidly across the world. The number of elderly people is increasing in India due

to falling birth rate and health awareness.

The commission had estimated that by 2050,

19.5 percent of the total population will be elderly, which is currently 10 percent. It is estimated that

by 2050, every fifth Indian will be elderly. 'Avayya' scheme created for senior citizens The Minister of

State for Home Affairs said that the rapid increase in the elderly population will pose challenges in the health, social, economic and digital sectors. In view of these emerging concerns, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has implemented the Atan Va Abhodaya Yojana (Avyaya) from April 1, 2021.

The main objective of this scheme is to provide basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational opportunities to senior citizens

and to improve their quality of life. To improve the quality of life. Also to promote their productive and active old age. Under this scheme, support and services are being provided to senior citizens across the country.

The government has also formed the National Senior Citizens Council, which is chaired by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. This council includes experts and representatives from various fields, who advise on issues related to senior citizens.

# Cabinet approves scheme of Conduct of Census of India 2027

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, has approved the proposal for conducting Census of India 2027 at a cost of Rs.11,718.24 crore.

**Details of the Scheme:**

The Indian Census is the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world. The Census of India would be conducted in two phases: (i) Houselisting and Housing Census – April to September, 2026 and (ii) Population Enumeration (PE) – February 2027 (For the UT of Ladakh and snow bound non-synchronous areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, PE shall be conducted in September, 2026).

About 30 lakh field functionaries will complete this gigantic exercise of national importance.

Use of mobile app for data collection and the Central portal for monitoring purpose will ensure better quality data.

Data dissemination will be much better and in a user friendly way so that all the queries on required parameters for policy making will be made available on the click of a button.

Census-as-a-service (CaaS) will deliver data to ministries in a clean, machine-readable and actionable format.

**Benefits:**

Census of India 2027 will cover the entire population in the country.

**Implementation strategy and targets:**

The Census process involves visiting each and every household and canvassing separate questionnaire for Houselisting & Housing Census and Population Enumeration.

The enumerators, generally government teachers and appointed by the State Governments, will be doing the field work of Census in addition to their regular duties.

Other Census functionaries at Sub-district, District and State levels will also be appointed by the State/District Administration.

**New initiatives taken for the Census 2027 are:**

- (i) First Census by digital means in country. Data will be collected using mobile applications that will be available for both Android as well as iOS versions.
- (ii) A dedicated portal namely Census Management & Monitoring System (CMMS) portal has been developed for managing and monitoring the entire Census process on a real time

- (iv) Houselisting Block (HLB) Creator web map application: Another innovation for Census 2027 is HLB Creator web map application to be used by the Charge Officers.
- (v) Option to self-enumerate will be provided to the public.
- (vi) Suitable security features have been provisioned for this mammoth digital operation.
- (vii) Census 2027 will have a focused and wider publicity campaign for nationwide awareness, inclusive participation, last-mile engagement and support for field operations. It will emphasize on sharing accurate, authentic & timely information en-

sureing cohesive & effective outreach effort.

- (viii) Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, in its meeting on 30th April 2025 decided to include caste enumeration in the upcoming census i.e. Census 2027. With the huge social and demographic diversity in our country and related challenges, the Census 2027 will also capture Caste data electronically in second phase, i.e. Population Enumeration (PE).
- (ix) About 30 lakh field functionaries including Enumerators, Supervisors, Master Trainers, Charge Officers and Principal/District Census Officers will be deployed for data collection, monitoring and supervision of Census operations. All the

Census functionaries will be paid suitable honorarium for the work of Census as they will be doing this work in addition to their regular duties.

**Major impact including employment generation potential:**

The current endeavor would be to make available the coming Census data at the shortest possible time across the country. Efforts will also be made to disseminate Census Results with more customized visualization tools. Data sharing to all, up to the lowest Administrative Unit i.e. Village/Ward level.

To complete various tasks for successful conduct of Census 2027, approximately 18,600 technical manpower will be engaged for about 550 days at the local levels. In other words, around 1.02 crore man-days employment

would be generated. Further, the provision of technical manpower at Charge/District/State level will also result in capacity building as the nature of job will be related to digital data handling, monitoring and coordination. This will also help in future employment prospects of these persons.

**Background:**

Census 2027 will be 16th Census in the country and 8th after independence. Census is the biggest source of primary data at village, town and ward level providing micro level data on various parameters including Housing Condition; Amenities & Assets, Demography, Religion, SC & ST, Language, Literacy & Education, Economic Activity, Migration and Fertility. The Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990 provide the legal framework for conduct of Census.

## Department of Posts and BSE Sign Landmark MoU to Expand Mutual Fund Access Across India

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** In a major step towards strengthening financial inclusion and expanding access to investment products across the country, the Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, and BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 12 December 2025 in New Delhi. The initiative is in line with the Budget 2025-26 announcement, which emphasized leveraging India Post's vast postal network as a catalyst for economic activity in rural and semi-urban regions. With its extensive presence across the country, India Post continues to play a pivotal role in deepening financial access and enabling inclusive growth.

This strategic partnership enables India Post to act as a distributor of mutual fund

products through its vast postal network, significantly benefiting citizens in rural, semi-urban, and underserved regions. By combining India Post's unmatched last-mile presence with BSE Star MF, the country's largest mutual fund distribution platform, the initiative aims to democratize access to investment opportunities and promote wider participation in financial markets.

The MoU was formally signed by Ms. Manisha Bansal Badal, General Manager (CCS & RB), Department of Posts, and Sundararaman Ramamurthy, MD & CEO, BSE, in the presence of senior officials from both organisations.

Under the agreement, selected postal employees will be trained and certified as mutual fund distributors, enabling them to provide investor services and facilitate



mutual fund transactions through the BSE STAR MF platform. The MoU will remain valid for three years from 12.12.2025 to 11.12.2028, with provisions for renewal.

As part of the collaboration, BSE will facilitate the onboarding of eligible and trained postal officials through the generation of Employee Unique Identification Numbers (EUIIN) for authorized personnel, ensuring transparent and compliant distribution of mutual fund products. BSE will also support the certification process by enabling postal employees and agents to obtain the mandatory NISM (National Institute of Securities Markets) Mutual Fund Distributor certification. These certified officials, once trained will assist customers with informed investment choices, execute mutual fund transactions, and offer investor support services at the last mile.

The collaboration highlights the Department of Posts' efforts to broaden the range of financial services available to the public and

strengthen service delivery across the country. It complements BSE's objective of fostering an efficient and investor-friendly mutual fund ecosystem. With this partnership, India Post will be able to offer customers access to contemporary investment avenues, enhancing its role as a key financial service provider. By integrating BSE's technology platform with India Post's widespread presence, the initiative is expected to improve service accessibility, promote investor awareness, and support wider participation in formal financial markets.

The partnership is expected to boost mutual fund penetration in Tier-2, Tier-3, and rural areas, encourage informed investment behaviour, and contribute to India's broader goal of building a financially aware and empowered population.

### Today's Horoscope

**ARIES** Try to put your high energy to good use today. Your money comes to your work only when you stop yourself from spending extravagantly, today you can understand this thing well. Good day to communicate with people whom you rarely meet. Today, some of your friends can come over to your house and spend time with you. However, it won't be good for you to consume toxic substances such as alcohol, cigarettes etc. during this time. Today, your innocent acts of your spouse will make your day fabulous! It is a great pastime to chat with friends, but too much conversations over phone might cause headache too.

