

PANCHANGAM

Tithi

Sukla Paksha Shashti  
Upto : Dec 26 01:43 PM  
Sukla Paksha Saptami  
Upto : Dec 27 01:10 PM

Nakshatra

Shatabhisha  
Upto : Dec 26 09:00 AM  
Purva Bhadrapada  
Upto : Dec 27 09:09 AM

Rahukalam

10:54 AM - 12:16 PM

Yamagandam

3:01 PM - 4:23 PM

Gulika

8:10 AM - 9:32 AM

Dur Muhurat

08:59 AM - 09:43 AM,  
12:38 PM - 01:22 PM

Varjyam

03:26 PM - 05:03 PM

WEATHER

Forecast : Sunny

Temperature : 26° / 15°

Humidity : 45 %

Sunrise : 6:47 AM

Sunset : 5:44 PM

## SCR announces special Hyderabad-Mumbai trains

**Hyderabad** : In view of extra rush of passengers during Christmas and New Year, South Central Railway has announced special trains between Hyderabad and LTT Mumbai.

In a press release issued here, the SCR said Train No.07458 Hyderabad - LTT Mumbai will depart at 5.30 pm on December 28 and arrive 10.40 am the next day.

Similarly, Train no. 07459 LTT Mumbai - Hyderabad will depart at 3.20 pm on December 29 and arrive 9 am the next day.

These special trains will stop at Begumpet, Lingampalli, Vikarabad, Tandur, Wadi, Kalaburagi, Solapur, Pune and Kalyan stations in both the directions. These special trains will consist of 1AC, 2AC, 3AC, Sleeper and General Second Class Coaches.

## The teachings of Jesus Christ are universally applicable and inspire love, peace, sacrifice, and a spirit of service : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Nalgonda** : State Minister for Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, said that the teachings of Jesus Christ are universally applicable and inspire love, peace, sacrifice, and a spirit of service. On Thursday, on the occasion of Christmas, he participated in the Christmas celebrations held at the QSS Telugu Baptist Church near the Clock Tower in Nalgonda district center and out the Christmas cake.

On this occasion, the Minister extended Christmas greetings to the people of the state and Nalgonda district. Later, the Minister expressed his wish that all the people of the state be happy and prosperous on the occasion of Christmas. He said he was happy to celebrate Christmas with his Christian brothers and sisters in the Nalgonda district center.

He said that all of Jesus Christ's teachings emphasize service to humanity, and that Christian missionaries and hospitals work with a spirit of service, making Christians who provide these services stand out. He stated that Jesus



Christ's teachings embody forgiveness, compassion, and the ability to forgive even enemies, and that these are all principles that are applicable to all of humanity.

He mentioned that a people's government has come to power ten years after the formation of Telangana state, and

that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the state government is working for the welfare of all sections of people. He said that the prestigious schemes introduced by the state government, such as Indiramma houses and fine rice, have received widespread appreciation.

## Rythu Bandhu Unlikely in the Near Term: Minister Tummala

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Telangana government is unlikely to release Rythu Bandhu assistance in the immediate future, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has indicated, effectively putting an end to expectations of payments in the coming weeks.

The Minister said that with sarpanch elections already

completed and no immediate schedule for MPTC and ZPTC elections, the government feels there is no urgency to disburse Rythu Bandhu funds at this stage. He added that releasing the assistance now would be "unnecessary" under the present circumstances.

Mr. Tummala clarified that the Rythu Bandhu instalment usually expected in the last



## Harish Rao slams Revanth Reddy over abusive remarks against KCR

**Siddipet** : Former Minister T Harish Rao condemned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's abusive language against former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in public meetings.

Speaking to news reporters after his visit to an urban residential school on Thursday, Rao questioned Revanth on what kind of example he wanted to set for the younger generation with such a language. Hailing Chandrashekhar Rao as a crusader, who led Telangana movement from the front, Harish Rao took a serious objection to the language Revanth used against a fatherly figure like the former Chief Minister.

