

**PANCHANGAM**

**Tithi**  
Sukla Paksha Panchami  
Upto : Dec 25 01:43 PM  
Sukla Paksha Shashti  
Upto : Dec 26 01:43 PM

**Nakshatra**  
Dhanishta  
Upto : Dec 25 08:18 AM  
Shatabhisha  
Upto : Dec 26 09:00 AM

**Rahukalam**  
1:38 PM – 3:00 PM

**Yamagandam**  
6:47 AM – 8:09 AM

**Gulika**  
9:31 AM – 10:54 AM

**Dur Muhurat**  
10:26 AM – 11:10 AM,  
02:49 PM – 03:33 PM

**Varjyam**  
03:42 PM – 05:21 PM

**WEATHER**  
**Forecast : Sunny**  
**Temperature : 26° / 15°**  
**Humidity : 37%**  
**Sunrise : 6:47 AM**  
**Sunset : 5:44 PM**

## Cyberabad police arrest 11 in child trafficking racket, rescue two infants

**Hyderabad:** The Cyberabad police on Wednesday arrested an 11-member gang involved in child trafficking in the State and rescued two infants from them.

The arrested are Vemula Babu Reddy, Venkippally Gangadhar Reddy, Daram Laxmi, Ram Hari Roy, Kummari Harsha Roy, Sangeeta Debi, Gudepu Sujatha, Suraboina Anuradha, Esarapu Jyothi, V Madhavi and Pothula Sobha.

According to the DCP (Madhapur), Ritiraj said the prime suspects Babu Reddy and Gangadhar Reddy had maintained two different gangs comprising men and women and took their help to search for poor people who would sell their infants for a price.

## Politics must not hinder village development : CM Revanth Reddy

### Rs. 5 lakh SDF for small panchayats, Rs. 10 lakh for major panchayats

**(Capital Information)**  
**Narayanapet :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday asserted that politics should end with elections and village development must move forward without any political bias. He warned that discrimination and factionalism would only obstruct progress and stressed that villages are the backbone of the nation.

Addressing a felicitation programme for newly elected sarpanches of the Kodangal Assembly constituency at a function hall in Kosgi town, the Chief Minister announced the release of Special Development Fund (SDF) grants—₹5 lakh each for small gram panchayats and ₹10 lakh each for major panchayats—from the coming New Year. He clarified that these funds would be in addition to allocations from the Centre and the State.

Mr. Revanth Reddy felicitated all 182 newly elected sarpanches from eight mandals of the constituency by presenting shawls. "There should be no room for party politics or personal rivalries now.



Every citizen is part of our family. Let us work together and ensure quality services at the village level," he said.

Emphasising Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swaraj, the Chief Minister said true governance lies in ensuring welfare schemes reach every poor household. He expressed his resolve to develop Kodangal as a role model constituency in the country, assuring that every thanda would be provided with temples, schools, drinking water, food grains and Indiramma houses.

He also announced plans to establish an industrial park to generate employment for educated unemployed youth and to develop Kodangal as an education hub. A Sainik School, which was not available earlier in the State, has been sanctioned at Lagacharla, while a 250-acre education hub will be developed in Kodangal to attract students from across the country.

Referring to welfare initiatives, the Chief Minister said ration cards that were denied for a decade have now been issued and fine

rice is being supplied to 3.10 crore beneficiaries. He assured that all eligible persons would receive ration cards and six kilograms of rice per head. He asked newly elected sarpanches to submit details of eligible beneficiaries who were yet to receive ration cards, free power or Rythu Bharosa benefits.

Mr. Revanth Reddy reiterated that women are entitled to free bus travel and urged them to question any conductor demanding fare. He also spoke about initiatives such as distribution of sares to one crore women and providing break-

fast and midday meals to government school students to improve educational outcomes.

On irrigation, the Chief Minister said that not a single major project was completed in the last ten years. The present government, he said, had revived stalled projects, including the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. He announced that compensation for land acquisition under the Makhthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal lift irrigation project had been enhanced to ₹20 lakh per acre, with Cabinet approval, and

noted that 96 per cent of farmers had already consented.

Hitting out at the previous regime, Mr. Revanth Reddy alleged that despite massive borrowings, water did not reach Palamuru. "We do not believe in vindictive politics. Whoever has committed mistakes will face the consequences on their own," he said.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that Congress would return to power in the State in 2029 with a decisive majority and challenged the opposition to debate any issue in the Assembly, including Kaleshwaram, river water sharing and phone tapping.

Minister Vakati Srihari, speaking on the occasion, said he had never witnessed sarpanches being felicitated directly by a Chief Minister in his 32-year political career. He said the lift irrigation projects would transform the region into a lush green belt.

Pargi MLA Ram Mohan Reddy, Tandur MLA Yadhiah, district collectors, senior officials and Congress leaders were among those present.

## Rural Infrastructure Development Is the Government's Priority : Deputy CM Bhatti

**(Capital Information)**  
**Madhira :** Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance, Energy and Planning Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said that the State Government is constructing new roads in line with future needs to ensure a comfortable and better quality of life for the people. He stated that improvement in road connectivity plays a crucial role in enhancing living standards, especially in rural areas.

The Deputy Chief Minister, along with Dist Collector Anudeep Durishetty, laid foundation stones for BT road works in Bonakal mandal of the Madhira constituency. These include the road



from Mushitikunta to Chironumula, being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 3.45 crore, and another road from Rayannapeta to Kalakota, estimated at Rs 3.75 cr.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka said that the Indiramma Government is committed to completing all develop-

ment works within stipulated timelines and with quality standards. He noted that road construction would significantly contribute to the overall development of villages and improve connectivity between rural habitations.

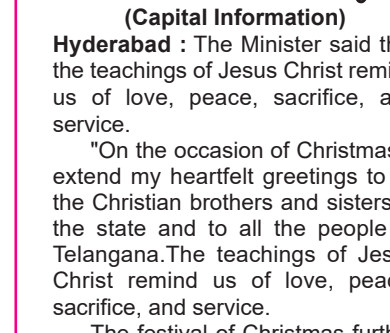
He reiterated that the development of basic infrastructure in the rural areas is a top priority of the government. Improved road facilities would boost agriculture, trade, education and healthcare, besides making transportation easier for villagers. He added that the People's Govt is moving forward with a clear vision of village-centric development, keeping public needs at the forefront.

## Christmas greetings to the people of the state : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Minister said that the teachings of Jesus Christ remind us of love, peace, sacrifice, and service.

"On the occasion of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all the Christian brothers and sisters in the state and to all the people of Telangana. The teachings of Jesus Christ remind us of love, peace, sacrifice, and service.

The festival of Christmas further strengthens humanity and mutual respect in society. Wishing that joy, health, and peace prevail in every family on this holy day, I extend my Christmas greetings to all Christian brothers and sisters."



## Golden Care Mega Medical Camp for Senior Citizens Held in Rachakonda

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Reaffirming its commitment to senior citizen welfare, the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, in association with the Rachakonda Security Council (RKSC), organised the third Mega Free Medical Camp under the flagship "Golden Care" initiative at Lakshmi Gardens Convention Hall on Tuesday.

The programme, conceptualised under the visionary leadership of Rachakonda Police Commissioner Sudheer Babu, IPS, aims to provide care, assistance and protection to elderly citizens. The Commissioner attended the camp as the chief guest.



benefited from comprehensive medical services during the camp. With the support of GEM-CARE, Sole Eye Care, Sowjanya Dental, and Ma ENT, expert doctors offered consultations in General Medicine, Cardiology, Orthopaedics, Dentistry and Ophthalmology.

multiple medical facilities under one roof.

Among those present were Malkajgiri DCP C.H. Sreedhar, Women Safety DCP Usha Rani, Malkajgiri Additional DCP Venkata Ramana, Kushaiguda ACP Y. Venkat Reddy, Women Safety ACP Venkateshwarulu, RKSC Joint Secretary Radhikanath, RKSC Chief Coordinator M. Savitri, K. Suryanarayana, and Circle Inspectors from Kushaiguda, Neredmet, Charlapalli, Jawaharnagar and Keesara, along with She Teams CIs M. Muni and Anjiah.

The camp was hailed as a successful step towards strengthening community policing and elderly care in the Rachakonda region.

## PUBLIC WELFARE IS THE DUALITY OF GOVERNMENT : MINISTER VIVEK VENKATASWAMY

**(Capital Information)**  
**Medak :** TG State Labor Minister Vivek Venkataswamy said that through education, there will be complete changes in a person's life. Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak attended the check distribution program at Rythu Vedika in Chegunta Mandal of Medak district along with Dubbaka MLA Kottha Prabhakar Reddy as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Vivek Venkataswamy said that public welfare is the mission of the government. Radical changes happen in people only through education, he said. He said that a new building is being granted to Chegunta Gram Panchayat and a degree college is being granted to Chegunta mandal. Checks of Rs 3,804,408 were given to the beneficiaries for a total of 38 people.

Many welfare programs are implemented in the state Indiramma houses should be granted to all those who are eligible. Beneficiaries of Indiramma houses want to complete the constructions as soon as possible. He said that another 3,500 houses will be sanctioned for the



constituency next year.

He said that the government is working towards the goal of constructing 17 lakh houses across the state. He said that 50,000 teachers have been replaced for the last academic year. He said that important programs like new ration cards, 200 units of electricity and thin rice have been implemented. He said that he held a meeting with the Chief Minister yesterday regarding the increase in pensions.

Dubbaka MLA Kottha Prabhakar Reddy said that the previous government introduced Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi

Mubarak program to benefit the rural poor and poor girls. It was explained to the minister that direct review meeting should be organized for Dubbaka constituency.

Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak checks were distributed by the hands of Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, Legislators Kota Prabhakar Reddy and District Collector Rahul Raj. Later, the newly elected sarpanches were felicitated with a shawl. District Collector Rahul Raj, Toopran RDO Jayachandra Reddy, Tahsildar RI and public representatives participated in this program.



## Deputy Transport Commissioner Under ACB, Assets Worth Rs. 250 Crore Detected

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nizamabad/Hyderabad :** The Anti-Corruption Bureau has unearthed assets worth about Rs. 250 crore belonging to M. Kishan Naik, Deputy Transport Commissioner of Mahabubnagar, who resident in Boinalpalli, Hyderabad.

Acting on corruption allegations, ACB officials conducted simultaneous searches at 12 locations, including his residence and the houses of his relatives in Nizamabad, Narayankhed.

According to ACB Director General Charusinha, the raids revealed extensive properties, including 31 acres of land in Narayankhed, 10 acres in Nizamabad, a 50 per cent stake in Lahari International Hotel in Nizamabad, 3,000 square yards of commercial land leased to a furniture outlet, two flats in Ashok Township, a poly house, gold ornaments weighing about one kilogram, and bank deposits amounting to Rs. 1.37 crore. All relevant property documents have been seized, further investigation is underway.

## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Conducts Surprise Inspection at Tribal Girls' Gurukul College

**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau :** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu made a surprise visit to the

Telangana Tribal Welfare Girls' Gurukul Degree College at Tanikella in Konijerla mandal on Wednesday, creating keen interest among students and staff. The visit came unexpectedly after he concluded a review meeting at the Khammam Collectorate and was en route to Madhira constituency, when his convoy suddenly turned towards the Gurukul hostel.

During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the hostel building and interacted with

students and the Principal. He enquired about student strength, menu charts, adherence to the prescribed food menu,



lunch timings, and the quality of teaching. He also sought details about alumni of the college and the professions they had pursued after completing their studies.

Later, he visited the dining hall, inspected

cooking vessels, and had lunch along with the students. While dining, he interacted informally with them, asking about their

native places, food quality, and whether the daily menu was being strictly followed. He then inspected the library and enquired whether students were being guided for competitive examinations such as Group-I and

Group-II, and whether adequate study material was available.

The Deputy Chief Minister also observed students preparing mosquito-repellent incense sticks and instructed District Collector Anudeep to take steps to brand and market the products made by students.

He reviewed student health facilities, including the health app being used at the college, received a painting presented by the students, and later planted saplings on the campus. The unannounced visit reflected the government's special focus on education, welfare, and student well-being.

## ₹13.59 lakh lunch bill for MPs' meet at Praja Bhavan

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Telangana government has come under scrutiny after details emerged about the expenditure incurred for a single-session meeting of Members of Parliament at Praja Bhavan, where lunch and related arrangements cost the exchequer ₹13.59 lakh.

The meeting, held on March 8 under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, was attended by just 10 MPs — eight from the Congress and two from the BJP.