**TAURUS** Elderly people need to take care of their health. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. You will have great time with friends but take extra care while driving. Likely to share candyfloss and toffees with beloved on the cards. Travel-entertainment and socializing would be on your agenda today. People around you might do something that will make your life-partner fall for you again. Today, a stranger during your trip can annoy you. Stop consuming alcohol and non-veg food to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

**GEMINI** Put your energy into self-improvement projects that would make a better you. The court will make decisions in your favour today if you were involved in a case regarding money-related matters. It will benefit you financially. Help your brother to keep the things under control. Do not give unnecessary air to a conflict rather try to solve them amicably. Your sweetheart is going to become your living angel today; cherish the moments. Today, you'll plan to reorganize your house and clean the mess, but will not get any free time today.

**CANCER** Give every man an ear you might find solution of your problems. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. Your smiles have no meaning-laughter have no sound-heart forgets to beat as you miss the company Today you will put your mind to test- Some of you would get involved in playing Chess- Crosswords and others will write a story- poetry or work out some future plans. Today, the tiff between you and your spouse might come to a halt just because of a good beautiful memory.

**LEO** As food owes its flavour to salt-some unhappiness is essential only than you realize the value of happiness. If you are planning on hanging out with your friends, then spend money thoughtfully, as you are likely to suffer from money loss. Everyone wants to be your friend today- and you would be too happy to oblige. You can brighten your love life by visiting some picnic spot. Travel opportunities should be explored. Women are from Venus and Men are from Mars, but it's the day when Venus and Mars will melt into each other. Your family members may need your presence within the house today.

**VIRGO** Selfish behaviour of a friend or an acquaintance would disturb your mental peace. Your financial life will prosper today. Along with that, you can get rid of your debts or ongoing loans. New look- new outfit- new friends could be for you today. Eyes never lie, and your partner's eyes will tell you something really special today. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. After a long time, you will get a really cozy and warm hug from your spouse today. Purposeful internet surfing may help you get better understanding and in-depth thoughts.

**LIBRA** If you feel overtly stressed-spend more time with children. Their warm embrace/cuddle or even an innocent smile would lift you from your woes. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You are best to avoid issues that could cause arguments with loved ones. Today, you will plan an outing with your lover, but due to some important work showing up, you won't be able to go. This can lead to a heated argument between you and your beloved. You can spend your free time at any temple, gurudwara or any religious place today, away from unnecessary troubles and disputes.

**SCORPIO** Special precaution should be taken especially while eating exposed food. But don't take undue stress as it would only give you mental tension. Today instead of just sitting around-why not get involved in something- which will improve your earning power. A day when work pressure seems to be low and you will enjoy time with family members. Likely to experience a different kind of romance. Before starting any new task or project, talk to those who have gained ample experience in that field. If you have time today, meet them and seek their suggestions and advice.

**SAGITTARIUS** Today you will have ample of the time to do things to improve your health and looks. 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. Your excessive energy and tremendous enthusiasm will bring favorable results and ease domestic tensions Without the company of your beloved you are likely to experience as blank as a Natives of this zodiac sign should read some spiritual books in their free time today. By doing this, many of your troubles can be overcome.

**CAPRICORN** Don't rush onto decision on a momentary impulse it may harm the interest of your children. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. Family front could be problematic. Your negligence of family responsibilities may invite their ire. Show your love by placing flower at your window. Today, students will be occupied by their feelings of love, which can waste a lot of their time. Today, you will spend the best time of your life with your spouse. What can be better than chit-chatting with friends today! It is the best way to do away with boredom.

**AQUARIUS** You will be happy as people around you extend support. Today, there will be a constant outflow of money, and you may face difficulties in accumulating wealth today. There will be an important development on your personal front which will bring jubilation for you and your entire family. Your lover may get hurt about something you had said. Before they get angry with you, realize your mistake and make up with them. If you are able to find time for yourself, even after a busy routine, then you should learn to utilize it properly. Doing this can help you improve your future.

**PISCES** Health will be fine despite some mental pressures. Use your innovative idea to make some extra money. Company of friends will provide comfort. Emotional disturbances could trouble you. Be polite and charming to every one whosoever stands in your way-Only a selected few will know the secret behind your magic charms. Relatives might become a reason of argument with your spouse today. You may suffer from a headache today by talking too much. Hence, speak moderately.Worship Lord Vishnu to build strong love relations.

## Increasing Coverage of Crops under Minimum Support Price

**New Delhi (PIB) :** Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

While recommending MSP, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production.

However, inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include relatively large shelf life, non-perishable, widely grown, item of mass consumption, essential for food security, among others.

To realize the objectives of MSP Policy, after announcement of MSP, Government procures cereals and coarse cereals through Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other designated State Agencies to provide price support to the farmers. Procurement of pulses, oilseeds and copra is done under Price Support Scheme under Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), in consultation with the concerned State Government as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP.

Procurement agencies under PM-AASHA Scheme are National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF). Cotton and Jute are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI), respectively.

Government offers to procure agricultural crops through designated procurement agencies and farmers have the option to sell their produce to the government agencies or in the open market whichever is advantageous to them.

This information was given by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ramnath Thakur in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

## Cabinet approves Minimum Support Price for Copra for 2026 season

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra for 2026 season. In order to provide remunerative prices to the cultivators, Govern-

ment had announced in the Union Budget of 2018-19, that MSP of all the mandated crops will be fixed at levels of at least 1.5 times of all India weighted average cost of production. The MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been fixed at Rs.12,027/- per quintal

and for ball copra at Rs.12,500/- per quintal for 2026 season.

The MSP for 2026 season is an increase of Rs.445/- per quintal for milling copra and Rs.400/- per quintal for ball copra over the previous season. The Government has in-

creased MSP for milling copra and ball copra from Rs.5,250 per quintal and Rs.5,500 per quintal for the marketing season 2014 to Rs.12,027 per quintal and Rs.12,500 per quintal for the marketing season 2026, registering a growth of 129 percent and 127 percent, respectively.

A higher MSP will not only ensure better remunerative returns to the coconut growers but also incentivize farmers to expand copra production to meet the growing demand for coconut products both domestically and internationally.

National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) will continue to act as Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for procurement of copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS).

## Customers should be appreciated by providing better services



(Capital Information)

**Jagtial / Dharmapuri, December 12 :** State Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar inspected the lift substation in Rayapatnam village, Dharmapuri mandal, after copper was stolen from the transformer. The Minister, accompanied by local leaders, reviewed the situation and spoke with officials. He directed the Principal Secretary Rahul Bojja to release funds for replacing the stolen copper within a week. The incident is being investigated, and efforts are being made to restore the lift facility soon. Local Congress Party leaders and workers participated in the inspection.