He accused Revanth of failing to supply cosmetic charges, mess bills and other benefits to welfare hostels in the State despite the Chief Minister being the Education Minister.

He distributed blankets to the inmates of the hostel at his own expense and inspected the quality of rice, eggs and other food items being served to the students. Rao also interacted with the students to know their issues. He then had lunch with the inmates to check the quality and taste.

Later, the former Minister felicitated Peddalingareddy Pally Sarpanch Battu Bhaskar Reddy and ward members. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Congress had ignored the interests of the farming fraternity.



## Top Maoist leader Ganesh Uike, three others killed in gunfight in Odisha

**Bhubaneswar**: Top Maoist leader Ganesh Uike was among four red rebels killed in a gun-battle with security forces in Odisha's Kandhamal district on Thursday, police said.

CPI(Maoist) central committee member Uike, who carried a bounty of Rs 1.1 crore on his head, was the chief of the banned outfit in Odisha, a senior officer heading anti-Naxal operations in the state said.

The gun-battle took place in a forest in Chakapad police station area, he said.

"Four Maoists were killed in the gunfight. One of them was identified as 69-year-old Ganesh Uike, who is also known by his aliases Pakka Hanumantu, Rajesh Tiwari, Chamru and Rupa. He was a native of Pullemala village under Chendur mandal in Telangana's Nalgonda district," he said.

The identity of the other three Naxals, including two women, was yet to be ascertained, the officer said.



## Gig workers join nationwide protest

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers union (TGPWU) and the Indian Federation of App-Based Transport Workers (IFAT) on Thursday joined the nationwide protest in support of their demands for fair wages, safe working conditions, social security and other rights.

In Hyderabad, flash rallies were conducted in different places. Approximately 40,000 delivery workers from major platforms participated in the flash strike, protesting unsafe working conditions, unfair pay, algorithmic control, ID blocking, and denial of dignity and social security, TGPWU founder-president Shaik Salauddin said in a statement.

The strike had a significant nationwide impact as orders were delayed or disrupted across multiple cities and stores. Platform companies attempted to break the strike by deploying third-party delivery companies such as Shadowfax and Rapido. Aggregators offered extra incentive pay and temporarily reactivated inactive IDs to manage operations, he said.

However, the flash strike demonstrated the unity and resistance of delivery workers across India against exploitative platform practices, he added.

## TTD Chairman conducts strategic inspection of Laddu sales and production; assures ample stocks for Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan

(Capital Information)

**Tirumala** : TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu performed a comprehensive surprise inspection of the Srivari Laddu sales ecosystem in Tirumala on Thursday. This visit was aimed at ensuring operational excellence and maintaining the highest standards of service for the millions of devotees visiting the sacred shrine. During the inspection, the Chairman personally supervised the issuance protocols, evaluated the efficiency of the counter staff, and meticulously verified the weight and quality of the sacred Prasadam.

As part of TTD's commitment to digital transformation and devotee convenience, Chairman B.R. Naidu reviewed the functionality of the automated kiosks. These units facilitate Laddu procurement for devotees without Darshan tickets through a seamless Aadhaar-linked registration and UPI payment interface. The Chairman interacted with several pilgrims to gather direct feedback



on these technological interventions, ensuring the process remains user-friendly and transparent.

The inspection extended to the Boondi Potu, the primary kitchen facility, where the Chairman observed the preparation stages of the Laddu ingredients. After a detailed assessment of the culinary workflow, he issued a series of directives to the concerned officials to further en-

hance preparation standards. Addressing the media delegation, the Chairman emphasized that this review is a critical component of the readiness plan for the upcoming Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan, scheduled to take place from December 30 to January 8.

Chairman B.R. Naidu disclosed that TTD currently manages a daily distribution of 4 lakh laddus alongside 8,000 Kalyanotsavam laddus.