According to official orders issued by the government, the expenditure covered catering, hospitality and other logistical requirements, with contracts awarded to several five-star hotels and service providers. Of the total amount, ₹8,43,700 was paid to Taj Krishna Hotel, ₹1,95,800 to Hotel The Plaza, and ₹3,06,517 to NM Company. Additional payments included ₹6,000 to Anjali Florist and ₹7,200 to Santosh Enterprises.

The disclosure has sparked debate as the high expenditure was incurred for a meeting attended by a relatively small number of MPs, raising questions about financial prudence in official hospitality spending.

The government, however, maintained that the expenses were in accordance with established norms for official meetings involving elected representatives.



## Sleeping Pods Facility Set up at Guntur Railway Station

### Will enhance passenger comfort in economical charges

**(Capital Information)**  
**Vijayawada :** South Central Railway Division has setup the Sleeping Pods Facility at Guntur Railway Station premises, as part of its Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) initiatives, aimed at enhancing passenger amenities while augmenting non-fare earnings. The Sleeping pods facility is located at Platform No. 1, Gate No. 3, the facility provides safe, modern and

affordable short-stay accommodation for passengers, including families and women travelers. Currently such facility is available at Visakhapatnam and Charlapalli Railway Stations.  
**Salient Features:**  
 \*\* The sleeping pods facility has a total capacity of 64 beds, comprising: 52 Single Beds; 12 Double Beds. Amongst the total of 64 beds, beds have been ear-

marked for families and ladies, including: 10 Double Beds, 12 Single Beds.  
 \*\* The facility is equipped with several passenger-friendly amenities viz., free Wi-Fi facility, Hot water supply, Snacks bar, Travel desk, Spacious and hygienic sleeping areas, Clean toilet facilities, Locker facility to secure storage of belongings  
 \*\* The tariff has been fixed

at affordable rates:  
 Single Bed- 0 to 3 hours – ₹150; 3 to 24 hours – ₹300  
 Double Bed- 0 to 3 hours – ₹250; 3 to 24 hours – ₹500  
 Rooms- 0 to 3 hours – ₹300; 3 to 24 hours – ₹1,000  
 Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR appreciated Ms. Sudeshna Sen, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division and Guntur Division team for taking up the noble initiative to-

wards passenger friendly step and for providing comfortable stay during the travel. He also complimented the Division for taking pro active step towards generating Non-Fare revenue. The launch of this initiative reflects SCR's continued efforts to enhance passenger convenience through modern infrastructure while simultaneously strengthening revenue generation beyond core railway operations.

## After two years, the BRS government is in power again : Harish Rao

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sangareddy/ Zaheerabad :** Former Minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao said that CM Revanth Reddy is hesitant to hold local body elections with the party symbol. He participated in a felicitation program organized for the candidates supported by the BRS party who won as sarpanches in the gram panchayat elections at a Kalyanamandapam in Zaheerabad on Wednesday. He said that CM Revanth Reddy is hesitant to hold local body elections with the car symbol, which is why he is delaying the process of holding the party symbol. He said that seeing 55 good sarpanches winning in Zaheerabad constituency without party symbols, if they contest with the car symbol in



the next elections, they will win all the seats. He said that the winning sarpanches should not be afraid of anything. He said that the BRS government is certain to come to power in

the state after two years. KCR will become the Chief Minister again and all the villages will be developed at that time. He assured that the BRS party will support all the people of the village, including the winning sarpanches.

He said that he will stay here during the Zaheerabad and Kohir municipal elections and work so that TRS can win the two municipalities. KCR said that the Revanth

Reddy government has canceled the Rs.50 crore sanctioned to the Zaheerabad municipality. He demanded that the construction of the Sangameshwara and Basaveshwara projects be taken up immediately. He said that a protest rally will be held from Zaheerabad to Narayankhed soon to get the projects constructed. He demanded that District Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha pressure the CM to take up the construction of the Sangameshwara and Basaveshwara projects. Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar, Zaheerabad MLA Manik Rao, DCMS Chairman Malkapuram Sivakumar, former State SC Corporation Chairman Y.Narottam and others participated in this meeting.

## Collector Directs Officials to Ensure Foolproof Arrangements for Tomorrow CM's Visit

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirupati :** District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar has directed all department officials to ensure that no lapses occur during the upcoming visit of Honorable Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to Tirupati on December 26. Presiding over a high-level Advanced Security Liaison (ASL) and coordination meeting at the Collectorate Video Conference Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the Collector reviewed the detailed schedule and security protocols alongside District Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu, DRO Narasimhulu, and other senior officials. As per the official schedule, the Chief Minister is slated to arrive at the SV



Agriculture College helipad at 9:50 AM on Friday. He will then proceed by road to the National Sanskrit University by 10:20 AM to attend the prestigious 'Bharatiya Vijnana Sannam' program. Following the conclusion of the summit, the Chief Minister will move to the District Police Office at 12:35 PM to formally inaugurate the new building.

During the meeting, the Collector issued strict instructions to the medical and health departments to arrange for specialist doctors, a dedicated safe room, and advanced life-support ambulances at all relevant locations. He further emphasized that the electricity department must ensure uninterrupted power supply while the fire department maintains high-alert safety

measures. Specific orders were given to the engineering wings to ensure that all roads on the convoy route are completely repaired and free of potholes, and that robust barricading is installed at the helipad and event venues. Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu highlighted that a comprehensive security blanket would be in place to prevent any untoward inci-

dents. He noted that the police department is maintaining a zero-tolerance policy toward negligence and is ensuring tight coordination at the helipad and during the road transit. The Collector concluded the session by warning officials against any laxity in their duties, reiterating that the visit must be executed with professional precision.

## Semi-Christmas Celebrations at The Masterminds High School Nalgonda

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** New Little Flower School Correspondent Gundeboyina Janayya stated that Jesus Christ is the epoch-making figure who incarnated on Earth to forgive the sins of mankind. Semi-Christmas celebrations were grandly organized at The Masterminds High School in Nalgonda.



A manger, representing the stable where Jesus was born, was set up, and a statue of Baby Jesus was placed inside. As part of the Semi-Christmas celebrations, students sang songs praising Jesus Christ and performed dances. He said that we celebrate Christmas with joy on December 25th, the birthday of Christ. He stated that Christmas is a symbol of peace, happiness, and sacrifice, and that we should continue our lives with kindness, compassion, and mercy towards our fellow human beings. He advised people to follow the path shown by Jesus and live exemplary lives. He also suggested that every student should show humanity towards others. Teachers, students, and parents participated in this program.

## Collector Reviews Paddy Procurement, Assures Timely Payments to Farmers

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar :** District Collector Viziendira Boyi on Tuesday evening reviewed the ongoing paddy procurement operations for the Kharif 2025-26 season and the status of bonus payments to farmers. The review meeting was held at the VC Conference Hall of the District Collectorate with officials from various line departments and procuring agencies.



During the meeting, the Collector examined key aspects including paddy unloading at rice mills, Minimum Support Price (MSP) payments, tablet entries, PCSAP registrations, bonus disbursements, and Custom Milled Rice (CMR) deliveries related to the Rabi 2024-25 season. The Collector directed procuring agencies to expedite tablet entries to ensure timely payments to farmers and instructed that the gap between physical procurement and online entries be reduced to within three days. As of Tuesday, a total of 1,21,577 metric tonnes of paddy had been procured from 23,451 farmers, amounting to approximately ₹290 crore. MSP payments

of ₹251 crore have already been credited to 20,288 farmers, while the remaining ₹40 crore will be released to the rest in the coming days. Regarding bonus payments, officials informed that out of the total ₹32 crore bonus, ₹21.95 crore has already been credited to 7,971 farmers. The remaining ₹10.15 crore will be released shortly to 4,068 farmers. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, along with officials from DCMS, DCSD, DRDO, DCO, DAO, DMO, DTs, and members of the Millers' Association.

## Man loses Rs 6 lakh in traffic fine scam via text message link

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** A man lost Rs 6 lakh to fraudsters while attempting to pay a fine of Rs 500 using a traffic challan link he had received through text message on his phone. The victim received a message of a fine of Rs 500 imposed on his vehicle for a traffic violation. The message contained a link, and on clicking it, he was directed to a website to pay the challan. "When the victim attempted to pay the challan amount by keying in some numerals, he lost 6,900 Euros, equivalent to nearly Rs 6 lakh. The fraudsters had hacked his phone and made unauthorised transactions," said Cybercrime police. The police urged citizens not to fall prey to such scams and not believe in messages received through text message, emails, or WhatsApp asking them to pay the challans.

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**E-tender Notice No DR/M/Works/SC/180-187/2025/OT, Dt: 23.12.2025**

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on dt: 21.01.2026.

<p><b>S.No. : 01 e-Tender No. : 180_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work: SC-KZJ Section: Proposed safety related yard improvements and upgradation works at various yards under SSE/P.Way/SC section. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 6,47,50,281/- EMD (₹): 4,73,800/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 02 e-Tender No. : 181_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work: WD-SC-KZJ Section: Proposed safety related yard improvements and upgradation works at various yards under SSE/P.Way/SNF section. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 4,51,30,374/- EMD (₹): 3,75,700/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 03 e-Tender No. : 182_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work: SC-KZJ Section: Proposed safety related yard improvements and upgradation works at various yards under SSE/P.Way/CR/KZJ section. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 4,56,06,150/- EMD (₹): 3,78,100/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 04 e-Tender No. : 183_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work: KZJ-BPQ Section: SW 1) Proposed ancillary works for LC No. 33 at Km.307/15-13 (RUB 81A) Jacketing of approach retaining walls etc. between KOLR-PTKP stations. SW 2) Proposed ancillary works for LC No. 30 at km. 311/15-17 (RUB 74 A) Jacketing of approach retaining walls etc. between OEA-PTKP stations under Sr.DEN/North/SC Jurisdiction. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 5,38,39,042/- EMD (₹): 4,19,200/- Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: 36</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 05 e-Tender No. : 184_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work: VKB-PRLI Section: SW 1) SSE/P.Way/UDGR jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. SW 2) SSE/P.Way/PRLI jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 3,25,14,980/- EMD (₹): 3,12,600/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 06 e-Tender No. : 185_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work: SW 1) VKB-PRLI Section: SSE/P.Way/BIDR jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. SW 2) BIDR-GR Section: SSE/P.Way/HMBD jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 2,72,84,458/- EMD (₹): 2,86,500/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 07 e-Tender No. : 186_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work: PDPL-NZB Section: SW 1) SSE/P.Way/ARMU jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. SW 2) SSE/P.Way/KRMR jurisdiction - Proposed safety related yard improvement and upgradation works at various yards. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 3,00,63,943/- EMD (₹): 3,00,400/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)</b></p> <p><b>S.No. : 08 e-Tender No. : 187_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work: Repairs to Road surfaces and Service buildings and Painting to FOBs under ADEN/BIDR jurisdiction. Approx. Tender Value in (₹): 2,72,02,313/- EMD (₹): 2,86,100/- Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: 06</b></p>	<p><b>S.No.: 01 Tender No.: T-202526-2-093 Authority: Co-ord Description of the work: Provision of Ballast less Track 03 Nos. at Nanded station (Road 1-720m, Road 2-720m and Road 3-700m). Tender value in (₹): 195551147.64 Earnest money in (₹): 1127800.00 Cost of tender form in (₹): 0 Completion period: Eighteen Months</b></p> <p><b>S.No.: 02 Tender No.: T-202526-2-094 Authority: Co-ord Description of the work: Nanded Division SW-I Akola - Purna (SL) - TRR (P) - 11.213 Tkm. (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure) (IRPSM ID : 11.04.31.25.3.53.012 &amp; PWP of 2025-26) SW-II-Manmad - Mukhdhed (UP) - TRR (P) - 5.721 Tkm. (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure) (IRPSM ID : 11.04.31.25.3.53.023 &amp; PWP of 2025-26) SW-III - Mukhdhed - Pimpalkuti (SL) - TRR(P) 5.716 Tkm (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure) (IRPSM ID : 11.04.31.25.3.53.017) SW-IV-Akola - Purna (SL) - TRR(P) - 1.500 km Single Line: 758.300-759.800 = 1.500 Tkm (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure) (IRPSM ID : 11.04.31.24.4.53.006 &amp; LSWP of 2024-25) SWV-Manmad-Mukhdhed(UP Line)-TRR(P)- 1.300 Tkm ( Up Line 337.600 - 338.9000 1.300 Tkm. (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure) (IRPSM ID : 11.04.31.24.4.53.011 &amp; LSWP of 2024-25) Total TRR(P): 25.450 Tkm under DEN/NE/NE/SJ/Jurisdiction. Tender value in (₹): 1169042.70 Earnest money in (₹): 208100.00 Cost of tender form in (₹): 0 Completion period: Twelve Months</b></p> <p><b>SL.NO.: 1 Tender No.: T-202526-2-093 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs): "Any Civil Engineering work comprising of Construction of Ballast less track (BLT) on Passenger running lines either on Indian Railways or on World Railway Systems or in Metro Railway Projects."</b></p> <p><b>SL.No.: 2 Tender No.: T-202526-2-094 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs): Any Railway track work including track maintenance work.</b></p> <p>All above tenders will be closed 16.01.2026 at 15:00 hrs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sr.DEN/Co-ord/Nanded</b></p> <p><b>Tender Notice No.NED/E-36, 37 &amp; 38/2025-26 Dt.23.12.2025</b></p> <p>Offers are invited for the following E-Tenders at www.ireps.gov.in</p> <p><b>S.No.: 01 Tender No.: NED/E-36/2025-26 Name of the work: Nanded division: 1. Provision of Hot Axle and Hot Wheel Detector system (HAHD) at UMM station-Electrical Arrangements. 2. Provision of Hot Axle and Hot Wheel Detector system (HAHD) at MQL station-Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost (₹): 10,76,086.80/- Bid Security (₹): 21,500/- Validity of offer: 60 days Period of completion: 6 Months Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration Date and time of closing: 15.00 hrs of 15.01.2026</b></p> <p><b>S.No.: 02 Tender No.: NED/E-37/2025-26 Name of the work: Nanded division: Provision of Ballast less Track 03 Nos. at Nanded station (Road 1-720m, Road 2-720m and Road 3-700m) Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost (₹): 57,86,168.00/- Bid Security (₹): 1,15,700/- Validity of offer: 60 days Period of completion: 12 Months Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration Date and time of closing: 15.00 hrs of 15.01.2026</b></p> <p><b>S.No.: 03 Tender No.: NED/E-38/2025-26 Name of the work: Provision of Solar Panels on COP area of Amrit stations in Nanded Division-Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost (₹): 9,09,39,577.00/- Bid Security (₹): 6,04,700/- Validity of offer: 60 days Period of completion: 12 Months Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration Date and time of closing: 15.00 hrs of 15.01.2026</b></p> <p>For Tender document, details of eligibility criteria, special conditions, etc. go to our web site as mentioned above. It is advised to check if there is any corrigendum published online before submission of offer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Divisional Railway Manager (Elec.), Nanded A2100</b></p> <p><b>For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in</b></p>
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Tirupati Collector and SP Announce Stringent Security and Streamlined Darshan for Vaikunta Ekadasi