## Customers should be appreciated by providing better services

**SE Operation PV Rajeshwara Rao Nizamabad**



(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Beareu, December 12 :** SE Operation Nizamabad PV Rajeshwara Rao held a review meeting with electricity officials at the Nizamabad district headquarters on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, SE Operation said, We should all work together to keep Nizamabad district at the forefront of our company. He suggested that the field trip should be conducted and the consumers should be told about safety. He suggested, the power controllers should be repaired without damaging them to reduce interruptions in power supply. He said that loose lines should be repaired and poles with broken parts should be repaired. He suggested that the transformer failures should be reduced by inspecting the repeated failed DTR's, repairing the DP in the line. He said that the interruption of 33 kV and 11 kV kV should be reduced. DE Technical Ramesh SAO Srinivas, DE's M Srinivas, MD Mukhtar, DVenkat Ramana, Harichandra, Raghu, ADE's AE's AAO:s were present in this meeting.

## Newly Elected BRS Party Sarpanches and Deputy Sarpanches Meet MLA



(Capital Information)

**Jagtial / Korutla, December 12 :** The newly elected BRS Party Sarpanches and Deputy Sarpanches met Korutla MLA Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay at his camp office in Metpalli. The MLA assured them of his support and guidance in their efforts to develop their villages, stating that the development of villages is his top priority. He also emphasized the need for collective efforts to accelerate rural development and congratulated the newly elected representatives, presenting them with mementos.

## Must have complete understanding of polling duties

**Nizamabad District Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy in presing officers training classes**

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Buearu, December 12 :** District Election Officer and Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy suggested, the presiding officers should have complete understanding of the polling process to be undertaken on the 17th of this month regarding the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections. He advised, any doubts should be resolved in advance. The presiding officers were made aware of the duties of polling, management by a master trainer at the Rythu Vedika in Mupkal Mandal Center. During the visit to the training classes, the Collector gave key instructions to the POs. He said, they should read the topics covered in the handbook thoroughly, have a clear understanding of the polling duties. He suggested that the polling counting processes should be completed smoothly without any mistakes. He said, the training classes should be well-organized and that they should be aware of the guidelines and rules of the Elections Commission. He briefly explained, the steps to be taken and the responsibilities to be carried out by the POs. He said that the election code of conduct should be implemented effectively and that regular training measures should be taken in case of mistakes. He suggested that the voter should be allowed to exercise his right to vote only if his name is in the voter list. He said that the time regime should be strictly followed and that careful attention should be paid while collecting polling material from the distribution centers. He said that a BLO help center should be set up at the polling station. He said that the voter slip is not an ID, but a voter can bring any one of the 18 types of ID cards specified by the Election Commission. He said, awareness should be created among the voters on this issue on a wide scale. He clarified that except for the RO, no



one is allowed to carry a cell phone in the polling stations. He said that POs and OPO's should not go into the voting compartment under any circumstances when the blind vote, and those who come as assistants should put a dot of ink on the middle finger of their right hand. The Collector suggested that the elections should be conducted carefully so that the polling and counting processes are completed smoothly in a peaceful atmosphere without any possibility of repolling. ROs, local officials and POs participated in the training classes.

## CP holds review meeting with Nizamabad Division Police Officers

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Buearu, December 12 :** As part of the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections, the Police Commissioner held a review meeting with the Nizamabad Division Police Officers on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya said that arrangements should be made so that the people can exercise their right to vote in a peaceful environment. In the context of the Gram Panchayat elections, the second phase of elections will be held in the Nizamabad Division. Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya held a review meeting with the concerned police officers at the Dichpally Circle Office to review the security arrangements. Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner said that everyone should strictly follow the election rules. Mainly, he suggested that the problematic and most problematic polling stations within the Nizamabad Division should be identified and strong security should be arranged. To prevent any untoward incident during the elections, strict security arrangements have been made and directions have been given to the concerned officials. Each polling station should be marked at a specific distance and campaigning and display of signs should be avoided, he said. He said that the services of the striking force should be used as needed and the crowds should be dispersed. It was suggested that inter-state and inter-district border check posts should be maintained in a secure manner to prevent illegal transportation of money, liquor and any other things that could affect the elections. The village police officials should keep an eye on the respective villages,



collect advance information and work to conduct the elections in a peaceful atmosphere, he informed the officials. On election day, the staff members were informed that they should perform their duties properly at the polling booths assigned to them in the early morning, that no one should be tempted until the entire vote counting process is completed after the election, that all precautions should be taken to strictly follow the election code of conduct, and that immediate action would be taken against any staff member found guilty of any lapses in the performance of their duties. On this occasion, Nizamabad ACP Venkat Ram Reddy, Nizamabad North Rural CI Srinivas, Nizamabad Nizamabad South Rural CI Suresh, Dichpally CI Vinod, Dharpally CI Bikshapati, Nizamabad Rural SHO Srinivas, Dichpally SI Asif, Jakkampalli SI Mahesh, Indalwai SI Sandeep, Maclure SI Rajasekhar, Sirikonda SI Ramakrishna, Dharpally SI Kalyani, Mugal SI Sushmita and others participated.

## THE MAIN PURPOSE OF ELECTIONS IS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP QUALITIES IN CHILDRENS AT THE SCHOOL STAGE

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial / Dharmapuri, December 12 :** KERALA HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH MEDIUM, Dharmapuri has conducted the Mock Election on 12-12-2025 (Friday) in the school premises to elect the "SCHOOL CAPTAIN". Mock election is an innovative way to introduce voting to students, mock elections are designed to mimic real elections and to give the students a better understanding of election process, and help prepare them for their role as voters – ideally stimulating future young voters to use their vote. They are organized by management of schools to introduce young people to the different ideas and conceptions of democracy before they become eligible to vote. As per the instructions, given by The Head of Management Mr. Shyam Sundhar sir and principal Mrs. Naga Shwetha madam, couple of days back, the teachers of the school had made all the arrangements for whatever a real election required such as nomination of candidates, allotment of Election symbols and two days of election campaign which created a great Election Vibe in the instructions. On the day of election, all the concerned departments such as



Returning officer, assistant returning officer etc, played a vital role which made the election great success. Later in the evening, around 3 pm, The school management conducted a grand oath ceremony for the winning school captain. The programme became a great success with esteemed presence of the honorable guests Mr. Shivaprasad, and Mr. Ramesh. Thought provoking words of the dignified guests stimulated,

## Urban MLA Dhanpal campaigned in support of BJP-backed candidates



(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Buearu, December 12 :** As part of the Sarpanch election campaign, a wide-ranging campaign was organized in various villages on Friday in support of the candidates backed by the Bharatiya Janata Party. Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana and Nizamabad District President Dinesh Kulachari participated in the program. The MLA said, village development is not just about starting works, it is important to understand the needs of the people and implement them on time. As a Sarpanch, leadership is needed who is available to the people and works with dedication towards village development. Our candidates, supported by the Bharatiya Janata Party, are leaders who are moving forward with this commitment. Our candidates can bring about a positive change in the transparent implementation of welfare schemes like farmers' forums, ration rice, cemeteries, ink pits, dumping yards, rural nature forests, nurseries, toilet construction, purified water, roads, lights, cleanliness etc. being implemented by the Central Government in villages. At this time when the people of the village want development, I request you to make our candidates win and take the villages forward. He said. BJP District General Secretary Nagolla Lakshminarayana, BJP leaders Ilendula Prabhakar, Pawan Mundada, Maravar Krishna, BJP workers and villagers participated in this campaign in large numbers.