He reassured the global devotee community that robust logistics are in place to ensure a zero-shortage environment during the high-influx period of Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan. Highlighting the positive impact of recent administrative reforms, the Chairman noted that devotees have expressed immense satisfaction regarding the enhanced taste and quality of the Prasadam, as well as the notable decrease in

queue waiting times.

The Chairman concluded by stating that TTD is prepared to scale up production capabilities further, with a focus on optimizing counter management for even swifter distribution. Accompanying the Chairman during this technical inspection were Srivari Temple Deputy EO Lokanatham, Potu Peishkar Muni Ratnam, and other key administrative officials.

## CM's contradictory assertions over River Krishna water claims exposed, draws criticism

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's poor knowledge over the irrigation sector, especially on River Krishna water sharing got exposed yet again. His contradictory assertions over Telangana's share in the River Krishna waters are drawing severe criticism from different sections.

Interestingly, the Chief Minister contradicts his own statements and assertions over the State's share in the river waters.

In June this year, the Chief Minister had demanded his counterpart from Andhra Pradesh N Chandrababu Naidu to issue NOC for using 1000 tmcft in River Godavari and 500 tmcft in River Krishna.

These demands had triggered a strong criticism from the former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao and slammed the Congress government for its negligence in protecting Telangana's share.

"Telangana already has hydrological clearances from Central Water Commission for using 946 tmcft in River Godavari for projects in the State," Harish Rao pointed out, exposing the Chief Minister's poor command over the irrigation sector.

Similarly, on September 13, the Chief Minister made another assertion of 904 tmcft share in River Krishna for Telangana. Contradicting his own assertion on September 24, the Chief Minister again claimed Telangana's share of 763 tmcft in River Krishna water.

Continuing his inconsistent stand over the river water share, the Chief Minister this month made a new demand before the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal to allot 951 tmcft in River Krishna basin.

The BRS working president KT Rama Rao has been highlighting these inconsistencies, particularly the Chief Minister's contradictory stand on River Krishna water

shares.

"Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has zero knowledge of river waters impacting Telangana's share and interests. He continues to remain dangerously ignorant in irrigation issues," Rama Rao said while addressing party workers in Nalgonda on Tuesday.

Like the strong counters from the BRS, people from different sections are also criticizing the Chief Minister for his "command" over the irrigation sector and river water shares.

Sharing the news reports clippings of contradictory statements made by Revanth Reddy on X, Nayini Anurag Reddy, an entrepreneur asked "Every time the Chief Minister speaks, there's a new number. If they themselves don't know what they are asking for, who do you expect to take us seriously?,"

"And in all this confusion, it's not them who lose. It's the people of Telangana," he stressed.

## Love and compassion are the message of Christ : Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy



(Capital Information)

**Kodad** : The Christmas celebrations held on Thursday at St. Joseph's CCR Educational Institution in Kodad town, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, were a grand spectacle. State Minister for Major Irrigation and Civil Supplies, Nalamada Uttam Kumar Reddy, attended the event as the chief guest. He cut a cake with the students and extended his greetings.

On this occasion, the Minister stated that the paths of peace and love shown by Christ are universal and serve as a guiding light for the unity of humanity. He called upon the students to cultivate a service-oriented attitude and discipline from a young age.

He praised the commendable educational services provided by Christian educational institutions to society. He extended Christmas greetings to all the people. Later, the cultural performances presented by the students captivated everyone.

Former MLA Venepalli Chander Rao, PCC Delegate Chintakuntla Lakshminarayana Reddy, District Library Chairman Vangaveeti Ramarao, former DCCB Chairman Muthavarapu Panduranga Rao, former Sarpanch Chairman Erneni Babu, Superior Sister Nakshatram, Headmistress Ann Jyothi, Rose Mary, Stella Shaurili, Vijaya, and local public representatives participated in the program.