(Capital Information) Tirupati : In a joint press conference held on Wednesday, District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar and District SP Subbarayudu emphasized that the administration has placed the highest priority on providing

Venkateswar detailed that the TTD and the district machinery have finalized all logistics following high-level review meetings involving the state Home Minister, Revenue Minister, and Endowments Minister. With approximately 2.5

congestion within the city. Adding to the operational plan, District SP Subbarayudu confirmed the deployment of 3,000 police personnel to maintain order and security throughout the festive period. The SP noted that daily darshan is capped at 60,000 pilgrims, and it is imperative that ticket holders arrive strictly according to their allotted time slots. Surveillance will be intensified through a central command control room utilizing drone technology and an extensive network of CCTV cameras.



a seamless Vaikunta Dwara Darshan experience for common pilgrims.

The festival, spanning ten days from December 30 to January 8, is set to witness a significant influx of devotees, with the administration ensuring that nearly ninety percent of the available slots are dedicated to general pilgrims, while VIP and VVIP quotas are strictly limited to less than ten percent.

million tickets issued nationwide via the online portal, the administration has prepared for peak crowds particularly during the initial three days of Ekadasi, Dwadasi, and Trayodasi.

To facilitate this, extensive infrastructure has been deployed at bus stations and railway stations, including enhanced sanitation protocols and specialized parking zones for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers to prevent

The SP further cautioned pilgrims against fraudulent activities, emphasizing that tokens are non-transferable and that every devotee must carry their original Aadhaar card or a valid identity document for verification.

The authorities have appealed to the media to assist in disseminating accurate information and have urged the public to disregard social media rumors, relying instead on official communications to ensure a peaceful and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.

MLA Pulivarthi Nani Distributes Samsung 5G Smartphones to 348 Anganwadi Workers in Chandragiri

(Capital Information) Tirupati Rural : As part of the Alliance Government's initiative to digitalize and enhance the efficiency of the Women and Child Welfare Department, Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani distributed advanced Samsung 5G smartphones to 348 Anganwadi workers on Wednesday. The distribution ceremony took place at the Telugu Desam Party office located at Raghunath Resorts in Tanapalli, Tirupati Rural Mandal.



mately ₹48.78 lakhs to equip Anganwadi workers and supervisors with 5G technology. He emphasized that these smartphones would play a crucial role in the real-time monitoring of nutrition distribution, digital record

maintenance for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children, and ensuring overall transparency in government welfare schemes. He encouraged the staff to leverage this modern technology to provide faster and

more reliable services to the beneficiaries.

In addition to the mobile distribution, the MLA handed over appointment letters to three newly recruited helpers (Aayas) for the Anganwadi centers in Narasingapuram, Paidipalli, and Panakam. He lauded the dedicated services of the Anganwadi staff and reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the grassroots welfare infrastructure. The event saw the participation of the Chandragiri Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Anganwadi supervisors, and other departmental staff.



SC National Commission Member Jatothu Hussain Visits Geological Survey of India (GSI)

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), visited the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Southern Region Headquarters, Hyderabad, on 23rd December 2025. The Hon'ble Member received a warm reception upon arrival by Basab Mukhopadhyay, ADG & HoD, GSI, SR along with Dr. S Ravi, DDG & HoD, GSI, Training Institute and other senior officers of GSI.

tributes to the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Floral tributes were also paid to the portraits of eminent national leaders and tribal icons including Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, Birsamunda, and Kumaram Bheem, acknowledging their contributions towards nation-building and social reform. This was followed by participation in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" plantation drive in the campus, symbolising environmental consciousness and social responsibility.

observed specimens of the various rocks, minerals, ores, metals and fossils.

The Member later interacted with Scheduled Tribe employees and office bearers of the SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, where discussions focused on service conditions, welfare measures, and inclusive workplace practices were discussed. He emphasized the importance of equal opportunity, dignity of labour, and adherence to constitutional values in government organisations.

Region and Training Institute including Director & Liaison Officer (SC/ST), and representatives of the SC/ST Employees Welfare Association. The discussions focused on welfare schemes, grievance redressal mechanisms, representation of ST employees, and strengthening institutional support systems.

Jatothu Hussain lauded various measures being taken at GSI towards the welfare of SC & ST Employees. The program concluded with the honouring of the esteemed member of NCST Jatothu Hussain by GSI.

Christ showed the noble path of sharing peace and love with everyone : Legislative Council Chairman

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : On the occasion of Christ's birthday celebrations, under the auspices of QCSS TBC, Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, at his Nalgonda camp office, participated in special prayers for world peace conducted by Father Reverend Jeevan and Father Reverend Kiran. Gutha Sukhender Reddy cut a cake and extended Christmas greetings.



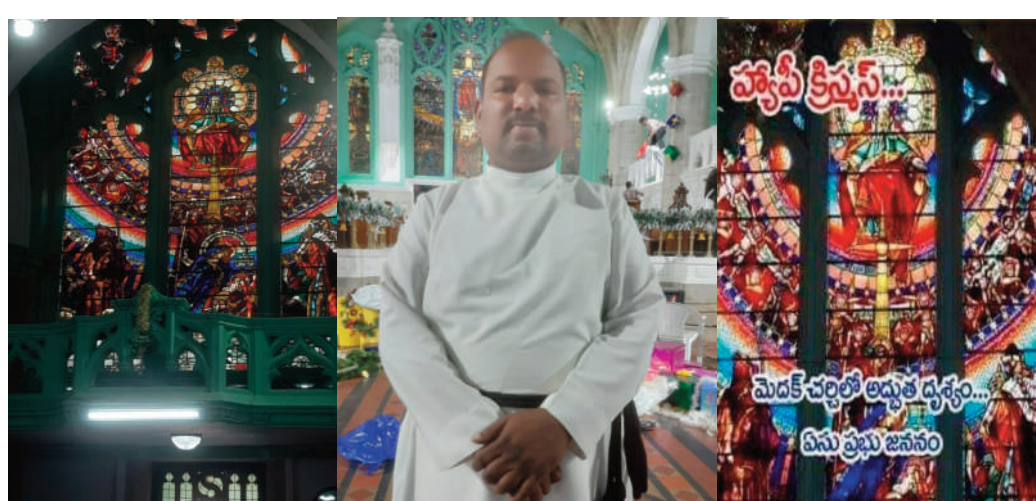
all people in the world live in peace, love, equality, and prosperity.

QCSS TBC President T.S. Christopher, All India Christian Council Political Secretary Pasala Shoraiah, YMCA Telangana State President T.S. Williams Rohit, ENT Hospital

founders Dr. M.S. Emmanuel and Dr. Rohit, YMCA Nalgonda District Legal Advisor D. Lingaswamy, Field Vice Chairman T. Elisha, T.S. Francis, Nalgonda Body Builders Association President Hashmi, Secretary Ashraf Ahmed, and others participated in the event.

MAHADEVALAYAM MEDAK CHURCH IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

(Capital Information) Medak : Christianity has a special place in the history of Medak district. Medak Cathedral, which is famous not only in Telangana state but also throughout the country, is the pride of this region. With a history of more than hundred years, this church has witnessed many historical events. Medak Cathedral played a vital role in the spread of Christianity, spiritual activities and social services.



The construction of Medak Cathedral Church started in the year 1914. The construction of this church was initiated during the then British rule. European style of architecture was followed for construction. Built exclusively in the Gothic style, this church is recognized as one of the largest cathedrals in India. High domes, spacious prayer hall, excellent architectural skill are the special features of this cathedral. It took about 10 years to complete the construction work.

Many sculptors, workers and experts participated in this construction. The year 1914 was the foundation stone for the construction of Medak Cathedral.

The construction of Medak Cathedral was completed in the year 1924. A grand opening ceremony was held that year. Since then important celebrations of Christianity are held here every year. Holidays like Christmas and Easter are celebrated with devotion.

Devotees come from all over the state for these celebrations. The interior of Medak Cathedral is the most attractive. Especially the windows made of colored glass attract attention. Stories from the Bible are shown in pictorial form on these windows. When the sunlight hits these colored glasses cast a wonderful light on the church. It gives a spiritual experience to the devotees.

that thousands of devotees could pray at the same time. Lakhs of devotees throng this famous church to offer prayers and pay their respects to Lord Jesus. Apart from residents of Telangana, foreigners also flock from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu. Pastors bless the devotees who have come from a long distance.

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The first prayer is offered at four o'clock in the morning and another prayer at 10 o'clock. Devotees continue to come even till night. Guru Shantayya said that with the financial funds allocated by the government, construction of roads, drinking water facilities, and accommodation facilities have been arranged in large numbers. A dignified security was arranged with the help of additional SP Mahender, DSP Prasannakumar, CIs, SIs, hundreds of policemen and volunteers under the direction of Medak SP Srinivasa Rao without causing any trouble to the devotees.



Jesus Christ, who incarnated for the salvation of humanity : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

(Capital Information)

Nakrekal : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said that Jesus Christ incarnated for the salvation of humanity. On Wednesday, he participated in the "Love Feast" program organized by the government for the Christian brothers and sisters of his constituency, cut a cake, and extended Christmas greetings.

The program was attended by the MROs of Narketpally and Nakrekal, the ZP CEO, MPDOs, Nalgonda DCC President Punna Kailash Netha, Nakrekal Municipal Chairperson Chevugoni Rajitha-Srinivas, Market Chairperson Guttha Manjula-Madhav Reddy, local councilors, officials, Christian brothers and sisters, public representatives, and others.



Preparations Underway for Mukkoti Ekadashi Festival at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple

(Capital Information) Jagtial/Dharmapuri : A review meeting was held at the temple's Executive Officer's office to discuss arrangements for the Mukkoti Ekadashi festival on December 30, 2025.