## Oxford Students for National Chams



(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Bureau, December 12 :** Oxford School students Mangalarapu Pranav Kumar of III Class and Pidugu Shiva of V Class have been selected for the National Championships, which will be held on 18th December at KLN Prasad Auditorium, Hyderabad, organised by the LEAD Organisation. The state-level competitions were conducted in the last week of November, in which these two students were selected for the national-level championships. Pranav has been selected for the National Science Championship, while Shiva has been selected for the National English Championship. The school Correspondent Manasa Ganesh, Administrator Padma, Academic Coordinator Jyoti, and teachers congratulated the students, honoured them, presented mementos on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Correspondent Manasa Ganesh expressed happiness over the students' selection for the national championships and wished them great success in the upcoming competitions. He encouraged them to perform excellently, bring good name, fame to themselves, their parents, the school. Teachers and students participated in the programme.

## Police Conduct Flag March in Gram Panchayat Elections



(Capital Information)

**Jagtial / Dharmapuri, December 12 :** As part of the 2nd phase General Gram Panchayat Elections, a flag march was conducted in Nerella and Rayapatnam villages of Dharmapuri mandal, Jagtial district. CI Ram Narasimha Reddy urged citizens to maintain peace and exercise their right to vote. The event was conducted under the instructions of DSP Raghuchander and the orders of SP Ashok Kumar. The march was led by CI Ram Narasimha Reddy and SI Mahesh, along with other police personnel, including SIs Uday Kumar, Sri Krishna Sagar Reddy, Satish, and Ravinder Kumar.

# Railway Safety at Record High: Annual Accidents Reduce from 171 (2004-14 Avg.) to 11 in 2025-26 So Far

**Safety Budget Grows Almost Three Times From Rs. 39,463 Crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 1,16,470 Crore in Current Fiscal  
Fog Safety Devices Rise 288 Times — From 90 in 2014 to 25,939 in 2025: Ashwini Vaishnav  
Centralised Electronic Interlocking and Track-Circuiting Completed in 21 Stations Each Over the Last Four Months**

**New Delhi (PIB) :** Safety and Security of passengers is accorded high priority on Indian Railways. Any unusual incident is thoroughly investigated by the Railway Administration. Wherever any reason other than technical reason is suspected, the help of State Police is taken.

In some cases, the guidance of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and National Investigation Agency (NIA) is also sought. However, the primary means of investigation is through the State Police. This is in line with the constitutional arrangements under which the investigation of criminal activity, maintenance of Law and Order and security of railway infrastructure i.e. tracks, bridges, tunnels etc. is responsibility of the State Government.

In all incidents of sabotage/tampering with railway track reported in 2023 and 2024, cases have been registered by Police/GRP of states and other law enforcement agencies followed by investigation, arrest of offenders and their prosecution.

The following steps are being taken by Railways for better coordination with State Police/GRP, for coordinated action to prevent such incidents and its monitoring :-

Frequent patrolling of identified black spots and vulnerable sections are being jointly done by Railwaymen, RPF, GRP & Civil Police.

Special teams are formed to patrol high-risk areas, vulnerable sections and sharing of intelligence to mitigate threats effectively.

Regular drives are conducted to remove material lying near to the railway tracks which can potentially be used

by miscreants for obstruction by putting those materials on railway track.

The people living near railway track are being sensitized about the consequences of putting foreign material on track, removing rail components etc. and are requested to keep watch and report any suspected activity immediately.

State Level Security Committee of Railways (SLSCR) meetings are being conducted, which have been constituted in each State under the chairmanship of DGSP/ Commissioner of Police of respective States/Union territory with representatives of RPF, GRP and Intelligence units. Close liaison is actively made by RPF with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels to control Crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of Law & Order in Railway premises as well as on running trains with focus on sabotage incidents, sharing of intelligence. Effective steps are being undertaken to prevent such incidents. In addition to above, specialized agencies such as NIA, CBI are also involved as per the scenario.

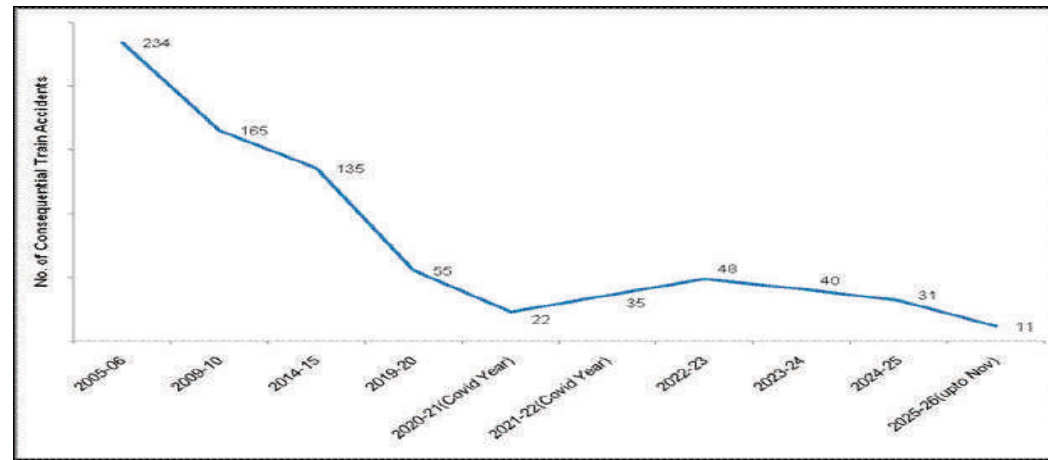
Besides Central & State Intelligence agencies, Intelligence unit of RPF i.e. CIB & SIB regularly sensitized and instructed to collect intelligence and take necessary action in coordination with Police authorities for detection and prevention of sabotage attempts.

To improve Safety in train operations, several measures have been taken by Indian Railways. As a consequence of various safety measures taken over the years, there

has been a steep decline in the number of accidents. Consequential Train Accidents have reduced from 135 in 2014-15 to 31 in 2024-25 as shown in the graph below.

It may be noted that the Consequential Train Accidents during the period 2004-14 was 1711 (average 171 per annum), which has declined to 31 in 2024-25 and further to 11 in 2025-26 (upto November, 2025).

The number of consequential train accidents during the last five years is depicted in the graph below :



The various safety measures taken to enhance safety in train operations are as under:-

On Indian Railways, the expenditure on Safety related activities has increased over the years.

Electrical/Electronic Interlocking Systems with centralized operation of points and signals have been provided at 6,656 stations up to 31.10.2025 to reduce accident due to human failure.

Interlocking of Level Crossing (LC) Gates has been provided at 10,098 Level Crossing Gates up to 31.10.2025 for enhancing safety at LC Gates.

Complete Track Circuiting of stations to enhance safety by verification of track occupancy by electrical means has been provided at 6,661 stations up to 31.10.2025.

Kavach is a highly technology intensive system, which requires safety certification of highest order. Kavach was adopted as a National ATP system in July 2020. Kavach is provided progressively in phased manner. Initially, Kavach Version 3.2 was deployed on 1465 Rkm of South Central Railway and 80 Rkm of North Central Rail-

ways related with safety of Signalling, e.g. mandatory correspondence check, alteration work protocol, preparation of completion drawing, etc. have been issued.