## Formation of Kamma Samaikya Vedika in Shadnagar - Members Meet Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Minister Assures Support to All Members, Calls for Service-Oriented Leadership Mannava Sambasiva Rao Elected President; Makineni Venkata Narayana Appointed General Secretary of Shadnagar Kamma Samaikya Vedika

(Special Correspondent)  
**Shadnagar** : State Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has called for strengthening the Kamma Samaikya Vedika to stand united and extend continuous support to people from all sections of society through sustained service activities for the welfare of the Kamma community.

Members who recently formed the Shadnagar Division Committee of the Kamma Samaikya Vedika met Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday in the state capital, Hyderabad. The newly constituted committee under his guidance elected Mannava Sambasiva Rao as President and Makineni Venkata Narayana as General Secretary.

Kapa Venkateshwar Rao was elected Treasurer, while Madamanchi Ananda Rao and Kaparamarao were



elected Vice Presidents. Amarnath, Nuvvula Srinivasa Rao, and Bandla Siva Nagamalleswara Rao were elected as Joint Secretaries. Vaikuntha Sambasiva Rao, Eedara Satyanarayana, Mandava Hanumantha Rao, Madhu, Naresh, and several others were present at the meeting.

"Bring Greater Recognition to the Kamma Community" — Minister

TummalaAddressing the newly elected members, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said that the Kamma Samaikya Vedika should move forward in a manner that brings pride and recognition to the Kamma community.

He emphasized the need to strengthen the organization and urged its members to stand by every individual in need. He stated that

everyone should work with dedication to uphold the dignity and unity of the Kamma community and expressed his desire to see every member progress economically.

He noted that the Kamma community has always been known for its commitment to public service and called upon the members to continue in the same spirit. The Minister assured

the newly formed committee of his continuous support and cooperation in all its activities.

On this occasion, Telangana Kamma Associations Federation President Bodduravi Shankar Rao, General Secretary Gangavarapu Ramakrishna, and Treasurer Kandapuneni Ratnakar Rao conveyed their best wishes to the newly elected committee.

## The teachings of Christ – peace, compassion, love, and service are applicable to all : MLA:Vemula Veeresham

(Capital Information)  
**Nakrekal/Kethapally** : On the occasion of Christmas, he attended the celebrations held at the Rayapuram church in Kethapally mandal as the chief guest, extended greetings to the Christian brothers and sisters, and cut a cake.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the teachings of Christ – to love everyone, to walk the path of peace, and to act with a spirit of service – are applicable to all of humanity.

Later, in Nakrekal, MLA Vemula Veeresham attended the celebrations held at various churches in different wards of Nakrekal town, cut a cake, extended greetings, and participated in special prayers.

In this program, Municipality Chairperson Chevugoni Rajitha - Srinivas, TPCC Manifesto Committee Member Chamala Srinivas, local councilors, leaders, Christian brothers and sisters, and others participated.

## Asking Farmers to Use Mobile App for Urea is Absurd: Senior Leader Porika Govind Naik

(Capital Information)  
**Mulugu** : Senior district leader Mr. Porika Govind Naik alleged that the agricultural sector has deteriorated ever since the Congress government came to power, resulting in increased hardships for farmers.

He was speaking at a party workers' meeting held under the chairmanship of Mallampally Mandal President Mr. Palepu Srinivas. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Govind Naik criticised the government's decision to make it mandatory for farmers to use a mobile application to pre-book urea, stating that such a move is unrealistic and laughable. He questioned how farmers from rural

areas—many of whom are either illiterate or do not possess smartphones—could be expected to operate mobile apps to access fertilisers.

"Farming has become a fearful activity under the Congress regime. Most farmers live in villages and cannot afford or operate Android smartphones. The government must answer how such farmers are supposed to use a urea booking app," he said, directly questioning the Revanth Reddy-led government.

He further stated that after the Congress came to power, farmers are once again being forced to stand in long queues day and night for urea, a situation reminis-



cent of 15 years ago. He accused the government of displaying hypocritical concern for farmers while failing to ensure timely fertiliser supply.