Officials from revenue, municipal, and police departments attended, focusing on ensuring a smooth experience for devotees and dignitaries. Arrangements include queue management, special darshan queues, and police bandobust. Emphasis on maintaining cleanliness in the temple and surrounding areas. Pooja ceremonies to follow traditional practices.

Attendees included temple Executive Officer Sankatala Srinivas, Temple chairman Jikka Ravinder, Members, Dy. Collector K. Harini, Tahsildar Srinivas, Local CI Rama Narsimha Reddy, SI Mahesh and other officials.

Techie Duped of ₹33.25 Lakh in Online Trading Scam in Tirupati

(Capital Information) Tirupati Rural : In a major cyber fraud, a 42-year-old software employee from Tirupati fell prey to a sophisticated online trading scam, losing a staggering ₹33.25 lakh. The victim was lured by fraudsters promising high returns through a fake institutional trading platform.

The scam came to light when the victim tried to withdraw his "earnings." The fraudsters blocked the withdrawal and demanded an additional 20% commission on the profit. They further coerced him to pay more under the guise of "Pre-IPO" share allocations. Police Investigation.

Suspecting fraud, the victim approached the Cyber Crime officials, who confirmed that the app was a fake (fraudulent) interface designed to steal money. A case has been registered at the Tirupati Rural Police Station following a complaint on the National Cyber Crime Portal (Ack Nos: 20212250058205 & 30212250019827).



"We have launched a deep technical investigation. Our team, along with cyber experts, is tracking the digital footprints, including the bank accounts and phone numbers used in the crime," said CI Chinna Govindu.

November 24 and December 17, the victim transferred ₹33,25,000 in multiple installments via IMPS and RTGS into various bank accounts provided by the fraudsters. The scam came to light when the victim tried to withdraw his "earnings." The fraudsters blocked the withdrawal and demanded



Indiramma Housing Scheme Beneficiaries Receive Sanction Letters in Dharmapuri

(Capital Information)

Jagtial/Dharmapuri : State Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar distributed Indiramma housing scheme sanction letters to 68 beneficiaries in Dharmapuri. The event was attended by officials including Dy. Collector Kanna Harini, Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Rao MRO Srinivas, Former municipal councilors and others.

Minister highlighted Govt's focus on women's welfare and scheme implementations. Govt aims to provide houses to all eligible beneficiaries in Dharmapuri. Schemes like interest-free loans and subsidized rice being implemented successfully.

# Editorial

## LVM3 Demonstrates World-Class Reliability with Successful Deployment of Heaviest Payload

**Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State in the PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, today congratulated Team ISRO on the successful launch of the LVM3-M6 mission carrying the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite. In a message, the Minister said that under the**

**visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ISRO continues to achieve one milestone after another, reaffirming India's growing strength, credibility, and global standing in space technology.**

**Building on this momentum, India registered a historic achievement with the successful launch of the LVM3-M6 mission, which placed the heaviest satellite ever carried by an Indian**

**launch vehicle into its designated orbit. The mission marks a significant leap in India's heavy-lift launch capabilities and further strengthens the country's position in the international commercial launch market.**

**Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation, Dr. V. Narayanan announced that the LVM3-M6 launch vehicle performed flawlessly and precisely in-**

**jected the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite into its intended low Earth orbit. He said this was the heaviest satellite launched from Indian soil using an indigenous launcher and the third fully commercial mission of the LVM3. The mission, he added, reflects the launch vehicle's outstanding reliability and world-class performance, placing it among the best in the global space sector.**

**The satellite deployed on this mission, BlueBird Block-2, is part of a next-generation constellation designed to provide space-based cellular broadband connectivity directly to standard mobile smartphones, without the need for specialised user equipment. The mission has been undertaken under a commercial agreement between NewSpace India Limited and US-based AST SpaceMobile, highlighting**

**India's growing role as a reliable launch service provider for advanced global communication missions.**

**With the successful flight of the Launch Vehicle Mark-3, India has once again demonstrated its technological maturity in complex heavy-lift missions, reinforcing confidence in indigenous launch systems and further elevating the country's stature in the global space arena.**

# Rot in government schools and education system

**“As lofty as the claims of education reform in Haryana are, the ground reality is equally harsh. The deplorable conditions exposed during the Governor's inspection of a government school in Panchkula reveal that the problem isn't specific to a single school, but to the entire system. Dirty toilets, lack of water, and dilapidated infrastructure are a direct threat to the health and dignity of children. The lack of basic amenities despite budgets and plans worth crores is evidence of administrative failure. If accountability isn't established now, Haryana's future will be shaped by these dilapidated schools.”**

Haryana, known for its sports, military heritage, and development claims, often faces a ground reality contrary to these claims. The picture that emerged during Governor Prof. Asim Ghosh's inspection of the Government Model Sanskriti Primary School in Panchkula is not just the story of one school, but exposes the reality of Haryana's education system, which has been hidden behind files and statistics for years. When a state's Governor has to cover his nose from the foul smell of school toilets, it should not only be seen as an inconvenience but as a question mark on the entire system.

For the past few years, the Haryana government has been touting modernization in education with terms like "Model Sanskriti Schools," "Smart Schools," and "Digital Classrooms." Budget speeches announce crores of rupees for schools, posters of new schemes are displayed, and inauguration ceremonies present a picture of development. But this school in Panchkula shows that the development on paper is dying on the ground. Toilets have no water, doors are bro-

ken, and the infrastructure is so dilapidated that staff have to make do with the lack of stairs to reach the roof.

This situation didn't arise overnight. It's the result of years of administrative negligence, the failure of inspection mechanisms, and a lack of accountability. The Haryana Education Department has a comprehensive structure—Block Education Officers, District Education Officers, Engineering Wings, Inspection Committees, and School Management Committees. The question is why no one noticed this stench until the Governor arrived. Were all these officials blind, or have they adopted an administrative culture of ignoring everything despite seeing it?

In a state like Haryana, where there's already a deep divide between rural and urban education, this state of government schools further deepens social inequality. Families with the means send their children to private schools. However, those without options are forced to continue their children's education in these schools. In this situation, dirty toilets, dilapidated buildings, and unsafe environments be-



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come not just a disorder but a form of social injustice.

The poor condition of toilets is often considered a minor issue, but in reality, it is directly linked to the quality of education. Particularly in Haryana, where girl child education and dropout rates are already a concern, the lack of clean and safe toilets is a major factor in keeping girls out of school. The effectiveness of campaigns like "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) is questioned when schools lack even basic facilities for girls.

The Governor's anger was understandable, and he ordered immediate improvements. However, Haryana's

experience shows that such orders often end up limited to temporary cleaning and whitewashing. Toilets shine for a few days, broken doors are temporarily repaired, and then everything returns to normal. If the guilty officials in this case are not identified and concrete action is not taken against them, this incident, like other inspections, will be buried in files.

The Haryana government touts its spending on education as an achievement. But the gap between spending and results is constantly widening. Questions arise as to where the money is going. Is substandard material being used in construction, is there corruption in the contracting system, or is the monitoring system completely lax? Unless these questions are honestly answered, it is futile to expect any new scheme to bring about real improvement.

The role of society is no less important in this entire episode. In Haryana, parents, panchayats, and local public representatives often remain silent until the matter reaches the media. School management committees exist on paper, but they are neither empowered nor taken seriously. If

the local community plays an active role in monitoring schools, such poor conditions would no longer be possible to hide for years.

It's also important to note that Haryana's government schools are not just centers of education, but also a means of safety, nutrition, and social inclusion for children in rural and backward areas. Midday meal programs, health checkups, and scholarships are delivered through these schools. When the school environment itself is unsafe and abusive, the purpose of these programs is undermined.

This incident should serve as a warning in the context of Haryana. Reforms will not be achieved simply by issuing orders. Regular independent audits of school infrastructure, transparent scrutiny of construction and maintenance contracts, and exemplary action against officials found negligent are essential. Furthermore, school management committees and panchayats should be empowered to hold them accountable by empowering them with real power.

Haryana has long been known as a land of hardwork-

ing farmers, soldiers, and athletes. The state can only maintain that reputation if its next generation receives a respectful and safe educational environment. Smelly toilets, broken doors, and dilapidated buildings are not the hallmarks of a developed state.

The Governor's handkerchief has become a symbol of the fact that the situation is no longer concealable. This is a moment of introspection for the Haryana government, administration, and society. If lessons are learned from this incident and concrete and lasting reforms are implemented, this inspection could prove to be a positive turning point. But if this is also forgotten after a few days of discussion, this plight will impact Haryana's future just as it is impacting its schools today.

Ultimately, the question is whether Haryana wants to raise its children to be "models" only through slogans and schemes, or whether it truly wants to provide them with a school where cleanliness, safety, and respect are fundamental rights. This is the true test of education, and the state's future rests on it.

# FTA with New Zealand: Will it Afflict the Interests of Indian Apple Growers?

Amid a stuck period for Indo-American Trade finalization, India and New Zealand announced a bilateral agreement, on December 22, 2025, stating a win-win situation for both. However, the implementation may take a period of six months or so.

A government of India press release through PIB, on 22 December, terming the FTA as Gains for Agriculture, Technology Cooperation, and Farmer Income Growth states that New Zealand have agreed on focused Action Plans for kiwifruit, apples, and honey to improve productivity, quality, and sectoral capabilities of these fruits' growers in India. The cooperation includes the establishment of Centres of Excellence, improved planting material, capacity building for growers, technical support for orchard management, post-harvest practices, supply chains and food safety. Projects for premium apple cultivators and sustainable bee-keeping practices will enhance production and quality standards.

This is Paired with Market access for the selected agricultural products (Apples, Kiwifruit, Manuka Honey) from New Zealand in India.

The Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on December 22, 2025, Tweeted on his X account, Narendra Modi @narendramodi, "An important moment for India-New Zealand relations, with a strong push to bilateral trade and investment! My friend PM Christopher Luxon and I had a very good conversation a short while ago following the conclusion of the landmark India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement. Concluded in

just nine months, this historic milestone reflects a strong political will and shared ambition to deepen economic ties between our two countries.

This FTA ensures: Enhanced market access, Deeper investment flows, Numerous opportunities for innovators, entrepreneurs, farmers, MSMEs, students and youth."

In another tweet on the same day, PM Modi wrote, "The India-NZ partnership is going to scale newer heights. The FTA sets the stage for doubling bilateral trade in the coming 5 years. India welcomes investment worth over USD 20 billion from New Zealand across diverse sectors. Our talented youth, vibrant startup ecosystem and reform-driven economy offer a strong foundation for innovation, growth and long-term partnership. At the same time, we continue to strengthen cooperation in other areas like sports, education and cultural linkages."

New Zealand also seems cheered with this FTA. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, (MFAT) New Zealand on its web site states, "The New Zealand - India FTA will deliver preferential access for New Zealand exporters to the large and fast-growing Indian market for 95% of our current exports over time - with more than 50% benefiting from full tariff elimination immediately on the day one, and rising to more than 80% over time."

Divulging the key good benefits, MFAT adds, "Forestry - a major export to India - over 95% of exports will be able to enter tariff-free immediately from entry into force, with tariffs on almost all our existing trade

phased out over seven years. Tariffs removed immediately on sheep meat, wool, coal and many other products, tariffs on New Zealand's key fish and seafood exports phased out over seven years, valuable new quota access for kiwifruit and apples, with volumes starting well above average recent trade, and growing beyond that."

MFAT claims that New Zealand is the first country to secure preferential access for apples in any Indian FTA, and the first kiwifruit exporter to secure tariff-free access for kiwifruit plus a 50% tariff reduction outside quota, phased tariff elimination on other horticultural products including cherries, avocados, blueberries and persimmons, tariffs on manuka honey cut by 75% over five years, making New Zealand the first country to secure preferential access for honey in any Indian FTA, tariffs on bulk infant formula and other dairy-based preparations, and peptones (a dairy-based product) phased out over seven years, tariffs for albumins (a milk protein product) halved within a quota covering average recent trade.



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This new preferential access will provide valuable new opportunities to grow exports to India, and a more level playing field with competitors from India's FTA partners who already enjoy low or no tariffs on many of their exports."

New Zealand hopes that the benefits of the FTA are expected to grow over time as India's economy continues to grow - projected to become the world's third-largest economy over the coming years - and its middle class continues to expand.