System of disconnection and reconnection for S&T equipment as per protocol has been re-emphasized.

All locomotives are equipped with Vigilance Control Devices (VCD) to improve alertness of Loco Pilots.

Retro-reflective sigma boards are provided on the mast which is located two OHE masts prior to the sig-

ners on girder bridges is used while carrying out primary track renewals.

Mechanisation of track laying activity through use of track machines like PQRS, TRT, T-28 etc. to reduce human errors.

Maximizing supply of 130m/260m long rail panels for increasing progress of rail renewal and avoiding welding of joints, thereby improving safety.

Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) testing of rails to detect flaws and timely removal of defective rails.

Laying of longer rails, minimizing the use of Alumino Thermic Welding and adoption of better welding technology for rails i.e., Flash Butt Welding.

Monitoring of track geometry by OMS (Oscillation Monitoring System) and TRC (Track Recording Cars).

Patrolling of railway tracks to look out for weld/rail fractures.

The use of Thick Web Switches and Weldable CMS Crossing in turnout renewal works.

Inspections at regular intervals are carried out to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices.

Web based online monitoring system of track assets viz. Track database and decision support system has been adopted to decide rationalized maintenance requirement and optimize inputs.

Detailed instructions on issues related with safety of Track, e.g. integrated block, corridor block, worksite safety, monsoon precautions, etc. have been issued.

Preventive maintenance of railway assets (Coaches & Wagons) is undertaken to en-

sure safe train operations. Replacement of conventional ICF design coaches with LHB design coaches is being done.

All unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) route have been eliminated by January 2019.

Safety of Railway Bridges is ensured through regular inspection of Bridges. The requirement of repair/rehabilitation of Bridges is taken up based on the conditions assessed during these inspections.

Indian Railways has displayed Statutory "Fire Notices" for widespread passenger information in all coaches. Fire posters are provided in every coach so as to educate and alert passengers regarding various Do's and Don'ts to prevent fire. These include messages regarding not carrying any inflammable material, explosives, prohibition of smoking inside the coaches, penalties etc.

Production Units are providing Fire detection and suppression system in newly manufactured Power Cars and Pantry Cars, Fire and Smoke detection system in newly manufactured coaches. Progressive fitment of the same in existing coaches is also underway by Zonal Railways in a phased manner.

Regular counselling and training of staff is undertaken.

Concept of Rolling Block introduced in Indian Railways (Open Lines) General Rules vide Gazette notification dated 30.11.2023, wherein work of integrated maintenance/ repair/replacement of assets is planned up to 52 weeks in advance on rolling basis and executed as per plan.



**Former Minister Appoints New Conveners for Dharmapuri**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jagtial/Dharmapuri :** Former Minister Koppula Eshwar has appointed Ayyori Rajesh as the BRS Party Mandal Convener for Dharmapuri and Bandari Ranjit as the BRS Party Town Convener for Dharmapuri, wishes success in their new roles.

## Deadly Attack on Indian Parliament by Terrorists

**(Capital Information)**  
**Karimnagar :** Terrorism is an act intended to destabilise or destroy a country or region's fundamental political, constitutional, economic, or social structures. Terrorism in India is a multifaceted internal security challenge driven by ethno-nationalism, J & K issue, Northeast effect, religious extremism, left-wing ideology, cross border influences through various forms like narco-terrorism and cyber threats. The reasons being political grievances, socio-economic disparities, propaganda, external support, and technology. Normally, terrorism uses violence or intimidation for political or ideological aims, violating fundamental rights and hampering development.

The political factors, socio-economic issues, ideological extremism, external support, technological exploitation, grievances and identity are the main drivers of terrorism in India. According to the Global Terrorism Index 2025, India is ranked 14th among the most affected countries.

**Terrorism in India: Major Terrorist Attacks Since 2000 :**

India has faced numerous major terrorist attacks, notably the 2000 Red Fort Attack, 2001 Parliament Attack, 2002 Mumbai Train Bombs, 2003 Mumbai bombings, 2005 Delhi bombings, 2006 Mumbai Train bombings, 2008 Delhi bombings and Mumbai Attack (26/11), 2011 Mumbai bombings, 2016 Pathankot Airbase At-

tack, 2019 Pulwama Attack, and 2025 Red Fort blast, 2025 Pahalgam terrorist attack, and many more other destructive activities. Hundreds of lives ended in these brutal attacks carried by militant groups ably supported by Pakistani ISI. From 1979 onwards totally 19,862 people lost their lives and 30,544 people were injured during different terrorist attacks till now.

**13 December 2001 Indians Parliament Attack :**

The Pak-based militant groups Jaish-E-Mohammad (JeM) and Laskar-E-Taiba (LeT) attacked the Indian Parliament building on 13 December 2001 in the heart of New Delhi. The attack resulted in the death of nine people in total, including security personnel

and a gardener, while all five extremists were killed by security forces. The militants carrying fake car stickers entered into the highly secure zone of Parliament with AK-47 rifle, grenade launchers, and hand grenades and the battle lasted for 30 minutes between security forces and terrorists.

The Indian government combats terrorism through law enforcement, military operations, intelligence gathering, preventing radicalisation, security borders, surveillance technologies, financial tracking and international cooperation. It is the responsibility of government to address the root causes of terrorism and promoting respect for human rights.

- Dr. B. Madhusudhan Reddy



## Development is possible only with the Congress party : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

**(Capital Information)**  
**Yadadri Bhuvanagiri/Ramannapet :** Development is possible only with the Congress party, said Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham.

As part of the Gram Panchayat elections, Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham, who conducted a campaign in support of the Sarpanch candidates of Ramannapet town, Ramannapet mandal Shobhanadripuram, Lakshmapuram, Kommayigudem, Kothagudem, Grama Congress Party Alleti Paramesh, Bathula Jyothi - Naveen, Garika Satyanarayana, Marepalli Mallareddy, Baddam Yadamma - Yadagiri and ward members.

Many members of the BRS party joined the Congress party and the MLA casually invited them into the party by covering them with Congress party scarves.

## Union Environment Minister chairs the 3rd General Body Meeting of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management

**New Delhi, (PIB) :** Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav chaired the 3rd General Body (GB) Meeting of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), as its Chairperson, in New Delhi today. Senior officials from the Ministry and members of the General Body participated in the deliberations. It was also attended by eminent scientists and experts in the field of coastal and marine research and management.

Yadav reviewed the scientific contributions of NCSCM, particularly in the areas of coastal ecosystem assessment, climate resilience, and marine habitat restoration. NCSCM presented its achievements in major thematic areas - conservation, livelihood, pollution, climate change, islands, geospatial technology, coastal processes, coastal marine spatial planning and integrated coastal zone management.

Directions were given by the GB on strengthening in-

stitutional capabilities, enhancing scientific rigour across programmes, and expanding collaborative engagement with coastal communities and traditional knowledge holders. NCSCM was directed to deepen science-policy-community integration across its research and capacity-building initiatives. The GB also directed to finalize the vision document of NCSCM, in alignment with the Viksit Bharat 2047 theme.