Mr. Govind Naik demanded clarity on how many times Rythu Bandhu assistance has been extended in the last two years and how many farmers have actually benefited from complete ₹2 lakh loan waivers and bonus payments.

He also alleged that the

Congress government has shown negligence towards irrigation projects, questioning whether even a single irrigation project has been completed in the last two years.

Recalling the previous BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, he said several irrigation projects were completed with the objective of providing sufficient water for two crops. He highlighted the Kaleshwaram Lift

Irrigation Project, along with multiple reservoirs and canal networks, which ensured water supply to tanks across the state and transformed agriculture into a festive activity, making farmers prosperous.

Demanding immediate action, Mr. Govind Naik urged the government to withdraw the urea mobile app and revert to the earlier distribution system followed by the previous government. Speaking as a representative of the principal opposition party, he warned that if the government fails to respond, the party will launch agitations in support of farmers and stand firmly by their side in the days to come.



## Additional Collector Inspects Rice Mills, Paddy Procurement Centres, PHCs and KGBV Schools

(Capital Information)  
**Mahabubnagar** : Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik on Thursday conducted extensive inspections of rice mills, paddy procurement centres, primary health centres and a Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Gandeed and Hanwada mandals.

Reviewing paddy procurement for the Kharif 2025–26 season, the Additional Collector directed millers who have received paddy to submit bank guarantees to the Civil Supplies Department DM as per the instructions of the Civil Supplies Commissioner. He

inspected RVR Srinivasa Rice Mill at Gandeed and Lakshmi Balaji Rice Mill at Hanwada, and instructed the managements to immediately submit pending bank guarantees. He asked the Enforcement Department to take special care in collecting the guarantees and ensure completion by the end of December.

Regarding Rabi 2024–25 Custom Milled Rice (CMR) deliveries, including Non-FRK, FRK Raw and FRK Boiled rice, he instructed rice millers to operate mills in two shifts and complete the allocated ACs at the earliest. He said the District Collector

would review the progress every week and directed millers to dispatch ACs on a daily basis.

The Additional Collector also conducted surprise inspections of the Primary Health Centres at Gandeed and Hanwada mandal headquarters. During the attendance check, no doctors or nurses were found available. He ordered issuance of show-cause notices and directed the District Medical and Health Officer to ensure that explanations are submitted directly to the District Collector. He enquired about the availability of emergency injections for dog bite and snake bite cases and

questioned staff on the nature of treatments being provided to patients.

At Vennachedu village in Gandeed mandal, he inspected a paddy procurement centre. Farmers and staff informed him about the non-availability of gunny bags. He directed the Civil Supplies DM to arrange immediate supply of gunny bags. He also instructed officials to expedite weighing, tablet entries of farmer details and ensure timely payment to farmers. He asked that details of centres where procurement has been completed be submitted to the Civil Supplies DM office

and directed that public announcements be made in villages encouraging farmers to bring paddy daily.

Later, he inspected the Central Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya at Hanwada mandal headquarters. He interacted with students about food facilities and teaching methods. Advising students to study with interest rather than compulsion, he said this would pave the way for a bright future. He urged teachers and students, especially Class X students, to focus on studies without wasting time and strive to achieve a high pass percentage to bring the district to the top ranks.

## Prajasena Founder, B. Ramesh Varma Distributes Sarees to Women on Christmas

(Capital Information)  
**Bhupalpally (Mulugu)** : Polaram Village: On the occasion of Christmas, Prajasena founder Sri Bommakanti Ramesh Varma distributed sarees to 26 women at the church in Polaram village of Bhupalpally district.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Ramesh Varma said that Christmas is not merely the celebration of a birth, but the beginning of a great sacrifice. He recalled that Jesus Christ was not born on a throne or amidst riches, but in a humble manger, spreading a message of love and compassion.