New Zealand's version reveals that most of these FTA parts are circling around the farmers' issues. Whether it is forestry, sheep meat, wool, tariffs on bulk infant formula and other dairy-based preparations, and peptones (a dairy-based

product), tariffs for albumins (a milk protein product), key fish and seafood, preferential access for apples in any Indian FTA, and the first kiwifruit exporter to secure tariff-free access for kiwifruit plus a 50% tariff reduction, preferential access for honey, or phased tariff elimination on other horticultural products including cherries, avocados, blueberries and persimmons, tariffs on manuka honey cut by 75% over five years.

Enticing the inclusion of horticulture, animal meat and sea products in the FTA, Apple Farmers' Federation of India (AFFI) has condemned the 'Lowering of Import Tariffs' on New Zealand Apples and doubted that Dumping of Foreign Apples will Worsen the Crisis in Apple Economy.

In a reactionary press statement, the Apple Farmers' Federation of India (AFFI) unequivocally condemned the ending of 50 per cent basic customs duty as per the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on import of apple. AFFI pleads that as per this

FTA, a fixed quantity of imports of apples at zero or highly concessional tariff rates will be allowed. New Zealand's trade ministry on Monday said it has become the "first" country to get duty concessions for its apples under any free trade agreement signed by India. A similar tariff rate quota (TRQ) system has also been agreed upon for honey, kiwi and albumins.

AFFI fears that the present FTA with New Zealand rings alarm bells as the country has been the fourth largest exporter of apples to India. In the agreement, import duty concessions will be given to New Zealand on 32,500 metric tonnes (MT) in the first year of the pact. The quota will be increased to 45,000 MT in the sixth year at 25 per cent duty.

Apple growers underline that this bilateral FTA, which India is boasting as a major-win, has come at a significant cost for its horticultural sector, a sector that contributes 30 percent of agricultural GDP. Apples are considered a high value crop in this subsector and bring remunerative incomes to farmers in the Himalayan

states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and as well as Northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya.

AFFI adds that however, over the past two decades, imports of apples from US, Turkey, Iran, New Zealand, Afghanistan, etc have been steadily rising while the export of our domestically produced fruit has remained near stagnant. In the last 25 years, imports have climbed from 0.2 lakh MT to 6 lakh MT, from 1.7 percent of domestic production to 22.5 per cent. At the same time, our exports - at just 21,700 MT - is behind even the 2004-05 figures when India exported 23,100 MT of apples.

Federation further states that in recent years, the Modi government reduced the basic customs duty on apples from around 75% down to 50%. In 2023, as part of broader trade negotiations, India removed a 20 per cent retaliatory additional duty on US apple imports that had existed on top of the basic duty. Iranian apples are being imported into India under the guise of Afghanistan-origin to exploit the Afghanistan-India FTA and avoid import duties. AFFI in the past has repeatedly urged the Indian government to ban Iranian apples that are arriving under this relabelling practice. These reductions and illegal rerouting of apples have propelled the increase in our imports.

Considering that the two states, J&K and Himachal Pradesh, producing almost 90 per cent of India's annual apple production of 2.6 million MT, have been facing natural disasters and weather

disturbances year after year, the Indian government should have increased the basic import duty to 100 per cent as has been the consistent demand of apple farmers. Instead, in an anti-farmer move, the security of India's apple growers has been compromised to favour the interests of New Zealand.

So, the AFFI demands that the Indian government protect the interests of apple farmers and immediately rescind the ending of 50 per cent import tariffs on New Zealand apples. We call upon farmers in apple-growing villages across the country to protest this blatant attack on their livelihoods.

Showing its concerns, in its two-day National Coordination Committee meeting, on 22 July 2024, the Apple Farmers Federation of India (AFFI) had raised the issues of the three apple-growing states (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand). They had demanded that the government stop the corporatisation of the apple industry and protect farmers by reducing the cost of production. The demands included a 100% import duty on apples; implementation of a price policy to ensure 50% of the retail price as procurement price; banning of spurious pesticides and fertilisers; insurance coverage in the public sector; and subsidy for inputs, storage and transport. But contrary to AFFI's expectations, the Government of India has signed an FTA with New Zealand, which may hamper the interests of Apple Growers. How the government will safeguard their interests - is the question to be answered?



The effigy of the Bangladesh Prime Minister was burned

(Capital Information) Nellore : Hindus are losing their right to live. BJP leaders held a protest demanding that Indian Prime Minister Modi put pressure on the international community.

BJP leaders Mithathala Ramesh, Bairi Srinivasulu, and Kandikatla Rajeshwari addressed the protest held at Alankar Center in Moolapeta, Nellore.



Prime Minister Yunus is instigating hatred against India and orchestrating attacks on Hindus within the minority community to gain an advantage in the upcoming elections in Bangladesh.

With incessant attacks, Hindus in Bangladesh are losing their right to live. Bangladesh Prime Minister Yunus is killing Hindus and in-

body and rejoiced. Hindus in Bangladesh are becoming homeless. The United Nations, international organizations, and the International Human Rights Commission have expressed concern that the right to life of Hindus is in danger.

BJP leaders, during a protest, appealed to Prime Minister Modi to exert pressure on the international community to suppress the radical Islamic organizations in Bangladesh.

Padmavathi Manosravaya, Gangula Janardhan, T. Srinivasulu, K. Sivakumar, Saraswathi, Nagalakshmi, Sujana, Vijayashree, Chittibabu, Muruga Naresh, Bhaskar, Narala Subbareddy, Adinarayana, and others participated in the event.

Afroz Khan appointed as Nalgonda Congress District Legal, Human Rights and RTI Unit Convener

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : TPCC has taken a key decision by appointing advocate Afroz Khan as the Nalgonda District Convener of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee Legal, Human Rights and RTI Unit.



To this end, TPCC Legal, Human Rights and RTI Department Chairman Ponnam Ashok Goud issued official orders on Wednesday. TPCC expressed hope that Afroz Khan will play a key role in further strengthening the party at the field level and standing by the people in matters of legal protection, human rights and right to information.

Ponnam Ashok Goud advised Mohammed Afroz to further strengthen the Congress party and work under the

guidance of the party's top leadership.

On this occasion, Congress national leader Sonia Gandhi, Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi, AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge, AICC Legal Cell Chairman Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud should work by strengthening the leadership.

Mohammed Afroz Khan, who is about to take charge as the TPCC Legal, Human Rights and RTI Nalgonda District Convener, was felicitated by Nalgonda District Chairman Nampally Narasimha, urban leaders, lawyers, Chakravarthy Srinivas, Nampally Bhagya, Madhusudan, Naresh, and Shabbir Khan, among others, expressed their best wishes.

Retired Employees' Arrears Must Be Paid Immediately

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : The association's president, Kompelli Bhikshapathi, Venkat Reddy, and convener Ganesh, along with executive committee members, demanded that the

at the event, they expressed their anguish, stating that even after 21 months since their retirement, the state government has not released their due arrears and is delaying even the re-

venting them from enjoying their retirement. They mentioned that in their old age, they are facing health problems along with financial difficulties. They also stated that 36 retired employees have died so far. They warned that if the government does not immediately release their due arrears, they will intensify their movement.



state government immediately release the arrears of employees who retired after March 2024. On Wednesday, retired employees held a hunger strike in front of the Nalgonda District Collector's office. Speaking

lease of their own savings in the form of GPF (General Provident Fund). They stated that the state government is causing retired employees immense mental and financial difficulties, pre-

Shankaraya, Venkateshwarlu, Venkat Reddy, Edla Bhiksham, Goli Lakshma Reddy, Bhaskar Reddy, Sudhakar Reddy, Sujatha, Nagamani, Sudharani, Mangamma, and other retired employees participated in this program.



Sarpanch and former ward member participated in the sheep and goat deworming medicine distribution program

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Marketpally : In Cheruvugattu village, Cheruvugattu Village Sarpanch Nethakani Krishnaiah and former ward member Ganta Shekhar, 3rd ward member Kukutla Srikanth, village elders Valluri Mal-layya, Adi Chandraiah, Valluri Iddhaiah, Gowridevi Laxmaiah, Malga Narsimha, Ganta Saidulu, Dayyala Shankar, veterinary doctors, youth leaders Katta Sai, Katta Shivaji, and others participated in the sheep and goat deworming medicine distribution program undertaken by the Telangana Government's Animal Husbandry Department.

Nalgonda District Police Department achieved significant progress : SP Sharath Chandra Pawar



(Capital Information) Nalgonda : District Police Officer Sharath Chandra Pawar, IPS, stated that the Nalgonda District Police Department has achieved significant progress in 2025 in several key areas such as crime control, public safety, protection of women and children, prevention of cybercrimes, control of property crimes, eradication of narcotics, road safety, youth em-

powerment, and police welfare. The SP stated that public cooperation, modern technology, professional investigation, and effective prosecution were the main reasons for these results. Significant reduction in crime: Compared to 2024, the total number of crimes in Nalgonda district decreased from 8,834 to 8,493 in 2025. The SP stated that it

is noteworthy that serious crimes decreased from 221 to 169. Specifically, murders for gain - zero, robberies - zero. A clear decrease has been registered in major crimes such as murders, rapes, thefts, and frauds. The SP stated that this is evidence of the effective implementation of preventive policing, patrolling, and surveillance measures.

APPRECIATION TO POLICE PERSONNEL FOR EXCELLENCE IN CCTNS / IT SYSTEMS : SP D V SRINIVASA RAO

(Capital Information) Medak : Telangana State Additional DGP (Technical Services) V.V. Srinivasa Rao, received letters of commendation and letters of appreciation. In this program, members of the IT core team from Medak district, Anil, Amarnath, Tech Team Writers Mounika and Raju received certificates of appreciation for their efficient and committed



On this occasion, Dis-

trict SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao and the staff were specially appreciated. He suggested that the police department should be improved by using technology effectively in the future as well. He added that such recognitions will not only increase the morale among the personnel but also strengthen the digital administration in the district police department.

The Christmas festival should fill the lives of Christians with light

(Capital Information) Kodad : Grand Semi-Christmas celebrations and calendar unveiling at Kodad Nayan Nagar Baptist Church. Kodada TPCC delegate Ch. Lakshminarayana Reddy and Library Chairman Vangaveeti Ramarao said that the Christmas festival should fill the lives of Christians with light. Speaking after unveiling the New Year calendar at the Kodad

Baptist Church on Wednesday, they said that the Congress government is working in all possible ways for the welfare of Christians. They stated that the spiritual programs of Christians contribute greatly to peace and harmony in society. They urged everyone to

celebrate the Christmas festival grandly. They congratulated Pastor Yesaiah for extensively conducting spiritual programs. Former Municipal Councillor Janaki Yesaiah, Church Pastor Yesaiah, Tribal Teachers' Association Vice President Bantothu Jaggu Naik, retired CI Shyam, Moses, Stephen, Sarah, Kishan Srinivas Chari, Younus, Timothy, and others participated in this program.

The VB-G RAM G Act 2025 fixes structural gaps

(Capital Information) New Delhi : The President of India has assented to the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, enhancing the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days and strengthening rural livelihoods through empowerment, convergence, and saturation-based delivery for a resilient, self-reliant rural Bharat.

pirational rhetoric but an approach embedded in statutory design.

The suggestion that the legal right to employment has been diluted is incorrect. The Act retains the statutory and justiciable character of the employment guarantee while strengthening its enforceability. Far from being curtailed, the entitlement has been expanded from 100 to 125 days. Procedural dis-entitlement clauses that previously nullified unemployment allowance in practice have been removed, and time-bound grievance redress mechanisms have been reinforced. The reform directly addresses the long-recognised gap between statutory promise and lived reality.

It is also argued that demand-based employment has been abandoned in favour of top-down planning. This rests on a false binary. Demand for work continues to originate from workers. What changes is that demand is no longer addressed only after distress has set in. By anchoring execution in advance, participatory village-level planning, the reform ensures that when workers seek employment, work is actually available rather than denied due to administrative unpreparedness. Planning, in this sense, does not suppress demand; it operationalises it.

The charge of centralisation overlooks the architecture of the law. Gram panchayats remain the primary planning and implementing authorities, and gram sabhas retain approval

powers over local plans. What has changed is that decentralised planning is no longer ad hoc or episodic but institutionalised as a structured and participatory process. Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans are aggregated at the block, district, State and national levels to enable coordination, convergence and visibility across sectors, not to override local priorities. What is centralised is coherence; the decision-making authority remains local. This corrects fragmentation without undermining decentralisation.

Claims that the reform was pushed through without consultation are equally inconsistent with the record. The Bill was preceded by extensive consultations with State governments, technical workshops and multi-stakeholder discussions. Core design features - village planning structures, convergence mechanisms and digital governance systems were shaped by feedback from States and by lessons drawn from years of implementation.