The GB directed to strengthen the capacity of the scientific cadre, including filling critical scientific positions and bringing in fresh talent to address emerging coastal and marine challenges. The HR Policy including the recruitment rules was discussed and it was directed to finalize the same at the earliest. Importance of engaging eco-clubs, local institutions, and universities to foster interest in scientific learning and field-based inquiry was emphasized in the meeting.

The status of quality as-



surances received by the Laboratories of NCSCM through Quality Council of India (QCI) accreditations such as National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), in addition to accreditation by CPCB and AERB was put up before the GB.

NCSCM is a major implementing partner for the National Coastal Mission 2.0. It was submitted that NCSCM is engaged in a number of research and consultancy proj-

ects from different State Governments and UT Administrations and other organizations including international bodies. It has successfully completed 79 CRZ and shoreline management projects and is currently handling 291 projects.

On this occasion, Yadav released three key knowledge products developed by NCSCM:

Protocol for Assessment of Mangrove Forest Structure

A simple and standard method to assess the health and structure of mangrove

forests. It helps generate reliable data that supports restoration planning and long-term monitoring.

Mangroves Fact Sheet

A quick reference guide for identifying common mangrove species in India and understanding their ecological importance. It is designed for use by students, practitioners, and community groups.

Salt Marsh Fact Sheet

A brief and easy-to-use resource describing India's salt marsh habitats, their functions, and key identification features. It supports awareness, conservation, and field studies.

Link for Manuals:

<https://ncscm.res.in/guide-lines-manuals/>

Link for Factsheets:

<https://ncscm.res.in/factsheets-policy-briefs/>

These knowledge products strengthen national efforts to improve understanding of coastal ecosystems and support evidence-based decision-making for their conservation and management.

**RPV PRESIDENT PRAISES TG HAJ COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KUSRO PASHA**



**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau, December 12 :** RPV (Rajyanga Parirakshana Vedika) Founder and National President Syed Sadiq Ali extended high praise to Telangana State Haj Committee Chairman Syed Ghulam Anjal Biyabani Kusro Pasha for his dedicated service to the Muslim community. During a courtesy meeting held in Khajipet, Warangal district, Sadiq Ali honoured him with a traditional shawl, recognizing his contributions.

Sadiq Ali stated that Kusro Pasha has consistently worked to improve arrangements for Haj and Umrah pilgrims, ensuring better facilities, guidance, and support during their sacred journey. He expressed confidence that the Chairman would further expand services and introduce additional conveniences for pilgrims travelling to Makkah.

The felicitation programme was attended by RPV Khammam Rural President Gouse Pasha, Syed Bikkan, Madar Allabakhshu, Palair Constituency In-charge Nazeeruddin, Subhani, and other community representatives.

**CPI Stands Firm with Former Singareni Workers**

- *MLA Kunamneni*



**(Capital Information)**  
**Kothagudem, December 12 :** CPI State Secretary and MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao reaffirmed that the Communist Party will continue to support former Singareni workers, contract labourers, and poor families living in affected coal belt areas. As part of the Panchayat election campaign, he toured Gouthamapur, Rudrampur, 4 Incline, Prashanti Nagar, RamAnjaneya Colony, Babu Camp, NK Nagar, Nanda Tanda and several villages under the Chunchupalli mandal. He stated that families residing for decades in old SCCL quarters and Singareni-owned lands deserve full housing rights and permanent security. Kunamneni said the CPI fought against past eviction attempts by SCCL and ensured that workers and poor families were allowed to live without fear in the colonies. He added that several development works in affected villages and labour settlements were taken up using Singareni's SAF funds, improving basic amenities and infrastructure. Fulfilling the long-standing dream of permanent housing for former workers and economically weaker families remains a top priority for the CPI, he said. Appealing to voters, Kunamneni urged them to support CPI-backed candidates in the upcoming Panchayat elections on December 14. He said Communist representatives are the only ones who consistently stay connected with the people and respond to their issues without fail. CPI leaders Saiganti Srinivas, Durgarasi Venkateswarlu, G. Veeraswamy, Vasireddy Murali, Vattikonda Mallikharjun Rao, Polamuri Srinivas, Yendra Mahesh, Ranchander and others joined the campaign.

**BJP Flags Irregularities in Kalakshetram Market Allotments**

- Vasudeva Rao demands transparent lottery

**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau, December 12 :** Tension prevailed at the Bhakta Ramadasu Kalakshetram market after the Khammam Municipal Corporation failed to conduct the lottery for shop allotment as previously announced. Hundreds of street vendors, who had been waiting for a transparent process, expressed deep frustration over the last-minute cancellation. Responding promptly, BJP State Treasurer Devaki Vasudeva Rao visited the spot along with party leaders and assured full support to the affected vendors.

Vendors alleged that the market area, originally meant for nearly 40 traders, was illegally expanded over the years and converted into a space accommodating over 200 people. They complained that a few individuals have taken control of more than 100 shops, restricting access to genuine small traders, including Hindu vendors and persons with disabilities. Some vendors also reported intimidation and denial of entry by dominant groups. A differently abled vendor stated that newcomers were often threatened and prevented from operating freely.

Further, traders accused municipal officials of collecting Rs 10,000 deposits per person in the name of the lottery without issuing receipts. They said the concerned officer, Sujatha, has not responded to their calls and messages for the past three days. Repeated announcements and cancellations of the lottery had severely damaged public trust, with even token-holders not being allowed inside the market space.



Vasudeva Rao demanded that the municipality conduct a fair, transparent lottery, ensure 90% shop allocation to Hindu vendors, implement the 5% reservation for persons with disabilities, and take action against groups that have unlawfully controlled the market. He warned that if justice is denied and irregularities continue, BJP will launch a large-scale agitation in support of street vendors. Leaders Dhaniyakula Venkata Narayana, Madhav, Kandula Srikrishna, Sairam Bhadram and Palepu Ramu were also present.

**TWJF KHAMMAM DISTRICT GENERAL BODY MEETING ON DEC 14**

**(Capital Information)**

**Khammam Bureau, December 12 :** The Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) Khammam District General Body Meeting will be held on December 14 in the district headquarters, announced Ad-hoc Committee Convener TS Chakravarthy and Co-Conveners Arvapalli Nagesh, Nanabala Ramakrishna, Anthoti Srinivas, and Vandanapu Samrat. They clarified that the meeting is being organized under the leadership of Mamidi Somaiah, the Federation's founder and State Convener, and condemned as baseless and irresponsible the ongoing propaganda claiming that he has no connection with the organization.

The Committee stated that they have received information about certain individuals collecting large amounts of money in the name of district meetings. The TWJF strongly



condemns any such illegal collections under the Federation's banner, they said. They further added that some people whose tenure in State and District Committees has already expired continue to act in office and issue misleading statements, which journalists across the district are closely observing.

The General Body Meeting will discuss several key issues concerning journalists' welfare and organizational strengthening. Major agenda points include reconstitution of the district committee, house sites for journalists, health

schemes, accreditation cards, and rights and safety of women journalists. The Committee emphasized that the meeting aims to protect journalists' rights while ensuring transparency and unity within the Federation.

TWJF leaders Vanga Pungama Goud, Kappala Madhu, Amaraboyina Upender, Kandaraboyina Krishna, Kasoju Sridhar, Shakeel, Nazeer, Swarna, Akhil, Pranay, Hemanth, Kaashi, Sashi, Shivakumar, Arjun, Vijay, and others participated in the poster release program for the district meeting.