"Jesus left behind a profound question for humanity — Are you living with love? Despite facing injustice, He stood firm in silence and taught forgiveness in response to hatred. Even while



suffering on the cross, He never abandoned His love for mankind," he said. He added that Christmas should prompt introspection among people, questioning whether society is moving towards light or becoming accustomed to darkness. "The message of Jesus is clear — not religion, but humanity; not fear, but love; not violence, but forgiveness," he

emphasized.

Extending Christmas greetings, Sri Ramesh Varma wished that the holy day would fill people's lives with silent peace, their hearts with divine hope, and their actions with true human values. He concluded by praying for the blessings of Lord Jesus Christ upon everyone. Prajasena Founder Bommakanti Ramesh Varma

## Telangana Medical Health Employees Association New Executive Committee Election

(Capital Information)  
**Nizamabad Bureau** : The Telangana Medical Health Employees Association District Committee meeting of the District Medical Health Department was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of District President Ganpur Venkateswarlu on the fifth floor of the Government General Hospital.

In this meeting, membership, union strengthening, 2026 New Year Calendar, election of new district committee, employee problems, future programs and others were discussed.

In particular, among the employee problems, mainly those who roam around at the field level, employees are



facing difficulties through online attendance, those who have been working as ANMs for about 30 years are still not getting promotions, those who have become senior and have not received LHV training while working as ANMs, and it was not right to stop the annual grade increment, it was discussed on this occasion.

The district president informed on this occasion that all these problems will be brought to the attention of higher authorities and justice will be done to the employees.

In this meeting, the district committee was unanimously elected. N. Venkateswarlu as district president, Yadamma as dis-

trict associate president, C. Rajender as district general secretary, district vice presidents, V. Praveen Reddy, B. Baby Rani, M. Ravi Goud, joint secretaries, M. Gangamani P. Mandodari, organizing secretaries, G. Vimalaswari, Solomon RajS. Swamiji Suresh Reddy as district executive members... S. Shyamala, G. Vijaya E. Sudhakar, T. Ramesh D. Madhusudan It was informed that they were elected unanimously.

On this occasion, the newly elected district committee responded to the problems of the employees and announced that they would work for the welfare of the employees.

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CORRIGENDUM No.01 Dated 24.12.2025			
Tender No.:31_2025-26_Sr.DEE_TRD_HYB			
Name of Work: Hyderabad Division - outsourcing of TSS operators (Monitoring & Data Recording of TSS) at Divitipally (DTP) & Talmadla (TMD) Traction Sub Station (TSS) for a period of 02 years.			
The following Corrigendum is hereby issued to the above-mentioned Tender, which was published on IREPS on 19.12.2025. This Corrigendum shall form an integral part of the Tender Documents issued earlier.			
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1	Clause: 2 A. Single Packet system in REGULATIONS FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS in Page 8 of 99 of uploaded tender booklet.		"This shall be based on the eligibility criteria as per clause 2.6.1.1 and 2.6.1.2 of GCC for Services. Clause 2.6.1.3 of GCC for Services shall not be applicable here."
2	Clause: 4.1.1 in Evaluation of Technical Bid in REGULATIONS FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS in Page 10 of 99 of uploaded tender booklet.		"This shall be based on the eligibility criteria as per clause 2.6.1.1 and 2.6.1.2 of GCC for Services. Clause 2.6.1.3 of GCC for Services shall not be applicable here."
3	Clause: 3.1.1 in Bidder's Credentials in Page 29 of 99 of uploaded tender booklet.		"This shall be based on the eligibility criteria as per clause 2.6.1.1 and 2.6.1.2 of GCC for Services. Clause 2.6.1.3 of GCC for Services shall not be applicable here."
4	Clause: 4 A in Bid Evaluation System in Page 34 of 99 of uploaded tender booklet.		"This shall be based on the eligibility criteria as per clause 2.6.1.1 and 2.6.1.2 of GCC for Services. Clause 2.6.1.3 of GCC for Services shall not be applicable here."
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6	Clause: a) in Bidder's Credentials in Page 37 of 99 of uploaded tender booklet.		"This shall be based on the eligibility criteria as per clause 2.6.1.1 and 2.6.1.2 of GCC for Services. Clause 2.6.1.3 of GCC for Services shall not be applicable here."
All other terms and conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged. Bidders are advised to take note of the above changes while submitting their bids.			
This Corrigendum has been uploaded on IREPS and the same shall be treated as part of the Tender Documents.			
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### Christmas celebrated grandly at CSI Church MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta participated as the chief guest