An increase in allocations, equity The broader premise that the employment guarantee was systematically weakened over the past decade does not align with facts. Budgetary allocations increased from ₹33,000 crore in 2013-14 to 286,000 crore in 2024-25. Person days generated rose from 1,660 crore in the period up to 2013-14 to 3,210 crore thereafter. Central funds released increased from ₹2.13 lakh crore to ₹8.53 lakh crore, and completed works expanded from



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153 lakh to 862 lakh. Women's participation rose from 48% to 56.73%. Over 99% of fund transfer orders are now generated on time, and nearly 99% of active workers are linked to the Aadhaar Payment Bridge. These trends point to sustained commitment and improved delivery, not neglect.

What became evident over time, however, was that implementation experience had also revealed structural weaknesses in the earlier framework itself-episodic employment, weak enforceability of unemployment allowance, fragmented asset creation and persistent scope for duplication and ghost entries. These weaknesses were visible on the ground during drought years, migration spikes and periods of disruption such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fiscal restructuring under the new Act is also mischaracterised as abdication. The central government's contribution is increasing - the provision for the Centre's share rises from ₹86,000 crore to nearly 295,000 crore, underscoring continued and enhanced support for rural employment. The 60:40 fund-

ing model follows the long-established structure of centrally sponsored schemes, while the northeastern and Himalayan States and Jammu and Kashmir are accorded a differential 90:10 ratio. Far from signalling fiscal withdrawal, this framework reinforces shared responsibility and accountability.

Equity is ensured through rule-based normative allocation, with State-wise allocations determined on objective parameters prescribed in the Rules. States are treated not as mere implementing agencies but as partners in development, empowered to notify and operationalise their own schemes within the statutory framework. Flexibility is explicitly preserved: during natural disasters, or other extraordinary situations, States may recommend special relaxations, which includes expansion of permissible works and temporary enhancement of employment. Rule-based allocation and contextual flexibility are thus balanced in a manner consistent with cooperative federalism.

The Act empowers States to notify, in advance, periods aggregating to 60 days in a financial year covering peak sowing and harvesting seasons during which works shall not be undertaken. Differentiated notifications may be issued at the level of districts, blocks, or gram panchayats based on agro-climatic conditions, ensuring that the enhanced employment guarantee complements agricultural operations.

The UPA's record From its very first tenure,

the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government failed to match rhetoric with delivery under MGNREGA. While the Congress manifesto promised "at least 100 days of work at a real wage of 100 per day", the government capped wages at 100 as early as 2009 and kept them frozen for years, ignoring inflation and rising rural distress. The Centre openly admitted that States were acting arbitrarily under the scheme and justified the wage freeze by blaming State governments for 'indiscriminate increases'. This admission itself exposed a serious governance failure: the Congress-led Centre was unable to control even its own State governments, allowing MGNREGA to become vulnerable to misuse, fake job cards, and financial leakages.

The UPA's second term saw a steady decline in commitment to the scheme. Budgetary allocations were cut from 240,100 crore in 2010-11 to 33,000 crore by 2012-13, despite growing demand from States. In a parliamentary reply in 2013, Minister of State Rajeev Shukla acknowledged that employment under MGNREGA had fallen sharply from 7.55 crore workers in 2010-11 to just 6.93 crore by November 2013. Delayed fund releases, lack of transparency in payments, and administrative apathy discouraged workers from seeking employment, directly undermining the legal guarantee promised under the Act.

The Comptroller and Audi-

tor General's 2013 report laid bare the true state of MGNREGA during the UPA years. It highlighted widespread corruption and mismanagement: over 4.33 lakh fake or defective job cards, thousands of crores lost to unaccounted withdrawals and irregular work, delayed or denied wages in 23 States, and poor record-keeping in more than half of India's gram panchayats. States with the highest concentration of rural poor-Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra used only about 20% of allocated funds, proving that the scheme failed precisely where it was needed most.

To frame the debate as a choice between welfare and development is to pose a false dichotomy. Welfare, when anchored in a guaranteed livelihood, and development, when anchored in durable rural infrastructure and productivity, are not competing objectives but interdependent ones. The real decision was whether to freeze a framework that often underdelivered, or to reform it into a modern, enforceable, and integrated employment guarantee that advances welfare through development. The new Act preserves the legal right to work, expands entitlements, strengthens worker protections, and corrects structural weaknesses revealed through years of implementation. This is not demolition, but a process of renewal grounded in experience.

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# We will provide battery-operated tricycles to all eligible persons with disabilities in a phased manner : Collector Ila Tripathi

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** District Collector Ila Tripathi stated that battery-operated tricycles will be provided to all eligible persons with disabilities in Nalgonda district in a phased manner. On Wednesday, she attended as the chief guest at the distribution program of battery-operated motorcycles for persons with disabilities, organized by the District Welfare Department in collaboration with ECIL at TTDC near the district headquarters.

She said that based on the requests from many persons with disabilities in the district during Prajavani and other occasions, she spoke with the ECIL management and is now providing battery-operated motorcycles to 105 persons with disabilities in the district in the first phase. She added that 50 of these vehicles are being distributed on Wednesday. She urged the recipients to make good use of the battery-operated

cycles.

She said that these cycles are being provided with the intention of giving persons with disabilities an opportunity to become more economically independent. She mentioned that after she assumed office as District Collector, a survey of persons with disabilities was conducted in the district, which revealed that there are approximately 55,000 persons with disabilities in the district. She said that many of them require various types of assistive devices, and as a first step, battery-operated motorcycles worth approximately 70 to 80 lakh rupees are being provided.

She expressed her gratitude to the ECIL management for this initiative. She requested that ECIL provide further support to Nalgonda



district in the future. She specifically requested assistance in areas such as toilets for girls in remote tribal areas, anemia prevention, and nutrition, stating that proposals would be submitted in advance.

She mentioned that Nal-

gonda is the largest district in the state and has a large tribal population. She also stated that disabled individuals need artificial limbs in addition to three-wheeled cycles, and that a survey is being conducted in this regard. She said that the survey report would be submitted to ALIMCO and ECIL after its completion and requested their cooperation in this matter.

ECIL CMD Anurag Kumar stated that his organization was happy to provide three-wheeled cycles to disabled individuals in a district like Nalgonda. He mentioned that their organization is involved in projects such as Chandrayaan and nuclear power generation, and that as part of their CSR activities, they have provided three-



# Jesus Christ, who incarnated for the salvation of humanity : Nakrekal MLA: Vemula Veeresham

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nakrekal :** Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said that Jesus Christ incarnated for the salvation of humanity. On Wednesday, he participated in the "Love Feast" program organized by the government for the Christian brothers and sisters of his constituency, cut a cake, and extended Christmas greetings.

The program was attended by the MROs of Narketpally and Nakrekal, the ZP CEO, MPDOs, Nalgonda DCC President Punna Kailash Netha, Nakrekal Municipal Chairperson Chevugoni Rajitha-Srinivas, Market Chairperson Guttha Manjula-Madhav Reddy, local councilors, officials, Christian brothers and sisters, public representatives, and others.

# District Police Personnel Honored for Outstanding Performance in IT Services and CCTNS Implementation at the State Level

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** The Additional DGP, PCS&S and Chairman of the Police Recruitment Board, highly commended and rewarded the personnel who rendered exceptional services in the effective implementation of IT-based services in the police department.

District police personnel K.Govardhan Reddy, Head Constable, D. Sudarshan Chari, Head Constable, Katla Shankar, Police Constable, Miryalaguda Rural Police Station, and Kavitha, Police Constable, Vemulapalli Police Station, received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding services in improv-



ing the utilization of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS) Version-1 and Version-2, conducting training, providing guidance, effectively implementing other IT-based applications in the police department, and coordinating

with the State IT Cell, PCS&S.

On this occasion, District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar praised their services and expressed his hope that they would continue to provide such excellent services in the future as well.

# Vajpayee was the epitome of moral values



**(Capital Information)**  
**Nellore :** Senior journalist and Nellore district writers' association president Jayaprakash stated that no one in the world can match former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee in upholding moral and democratic values.

Speaking at a program

held on Wednesday at a tribal hostel under the auspices of the Ketha Uncle Memorial Trust, on the occasion of Vajpayee's birth centenary, he praised Vajpayee for enhancing India's prestige globally, both as Prime Minister and as an opposition leader.

He lauded Vajpayee as a

great personality who, knowing that his government would fall by a single vote, upheld democratic values and resigned without resorting to buying off Members of Parliament.

Trust president Ketha Subbarao praised Vajpayee for his contributions to India's development, particularly in

the advancement of science and technology, as well as in road construction and rural development. Clothing was distributed on this occasion.

Yanamala Nageswara Rao, Raghuram Reddy, Bala Narayana, Ankireddy, and others participated in the program.



# MLA BLR distributed PPE kits to sanitation workers at the Miryalaguda Municipal office

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalaguda :** On Wednesday, MLA Bathula Laxma Reddy (BLR) participated in a program organized by the Miryalaguda Municipality at the municipal office in Miryalaguda town. The program involved the distribution of PPE kits to sanitation and water supply staff and the installation of CCTV cameras at GVP points. After distributing the kits to the municipal staff, he addressed them, saying that the cleanliness of Miryalaguda town and the health of its residents are in the hands of the municipal workers and staff.

He stated that the responsibility of the municipal workers is like a social responsibility. He said that the people elected him as MLA because they trusted him carry out social programs, and he has a responsibility to uphold that trust, he emphasized that this cannot be achieved by him alone; it is only possible if everyone extends their support and cooperation.

Therefore, he urged everyone to participate in the development and sanitation of Miryalaguda town. He asked them to inform him of any problems they face, assuring them of his support,

but also requesting their cooperation in return. He also mentioned that as part of the town's development, they have decided to construct a walking track around Pandirapalli Lake, the main lake in the town, at a cost of 4 crores, plant trees in the surrounding areas, and develop it into a good tourist spot.

He added that they are discussing with various organizations regarding the excavation of a small lake where all the town's drainage water collects and for water recycling. He also said that they are working to widen Taka Road and Church Road

to control the increased traffic in the town.

Furthermore, he mentioned that they are trying to construct a new road from Tallagadda to the Housing Board. They said this. In this program, Municipal Commissioner G. Srinivas, DE Venkanna, trainee commissioners Sreeja Reddy and Vinod Kumar, Congress Party President Nukala Venugopal Reddy, Desidi Shekhar Reddy, MEPMA TMC Bakkaiah, Satish, COs Venkateshwarlu, Srinivas, other officials, workers, Congress leaders, and others participated.

# All departments should cooperate to completely reduce road accidents in Nalgonda district next year : Collector Ila Tripathi

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** District Collector Ila Tripathi said that all departments should cooperate to completely reduce road accidents in Nalgonda district next year.

Speaking at the district level road safety committee meeting held at the collector's office on Wednesday, she directed all departments to prepare a plan to create awareness among

everyone to cooperate in making the roads in the district free of black spots next year. Keeping Sankranti in mind, a plan should be prepared to prevent traffic congestion on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway, and the responsibility of ensuring that the roads are clear in the Chittiyala underpass and Chittiyala without causing traffic jams lies with the National Highways Corporation R&B officials and local municipal officials. He urged all departments to organize large-scale fairs to create awareness about road safety and to make the Road Safety Month celebrations held from January 1 to 31 a success.

He said that this year, 101 people were prevented from getting injured or dying in road accidents in the district with the cooperation of the police, revenue and other departments. He appealed to

the roads in Nalgonda district, which were reduced to 30 by 2025. He also said that in the past, there were 350 to 400 road accident deaths every year, and this year, with the coordination of all departments, 42 deaths have been reduced.

He said that there is a need for a fresh thinking on the measures to be taken by the departments of Roads, Buildings, Police, Panchayat Raj, Transport, Education,



# Christmas greetings to the people of the state : Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Guttha Sukhender Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda bureau :** Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Guttha Sukhender Reddy extended Christmas greetings to the people of Telangana state. He said that Christmas, celebrated to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, is a sacred festival for Christians. He stated that Christ's teachings are exemplary for everyone.

On this occasion, he mentioned that Christ's teachings show us how to spread love and serve with a kind heart.

Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Guttha Sukhender Reddy wished that the people of the state celebrate Christmas grandly, that everyone lives happily with peace, prosperity, and good health, and that the blessings of Jesus Christ always remain abundantly upon the people.