**Mega Free Health Camp Held at Gandhi Chowk**

**(Capital Information)**

**Khammam Bureau, December 12 :** Initiative by Corporator Pasumarthi Rammohan Rao; Medical Services by Dr. Jangala Sunil

A large-scale free health camp was conducted near the Shiva Temple beside Raghava Theatre Road in Gandhi Chowk, Khammam. The programme was organized under the leadership of 36th Division Corporator Pasumarthi Rammohan Rao, with medical support extended by Dr. Jangala Sunil of Sairam Super Speciality Hospital.

Residents from the surrounding areas participated in significant numbers and availed various medical services including sugar testing, general health check-ups, and other diagnostic examinations. Free medicines were distributed to all attendees, and bread packets were provided as part of the community service initiative.



Division Secretary Pillutla Krishna, along with town leaders Mamidal Venkateswarlu, Ch. Madhu, Ellaiah and others, took part in the programme and appreciated the efforts taken to address local healthcare needs.

**LEADERS PAY TRIBUTES TO LATE MD DASTAGIRI**

- Condolences extended to the family of Yakub Pasha



**(Capital Information)**

**Khammam Bureau, December 12 :** Deep sorrow prevailed in the family of Janab Md. Dastagiri, father of Md. Yakub Pasha, following his demise in Khammam. Upon hearing the news, several political and social leaders visited the family residence to offer condolences and express their solidarity during this difficult time.

Among those who visited were MPJ District President Shaik Khasim, Treasurer Md Hakeem, TMESA District President Vinode, leaders Vinod, Pavan, Anil, Rajabali, and others. They paid homage to the departed soul and comforted the bereaved family, assuring them of their full support in their hour of grief.

The leaders recalled that Janab Md. Dastagiri was known for his contributions to the industrial sector, his dedication to family values, and his humane, compassionate nature in social relations. They prayed for his soul to rest in peace and for strength and courage to be bestowed upon the grieving family.

**Collector Releases Wall Posters Ahead of Mukkti Ekadashi Festivities**

- Statewide Display to Guide Devotees; Review Meeting on December 15



**(Capital Information)**

**Bhadrachalam, December 12 :** Bhadradi Kothagudem District Collector Jitesh V. Patil announced the release of wall posters providing complete information about the Mukkti Ekadashi celebrations scheduled for the 29th and 30th of this month. Releasing the posters at his chamber in the District Collectorate on Friday, he said the material highlights details of the Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Teppotsavam and Uttara Dwara Darshan. These posters will be displayed not only across the undivided Khammam district but also throughout Telangana to ensure that devotees are fully informed.

The Collector noted that thousands of devotees from various states are expected to participate in the festival. In view of this, a Divisional-Level Preparatory Meeting has been scheduled for December 15 at 3:30 PM at the Sub-Collector's office. All concerned divisional officers have been instructed to attend with detailed reports on accommodation arrangements, crowd management, and essential services required for pilgrims attending the Teppotsavam and Uttara Dwara Darshan.

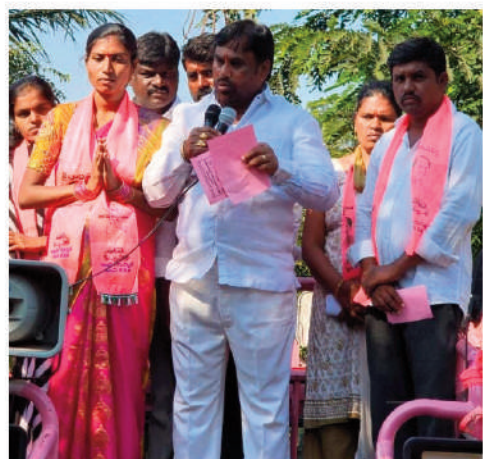
Temple Executive Officer Damodar Rao, archakas, and temple staff were present during the poster release programme.

**Mega Free Health Camp Held at Gandhi Chowk**

**(Capital Information)**

**Kothagudem, December 12 :** Former Minister Vanama Venkateswara Rao said Telangana achieved significant progress under KCR's leadership and appealed to voters to support BRS for continued village development. As part of the final day of the Sarpanch election campaign, he toured Chunchupalli Tanda and urged residents to elect BRS Sarpanch candidate Raja and ward members with a strong majority. BRS State Leader Vanama Raghavendra

Rao joined the padyatra in both Chunchupalli Tanda and Dhanbad, highlighting the welfare and development works carried out by KCR. He stressed that only BRS can ensure sustained growth in rural areas and asked voters to stand firmly with the party. In Dhanbad Panchayat, he appealed to elect BRS-backed Sarpanch candidate Smt. Guguloth Jyothi along with all ward candidates. Large numbers of BRS leaders, cadres and local supporters actively participated in the day-long campaign.



**DEO Chaitanya Jaini Urges Teams to Ensure Success of Science Fair**

**(Capital Information)**

**Kothagudem, December 12 :** Preparatory meeting held for Science Fair & INSPIRE Exhibition

A preparatory meeting for the Science Fair and INSPIRE Exhibition, scheduled for December 20 and 21 at SFS High School, Ballepalli, was held today at the Science Museum Seminar Hall. District Educational Officer Smt. Chaitanya Jaini, addressing committee conveners and members, called upon all Mandal Educational Officers, school heads and science teachers to work collectively and responsibly to make the event successful. She stressed

that each committee must treat the programme as their own, understand their duties clearly and function with coordination. She highlighted the importance of the Science Fair in nurturing scientific thinking among students. The DEO informed that the online registration link for exhibits is open until December 18, and reiterated that no offline or spot entries will be accepted. The meeting was attended by Coordinator Ramakrishna, DAMO



Prabhakar Reddy, CMO Praveen Kumar, GCDO Ruby, DCB Secretary Venkateswarlu, Science Fair executive members, Mandal Educational Officers, heads of various teacher associations, union representatives, subject forum office-bearers, committee conveners and members.

## After Chiru, Nag, Pawan Kalyan Files Rights Plea

After megastar Chiranjeevi and Akkineni Nagarjuna, and even Bollywood icons like Aishwarya Rai Bachchan for her daughter's image and Amitabh Bachchan, the latest big name to hit the courts for image protection is Andhra Pradesh deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. Lately, it feels like every actor wants a digital shield. Pawan's move just adds more fire to that growing trend.

He's filed a petition in the Delhi High Court, asking for protection of his personal rights. According to the plea, AI videos and social media posts based on his performances are creating disturbances and misrepresenting him. The court acted fast, asking that the links be shared within 48 hours and instructing Google, Meta, and other platforms to take action within a week. Next hearing is lined up for December 22, so fans are watching closely.

On the movie side, Pawan hasn't been idle. He appeared this year in Hari Hara Veera Mallu and OG, keeping the cult fans happy. But the bigger



excitement is already building for 2026. His upcoming movie Ustaad Bhagat Singh is slated for the first quarter, and the first single Dheklenge Saala is already trending on social media with reels and shorts.

This year, Pawan is juggling court-rooms, politics, and films like a pro. Ustaad Bhagat Singh was scheduled to release in April, but a rumour that it may release early in March, we have to wait and see for official confirmation.