# Narayana High School, Hasthinapuram Celebrated Farmers' Kisan Day



**(Capital Information)**  
**Hasthinapuram :** Narayana High School, Hasthinapuram, celebrated Farmers' Kisan Day with great respect and enthusiasm on December 24, 2025, to honor the invaluable contribution of farmers to the nation.

The program was graced by the esteemed presence of Principals GVL sarada, Anil Kumar Coordinator Gayathri,

R&D Head Maheshwari, GM Gopal Reddy, AGM Hemember RI Ravi Prasad, vice principal vijaya lakshmi AO, s Rajesh & Karunaker whose participation added dignity and inspiration to the occasion. The event began with a warm welcome and highlighted the significance of farmers in sustaining the country's economy and ensuring food security.

Students actively took part in the celebration through speeches, skits, posters, and cultural presentations, expressing gratitude towards farmers and spreading awareness about their hard work and dedication. The dignitaries addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of respecting farmers, understanding agricultural values, and encour-

aging students to develop empathy towards rural communities.

The principals motivated students to recognize the role of farmers as the backbone of the nation and to adopt values of gratitude, sustainability, and responsibility in their daily lives. The R&D Head and other officials spoke about innovation in agriculture and the need to

support farmers through education and technology.

The celebration concluded on an inspiring note, leaving students with a deeper appreciation for farmers and their selfless service to society. The event successfully reinforced the message of respect, gratitude, and national responsibility among young learners.

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## National Consumer Day 2025 celebrated with the theme of "Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice"

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, today celebrated National Consumer Day 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with a strong focus on accelerating consumer justice delivery through digital reforms, data-driven grievance redressal, and strengthened regulatory enforcement. The theme for National Consumer Day 2025 — "Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice" — underscores the Department's sustained efforts to reduce pendency, enhance transparency, and improve access to justice in line with the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

awareness initiatives, reinforcing the Government's commitment to a transparent, technology-enabled and responsive consumer protection ecosystem.

Pralhad Joshi, in his Inaugural Address, highlighted that



"The theme 'Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice' reflects our firm resolve to ensure that consumer justice is timely, accessible and responsive. As of December 2025, over 1.4 lakh cases were disposed of during the year, with over 90,000 hearings conducted through video conferencing, demonstrating the

growing impact of technology-enabled consumer justice."

He further stated that "the National Consumer Helpline has emerged as a strong pre-litigation grievance redressal mechanism, facilitating refunds of ₹42.6 crore across 30 sectors by resolving over 63,800 refund-related grievances between April and December 2025. To safeguard consumers against unfair trade practices, the Central Consumer Protection Authority has issued over 450 class action notices and imposed penalties exceeding ₹2.13 crore, including action against misleading advertisements and dark patterns in digital markets. Guided by the principle of 'Grahak Devo Bhavah', consumer protection remains central to our governance ethos, ensuring fair, safe and trustworthy markets for every consumer."

## There is a great need to create widespread awareness among students to prevent them from falling prey to drugs like ganja : Collector Ila Tripathi

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** District Collector Ila Tripathi said that there is a great need to create widespread awareness among students to prevent them from falling prey to drugs like ganja. Speaking at the district-level committee meeting on drug prevention held on Wednesday in the meeting hall of the District Collector's office, she said that extensive awareness programs should be conducted in all boys' residential schools in the district to prevent students from using drugs like ganja.



For this purpose, a schedule should be prepared in coordination with the police and school headmasters, and the students should be explained in an understandable way about the

harmful effects of drugs. She said that awareness programs on drugs should be organized in SC, ST, BC, and Minority residential schools and educational institutions belonging to those

societies, and a schedule should be prepared mandal-wise, and the programs should be conducted with the cooperation of the local inspectors and headmasters. She said that the regional coordinators and principals of the concerned welfare departments should pay special attention to this.

She instructed the District Medical and Health Officer, Dr. Putla Srinivasulu, to take steps to fully utilize the Drug De-addiction Center at Kamineni Hospital near Narketpally. District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar said that a plan

should be formulated to have school students present a special skit on drug prevention on January 26th.

Similarly, he said there is a great need to create widespread awareness about narcotics in boys' residential schools, and that folk art troupes should be involved in the awareness programs conducted on narcotics in schools across the district. He also said that the programs conducted in these schools should be organized in a way that captivates the students.

District Education Officer Bhikshapathi, officials from the Tribal, Social, and BC Welfare departments Chatru Naik, Shashikala, and Sandhya, District Welfare Officer Krishnaveni, and others also spoke.

## Efforts should be made to resolve consumer cases quickly and efficiently through the digital justice system : Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao

**(Capital Information)**  
**Suryapet :** District Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao attended as the chief guest at the National Consumer Day program organized by the District Civil Supplies Department in the meeting hall of the Integrated District Collectorate office complex on the occasion of National Consumer Day.



On this occasion, the Additional Collector said that the Consumer Protection Act was established in 1986, and through this act, if a consumer is cheated after purchasing any product, they can approach the consumer forum for compensation.

He said that consumers should have a basic understanding when purchasing goods in the market, and should be able to discern between good and bad.

He cautioned that traders announce false advertise-

ments and offers for their own profit, and consumers should not be greedy and fall prey to such scams. He added that digital and online crimes have increased recently, and people should be vigilant about them.

The Additional Collector advised that if a consumer is cheated, they should approach the consumer forum to get quick justice. DCIC Commission President Venkateshwarlu said that consumers can file a case directly.

The District Civil Supplies Officer, Mohan Babu, stated that under the Consumer Protection Act - 2019, if consumers file a case directly with the forum when they suffer losses, justice will definitely be provided and compensation will be awarded. He therefore advised them to file their cases within the stipulated time.

Speaking further, he urged consumer associations to widely educate people about this law, emphasizing that consumers

should be more aware of their rights and have a questioning attitude. He also advised them to be cautious in digital transactions to avoid being cheated and to use digital services safely.

The program was attended by RTO Jayaprakash Reddy, District Marketing Officer Nageshwar Sharma, Civil Supplies Manager Ramu, Drug Inspector Prabhakar, Commission member Prem Sagar, gas dealers, ration shop dealers, and other members of the public.

## Additional Sankranti Special Trains between various Destinations

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** In view of extra rush on account of ensuing Sankranti Festival season, South Central Railway to run 08 additional special trains to various destinations.

- 07450 - Kakinada Town - Vikarabad - 16.45 - 07.00 (next day) - 12.01.2026, 19.01.2026, 2. 07451 - Vikarabad - Kakinada Town - 09.00 - 21.15 - 20.01.2026, 3. 07452 - Nanded - Kakinada Town - 13.30 - 09.00 (next day) - 13.01.2026, 4. 07453 - Kakinada Town - Nanded - 13.00 - 07.00 (next day) - 13.01.2026, 5. 07454 - Machilipatnam - Vikarabad - 10.00 - 20.00 - 11.01.2026 & 18.01.2026, 6.

07455 - Vikarabad - Machilipatnam - 22.00 - 08.15 (next day) - 11.01.2026 & 18.01.2026.

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# The Language of the Future in Digital Communication

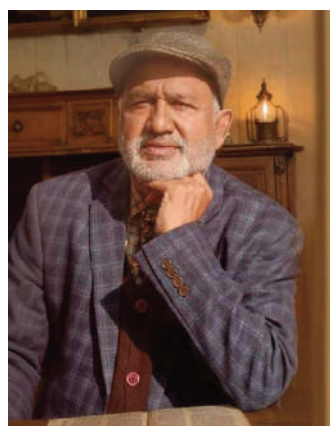
At a time when the increasing influence of computers and 'command language' (Samadesh-Language) being English, it was considered disruption for Hindi, at the same time the Forbes magazine had established the fact that Sanskrit is the most suitable language for computer. It is the most rational and grammatically scientific language in the world. Also, it is also considered to be the mother of all modern and tangible languages and dialects like Hindi, Maithili, Urdu, Odia, Bangla, Marathi, Gujarati, Sindhi, Punjabi, Bundeli, Awadhi and etc. Here, as the world is understanding knowledge related to multi-cultural and identity and numerical i.e. digital communication, Sanskrit is emerging as a better option of future language parallel to it. Due to Sanskrit's linguistic accuracy and logic, its use in the latest fields of technology such as animal intelligence and robotics is increasing. NASA and Yoga University in Munger are making an important contribution to make it a language of computer. Brij . The grammar system of Sanskrit was codi-

fied by Maharishi Panini more than three thousand years ago. Scientists consider it a unique example of linguistic science. Of Panini "The grammar of the Sanskrit language is based on a text called 'Ash-tadhyayi', which has about four thousand sutras.

This grammar is highly scientific. It standardized Sanskrit This method is considered to be the world's first formal method. It is helpful Symbolism Played the role. . Now India, Of The system of (each) in the development of computer programming languages, big and language scientists are preparing a mathematical formula from Sanskrit formulas of technical + of many countries including America and Germany, which is easily understood by computers. This transformative research is going on in the field of artificial medha. After it is developed, the formulas of Panini will give the first natural language to the computer, which will be used in most laboratories around the world. Then the world will be free from the current artificial language of computers. Sources of Panini. After studying, the

scientists of the world are surprised that how about two and a half thousand years said that Panini would have developed such pure and brief formulas and fortran 'sutras! Of Meet from- Let's take grammar. 'Cobol' means 'Kaman Business Oriented Language'.

The formula is very similar to the language of computer. It is an English-like programming language, which was developed for commercial use. 'Fortran' means 'formula translation' | 'is. This is the first high-level programming language, which is a language that Jan Backus and his colleagues in IBM in 1957. Was developed. Its main goal was to convert mathematical formulas into computer code, which makes it suitable for scientific and engineering calculations. The pronunciation and meaning of a large number of words in English are unclear and different, such as uncle, maternal uncle and warts have only one word in English- 'Uncle' similarly the word 'bank' transactions The institution is associated with the institution, but also called 'bank' on the banks of the



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river. Such words create confusion. Scientific language considers the natural language, which does not have confusion and double meaning.

The languages in which this happens are considered artificial language. The grammar of Panini gave Sanskrit full, clear, Short and formula has been done. Scientists of many countries including America, Germany and India are preparing a mathematical formula from the Sanskrit formulas of Panini. It is believed that soon the natural language of computers will be found and the world will be free from artificial language il-

lusions. In Sanskrit's syntax is so consistent in mathematical form that it has come to be considered a 'computer friendly language'. With its help, the field of artificial intelligence and robotics can be given more meaning. Technology educational institutes in India are incorporating Sanskrit in computing and AI research.

On the completion of these research, Sanskrit, field of technology will become a language of employment. Today, the form of education is being developed by taking care of employment. Therefore, the same languages are considered to be taught in schools, from which students can get good opportunities for business. If Sanskrit proves to be useful in the language of computing, then the language of Digital India will become Sanskrit, Indian languages will also not take long to become digital languages. Sanskrit has been considered a source of knowledge, value and science. From the first atomic explosion till now, scientists of the world have considered Sanskrit's ancient literature as a source of inspi-

ration.

Therefore, Sanskrit is being made a medium to develop the language of computer. New research of science is trying to connect Indian and Western methods. When there was no super computer in India, its technology was demanded from the US when it did not have a super computer, but he refused to give this technology in 1987. Vijay Pandurang Bhatkar, the creator of the country's first super computer 'Param' and associated with the beginning of super computing, considered it a challenge and started in its invention. Under his leadership, it was developed in 1991 by the Center for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).

The invention of this super computer and C-deck was considered a major achievement of India. The same institution developed the country's first supercomputer of the country. After this, 'Paramsiddhi experiment successfully

Artificial intelligence in a super computer called AI Started. It was India's first rapid speed supercomputer.

According to the data of Nanbanwar-2023, four computers of India included in 500 most capable supercomputers of the world Computer Are. These are- Aravat-PSAI, Param Siddhi, Pratyush and Mihir. Particle-mechanics are considered the future of computers. Traditional bits work on (part), while the primary unit in a quantum computer is the first unit. In a traditional computer, each bit has zero and one (one). The computer explains the instructions given from the keyboard (keyboard) in the language of this zero and one and executes the result. At the same time, the uniqueness of quantum will be that it will take both zero and one simultaneously. This ability will develop due to the cubit. As a result, it will be able to give four values or results simultaneously in two qubits. Due to this unique ability of four results appearing on the screen simultaneously, its speed will be much more than a traditional computer. For this reason, it will be able to receive and protect more computer data than the esoteric writing done in traditional computers.

## Success in Career from Digital Efficiency

The working world has changed rapidly. AI automation, remote work, app economy and data drive decisions have given new direction to the working style of every sector. Employees special in technology are the first choice of the company.

Career in today's world does not stop only on degree or experience. The definition of professional success has now changed completely. From companies to startups, it is now the highest merit to be expert in digital technology everywhere. Understanding digital technology and using it in your work is the biggest scale of being smart.

In fact, the working world has changed rapidly for the last one decade, AI automation, re-

remote work, app economy and data drive decisions have given new direction to every sector's working style. Because now there is no work on paper anywhere. The center of every department has become data. The meeting is now less in the office, more online. Therefore, tech and competent employees are the first choice of the company. If you want to succeed in such a situation, then get efficiency in degree+digital skill.

**Digital Tech today's professional language**

Education, health, agriculture, banking, journalism, law, media or engineering etc. are operated by digital technology. Therefore, these abilities are necessary for career. Digital ability to find information, e-

mail presentation and online communication, use of AI tools, Excel Power, VI like data tools, Zoom for team work, Slack, teams such as platforms, social media and digital branding etc. The person who does not adopt or has the ability to adopt them in his career, then understand that he got out of the job market.

**AI -Our new colleague**

The field of the year 2025 has entered the era of being AI-associate. Remember AI is no longer just a machine, it is your invisible helpful team. Today, AI moves our career forward. Most researchers do research from AI. This is a great means of writing reports on e-mail. Preparation of presentations, project planning, code and automation and interview

preparation and assistance in learning new skills- all this is possible only through AI. Today, professionals using AI do the same work in 40 to 50 percent less time than other people. So get digital efficiency.

**Life saving skills**

Today, companies ask their employees which digital tools use how efficiently. Just look at some of these digital techniques - Data Analytics, Cyber Security Basics, Social Media Management, Automation Tools, Axle Advance, Graphic-Video Tool, CRM/ERP Software, AI Support and Work Flow-All the courses have now become the basis of merit list and are part of almost every field job.

**Digital networking**

Platforms like LinkedIn

have now proved to be much more powerful than the resume. Your photo, profile, post, comment, conversation here make your digital identity. Digital networking has many benefits. This gives direct access to our opportunities. There is direct communication with the industry leader. Jobs are revealed and projects and freelance work. Every person here is a self-brand in himself. Today more than 50 percent of the jobs are getting from referral or network. This shows why efficiency is necessary in digital technology.

**E-learning through digital tech**

Today is the mantra of a successful career- The person who stops learning, he also stops growing The biggest gift



of digital technology is the freedom to learn online. Corcera, Uдеми, NBTL, Google Certificates and Rantyu-tube University. Today, which is the platform where there was no great knowledge scattered. But if you are unaware of digital technology, then all this knowledge is not for you. In fact, digital technology changes us rapidly. If we adopt two or three hours of digital learning a week, then we can give our ca-

reer to the desired flight by gaining efficiency in it.

**Personal branding from digital tech**

HR first searches your name on Google to see your CV, in which your online image is really an image. Post regular posts on LinkedIn, share the achievements of your work and share new works. This will make a very attractive and impressive picture in your job market.



### Mysaa First Glimpse : Rashmika Mandanna in a Fierce, Rebellious Avatar

After earning appreciation for her portrayal of an innocent woman in The Girlfriend, Rashmika Mandanna takes on an intense and unexpected action role in Mysaa. Helmed by debutant director Rawindra Pulle, the film's action glimpse was released today.

It showcases Rashmika in a never-before-seen avatar. She appears rebellious in a tribal look, holding a gun, with blood on her body and broken handcuffs. The voice-over adds weight to her character, and the glimpse works reasonably well overall.

Tarak Ponnappa plays a key role in the film. Produced by Unformula Films on a massive budget, Mysaa is planned for release in multiple languages. Jakes Bejoy serves as the music director, and the film is currently in production.



### Ravi Babu's Next Film Titled Razor; Gruesome Glimpse Released

Director Ravi Babu has announced his next directorial today with a brutal glimpse that features no dialogue at all and is entirely filled with gore. The film is titled Razor.

The 45-second glimpse has been released and is packed with shocking visuals, including chopping off hands, cutting a body into two, and beheading with a knife.

Except for Ravi Babu, no other notable actors were shown or announced. The glimpse is extremely gruesome and instantly connects with lovers of the thriller genre.

Flying Frogs and Suresh Productions have reunited once again to produce this film, which is aimed for a summer 2026 release. More details are expected to be unveiled in the coming days.

### Raja Saab Censor Talk: Runtime, Songs And Final Cut Creating Buzz

Superstar Prabhas' latest Telugu film 'The Raja Saab' is getting ready for a pan-India release on January 9th, and the makers are leaving no stone unturned to make it a



grand horror saga ever seen on the silver screen. Currently, the film is in the process of Censor Certification, and here is what the early buzz says like.

As per industry buzz, the film has locked a length of around 3 hours 6 minutes runtime, which is considered a bit long earlier,

but now, after the success of films like Dhurandhar (3 hours 30 minutes) feels very normal. Only if the audience could be held to sit in theatres for more than one and a half hours, for updates, Raja Saab's songs have already done their job in keeping the buzz alive, along with Maruthi's special behind-the-scenes videos where he's talking about characters, sets, and visual effects of the movie. In the first week of January, the makers are planning to host a big event, the last pre-release function for Raja Saab, and the film heads to theatres on January 9th, 2026.

Featuring Prabhas in a dual role and Sanjay Dutt in a triple role, The Raja Saab is coated with the glamorous treat of three heroines, including Nidhie Aggerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Ridhi Kumar. Thaman's background score is likely to become the biggest asset for the movie, like how the composer delivers riveting scores for thriller movies.

### Roshan Meka's Champion faces a big test at the Box Office

Champion is gearing up for its theatrical release and carries huge pressure to deliver at the box office, primarily



due to its high budget. Naturally, expectations are riding high on the film, but the

makers remain confident about its prospects. They believe the content and scale will connect strongly with audi-

ences. Starring Roshan Meka in the lead role, Champion is directed by Pradeep Advaitam and is said to be a period drama packed with solid emotions and intense storytelling. Those who have seen the film are quite impressed with it and hope the same is the audience's opinion as well. The film promises a rich visual canvas along with a powerful emotional core.



### Jr NTR Out, Allu Arjun In Again? Trivikram's Mythological Film Takes a Turn

It was earlier announced that director Trivikram Srinivas collaborated with Jr NTR on a mythological film based on Lord Kumara Swamy, with pre-production already underway. However, developments around the project now appear uncertain.

For those unaware, Trivikram initially announced the mythological venture with Allu Arjun. Due to undisclosed reasons, the project later shifted to Jr NTR. The War 2 actor was even seen holding a book related to the film's concept, lending credibility to reports that the project had moved firmly into his hands.

Now, fresh reports suggest that plans may have changed once again. If industry buzz is to be believed, the film has returned to Allu Arjun, with Trivikram likely to revive the project under the Haarika & Hassine Creations banner.

An official clarification from either the director or the actors involved is awaited, which should put an end to the speculation currently doing the rounds.

### Aadi's Shambhala to have solid twists that are well executed

Aadi Saikumar has pinned a lot of hopes on his upcoming film Shambhala, which is being promoted as a devotional thriller.

Ever since its trailer was released, the film has caught the imagination of audiences and

industry circles alike. The intriguing visuals and intense tone have created strong curiosity around the project.

Reports suggest that Shambhala features a few impressive twists, with the interval bang being a major

highlight of the narrative.

Adding to the buzz, the film has received solid support from within the industry, indicating strong belief in its content. Will the film live up to all the hype, let's see what happens.



### Collector Inspects Tahsildar Office at Koilkonda, Reviews Public Services

(Capital Information)

**Mahabubnagar :** District Collector Viziendira Boyi on Wednesday conducted an inspection of the Tahsildar Office at Koilkonda mandal and reviewed the delivery of public services.

During the visit, the Collector enquired about applications received through the Bhu Bharati portal and directed the Tahsildar to ensure speedy disposal of pending applications. She also reviewed the functioning of Mee-Seva services and sought details from officials on whether applications were being processed without undue delay.

Interacting directly with farmers, students and members of the public who had come to the office, the Collector listened to their grievances. She instructed officials not to compel students to visit



government offices and emphasized that issues related to income and caste certificates should be resolved promptly. Complaints in this regard must be addressed on priority, and eligible applicants should receive certificates within the stipulated time, she said.

The Collector stressed that officials have a responsi-

bility to provide government services in a transparent and time-bound manner without causing inconvenience to the public. She called for further improvement in office functioning to strengthen public trust in the administration.

The mandal Tahsildar and other officials accompanied the District Collector during the inspection.



### Death of a Dedicated Man of Letters Is Deeply Painful

MLA Veerlapalli Shankar Consoles the Family of Former Sakshi Reporter Soleepur Ravi

(Special Correspondent)

**Shadnagar :** Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar expressed deep sorrow over the demise of former Sakshi journalist Soleepur Ravi, stating that the death of a committed man of letters who practiced journalism with ethics and integrity is extremely painful.

The MLA visited Ravi's residence in Ratan Colony in

the town and paid floral tributes to his mortal remains. He also met Ravi's family members and conveyed his heartfelt condolences. Along with local journalists and Congress party leaders, the MLA offered tributes to Ravi's body.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that in the present times society is increasingly witnessing a culture of adulteration and corruption, and in

such circumstances, youth must protect their health through self-discipline.

He recalled that he shared a close association with Ravi and praised him for carrying out his journalistic duties with utmost honesty, without ever expecting anything in return.

Praying for peace to Ravi's departed soul, the MLA wished that God grant

strength and courage to the bereaved family to overcome this irreparable loss.

Those who accompanied the MLA included TDP State Council member KP, Division President Raghavender Goud, senior Congress leaders Aggunuru Baswam, Dangu Srinivas Yadav, Yadagiri Yadav, and others, who also paid their respects and consoled Ravi's family.

### KTR hits out Revanth Reddy over abusive theatrics, vows to expose Congress on water rights

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad :** BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of resorting to abusive rhetoric to hide the Congress government's betrayal of Telangana on water rights.

Reacting to the Chief Minister's remarks against BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, he said the outburst reflected panic and incompetence, not strength. While the BRS supremo confined his comments strictly to water rights without even naming the Chief Minister during his recent press meet, Revanth Reddy chose abuse over accountability.

In a strong counter on Wednesday, Rama Rao said that Revanth Reddy, unable



to answer serious questions on river water sharing and irrigation policy, had resorted to cheap and abusive language. He said the Chief Minister was strangling the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project and betraying the people of his own district.

"When caught red-handed and exposed, his instinct is to shout, lie and indulge in vul-

gar theatrics," he said, calling Revanth Reddy incapable of protecting Telangana's interests and its farmers.

The BRS leader reminded that Revanth Reddy was an accused in the Cash-for-Vote case and was caught red-handed with bundles of cash, which indicated his political character. He said the Chief Minister was an expert in empty bravado, dramatic vows and then running away from responsibilities.

He said the Congress government's destructive rule was pushing the State into distress and diversionary

abuse would not erase its failures. He said the BRS would expose the Congress government's water betrayal threadbare in the Legislative Assembly and in every public forum. He reiterated that the BRS would continue to question the injustice meted out to the State, which was achieved through unrelenting struggle.

Rama Rao asserted that people of Telangana had self-respect and could not be treated as subordinates to Delhi's diktats. Predicting a decisive backlash, he said the people would bury the Congress politically at the first opportunity, adding that no amount of insults or drama would deter the BRS from fighting for Telangana's interests and defending farmers' rights.

### Christmas Celebrated with Festive Fervour at Lords Sri Vidyavani School

(Capital Information)

**Balapur :** Christmas celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at Lords Sri Vidyavani School, located at RN Reddy Nagar, Meerpet, Balapur, on Wednesday. Students actively participated in the festivities, spreading the message of joy, love and harmony.

Addressing the gathering, School Chairman Siddala Beerappa said that celebrating all festivals beyond religious boundaries is a unique tradition of Lords Educational Institutions. He highlighted that Jesus Christ came to the world to redeem humanity from sin and guide people towards a righteous life.

Vice Chairman Berlu Srinivas Reddy urged students to follow the path



shown by Jesus Christ and choose the right way of life based on moral values and compassion.

The arrival of Santa Claus added excitement to the celebrations, delighting the children and creating a

cheerful atmosphere on the campus.

Director Siddala Srilatha, Dean Satish Goud, Principal Biradar Kishan Rao, In-charge Sandhya Rani, teachers and parents were present at the event.