## Raja Saab Team Drops Chilling Trailer Inside Akhanda2 Show

Akhanda 2, starring Nandamuri Balakrishna, hit theatres today and walked in with a wave of good reviews. The film was doing its regular first-day noise, but midway through the shows, something completely unexpected happened. Prabhas fans suddenly sat up straighter, like someone flicked a switch.

Right in the middle of the screening, the Raja Saab team slipped in a fresh concept teaser. No warning, nothing. One second the movie was playing, and the next, the lights dipped in this oddly perfect spooky way. People were whispering, looking around, kind of confused but also curious. And then the teaser started... sharp, eerie, almost like the theatre itself had turned into part of the promo.

The trick worked. Those light games, that small pause



before the visuals kicked in, it all made the teaser feel heavier, creepier. The reactions were instant. A few folks even laughed nervously, you know that "okay, that scared me a bit" kind of laugh. It wasn't just a video drop; it felt like a small horror prank done with good timing.

And honestly, this strategy landed well. It gave everyone a small taste of what January 9th might feel like when Raja Saab hits screens. With Bollywood trying all sorts of funky promo ideas these days, this one actually felt fresh and worth appreciating. Sometimes a little theatre mischief goes a long way.



## MSG: Release date of Chiranjeevi's film to be announced today

Megastar Chiranjeevi is gearing up to captivate audiences with the family entertainer Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu, directed by Anil Ravipudi. The movie stars Nayanthara as the female lead. The first two songs, Meesaala Pilla and Sasirekha, received a very good response from the audience.

The latest update is that the team will announce the film's release date today. A press meet will be held to reveal the release date details. According to trade circles, Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu is eyeing a January 12, 2026, release.

We might also expect a few other updates related to the movie tomorrow. Catherine Tresa is also a part of this flick, which is being jointly produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela under the banners of Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainments. Bheems Ceciroleo is composing the tunes.

## Varun Tej turns MasterChef for his baby boy

Mega Prince Varun Tej has been balancing his film commitments and new baby daddy role with great precision. He showcased his baking skills for his baby boy, Vaayuv Tej, while wife Lavanya Tripathi kept admiring his commitment to perfect the cake.

Lavanya shared the video with a caption, "Focus Level: Baking a Masterpiece". In the video, we see Varun practicing the drawing on the cake first and then step by step baking it with accurate details. The process of baking is mind-blowing and the final result is "Yummy" to say the least.

The cake looks like a delicious celebration of parenthood from two dedicated parents to make everything best for their



baby boy, Varun Tej is currently shooting for his next film, VT15, a cross culture

Indo-Korean horror comedy, in the direction of Gandhi Merlapaka Gandhi.



## Akhanda 2: Telangana High Court lifts stay on ticket prices

Balakrishna's much-awaited action drama Akhanda 2 hit the big screens with paid premieres yesterday. Directed by Boyapati Sreenu, the film serves as a sequel to the 2021 blockbuster Akhanda. However, an issue regarding the film's ticket pricing in Nizam has been under discussion in the Telangana High Court since yesterday.

According to the latest development, the Telangana High Court Division Bench has issued a stay on the orders passed earlier by a single judge in relation to Akhanda 2 ticket prices. Due to the legal proceedings, bookings were temporarily disabled on BookMyShow and other online ticketing platforms. Following the Division Bench's stay order, theatres have begun restoring show listings with enhanced prices.

It remains to be seen how Akhanda 2 fares at the box office. Produced by Raam Achanta and Gopi Achanta under the 14 Reels Plus banner, the film features Aadi Pinishetty as the antagonist, with Samyukta and Harshaali Malhotra in key roles. SS Thaman has composed the music.



## Telangana PIB Media Delegation Explores Assam's Cultural Heartland

# Majuli's Ancient Masks Get a New Life in Women's Hands

## TELANGANA MEDIA DELEGATION WITNESSES A CULTURAL REVIVAL THROUGH RURAL ENTERPRISE



(N. Srinivas Rao) Hyderabad/Assam : Majuli, the world's largest river island, is quietly scripting a remarkable story of cultural revival and rural empowerment. A Media Delegation from Telangana, visiting the island's famed traditional mask-making centre on Sixth Day, witnessed how an age-old art form is being transformed into a vibrant livelihood opportunity for local women thanks to the Micro Enterprise Development (MED) initiative under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).



What was once a niche cultural practice passed down through generations is now evolving into a sustainable non-farm enterprise.

The MED programme, with its strong emphasis on hand-holding, mentoring, financial support, and structured enterprise development, is

helping rural communities convert their skills into market-ready businesses. For many SHG members, this programme is becoming

a bridge between traditional knowledge and modern economic opportunities.

A shining example stands at the heart of Majuli the Majuli Women's SHG. Under a 15-day Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP), 15 women have been trained in the intricate craft of mask-making. Their handcrafted masks, rich with the colours and themes of Assamese cultural heritage, are now finding buyers not just on the island but across online platforms as well.

For these women, the transformation goes beyond income. It is about pride,



identity and reclaiming a cultural legacy that once risked fading away. As they delicately mould clay, weave natural fibres, and paint expressive details on each mask, they are also shaping a future where tradition and enterprise go hand in hand.

The Telangana media team observed first-hand how this initiative is not

merely about preserving art it is about igniting rural entrepreneurship, strengthening local economies, and showcasing how community-led enterprises can thrive when backed by thoughtful support systems like MED. Majuli's masks may have ancient roots, but today, they tell a fresh story of women rising, of culture thriving, and of rural India discovering new pathways to prosperity.



## Two-Day Microsoft AI Skilling Campaign on Power BI Held at SPMVV

(Capital Information) Tirupati : The School of Engineering & Technology at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam (SPMVV) successfully organized a two-day Microsoft AI Skilling Campaign focused on Power BI on December 11 and 12. The workshop aimed to equip students with practical skills essential for industry-ready business intelligence solutions. As part of the train-



ing, students received intensive hands-on experience in key areas including:

Dashboard in a Day: Comprehensive training on creating interactive dashboards. Data Visualization & Inte-

gration: Techniques to visualize complex data and integrate various data sources.

Data Modeling & Cardinality: Structuring data relationships effectively.

Power Query Transformations: Advanced data cleaning and preparation methods. AI-Driven Insights: Leveraging artificial intelligence to derive actionable insights from data.

The program was coordinated by Prof. P. Venkata Krishna.

The successful execution of the event was supported by committee members Dr. N. Padmaja, Dr. A. Sai Sunil, Mrs. K. Shalini, Dr. V. Manjunath, and Dr. G. Subashini.

A large number of 2nd and 3rd-year B.Tech students actively participated in the campaign, benefiting significantly from the practical exposure and technical upskilling provided during the sessions.

## The first phase of Panchayat elections ended peacefully District Election Officer, Collector P. Praveenya

(Capital Information) Sangareddy : The first phase of Gram Panchayat elections in the District ended peacefully, said District Election Officer, Collector P. Praveenya.

In the wake of the conclusion of the first phase of polling, the Collector said that all arrangements have been completed for the second phase of elections.

The Collector thanked the officials, election staff, police, village level staff, voters and media representatives who cooperated in the election process.



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