**(Capital information)**  
**Nizamabad Bureau :** The Christmas celebrations held at CSI Church in Nizamabad town were held grandly with devotion and in a spiritual atmosphere. Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana participated as the chief guest for these celebrations.

On this occasion, the church pastor offered special prayers for the MLA. He prayed that Lord Jesus Christ would bless the MLA with good health, knowledge and strength and give him the power to serve the people more. He also prayed that God's grace, peace and blessings should always be on the MLA's family.

Speaking at the celebrations, MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana said that Christmas is a symbol of love, peace and brotherhood. He said that the life of Jesus Christ, who was born in a sheepfold, is an example of humility, sacrifice and service.

Jesus The values of love, forgiveness and service taught should be reflected in everyone's life. Also, the MLA said that all religions teach humanity and festivals promote unity and harmony in the society. He praised the city of Nizamabad as a symbol of religious harmony.

Nyalo. Raju, Corporator Prabhakar, Mundada Pawan, Math Pawan Church Fathers, pastors, community members, Christian devotees, local public representatives and prominent figures participated in this program in large numbers.

### Kishora Ecosystem Seminar Concludes Grandly in Tirupati: Empowering Youth as Future Leaders

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirupati :** The Kishora Ecosystem program, a dedicated initiative designed for adolescents and their parents, concluded successfully in Tirupati. The seminar focused on nurturing leadership qualities from a young age and providing a comprehensive roadmap for the holistic development of students. Throughout the event, prominent scholars and mentors emphasized that direction, discipline, and personality development are the fundamental cornerstones of a teenager's growth. Speakers specifically highlighted how literature, inspirational films, and the life stories of great personalities play a significant role in influencing and shaping the mindset of young individuals.



A central theme of the event was the proactive and vital role of parenting in a child's journey. Experts noted that through consistent guidance and strong emotional support, parents can establish a robust foundation for their children's future, ensuring they navigate the complex challenges of adolescence with confidence and integrity. By aligning parental support with the student's natural talents, the speakers argued that the path to success becomes much clearer.

During the keynote address, the organization's founder, Mr. Srivatsava, stated that today's teenagers have the potential to emerge as the visionary leaders of tomorrow if provided with the right methodologies and timely so-



lutions. His message was further amplified by an expert panel consisting of Coach Shiva, Dr. Nagendra, Coach Karthik, and Anupama, who shared diverse insights from their professional journeys to motivate students toward embracing core values and personal responsibility.

The organizers concluded the event by reiterating that the core objective of the Kishora Ecosystem is to propel the nation forward by fostering a generation of responsible, value-driven youth. The seminar served as a vital platform for students to interact directly with mentors, gaining the necessary clarity to pursue their personal and professional paths with a sense of duty toward society.

### Tirupati APUWJ Accords Grand Welcome to Media Academy Chairman

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirupati :** The Andhra Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) Tirupati unit extended a warm and grand welcome to Alapati Suresh on Thursday, the newly appointed Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Media Academy. This visit marked his first official arrival in Tirupati after assuming the prestigious role.

The APUWJ leadership and several senior journalists met the Chairman formally to convey their congratulations. During the meeting, union leaders expressed their support and discussed matters pertaining to the journalistic community. The reception was attended by prominent figures including APUWJ District President Dr.

Prasad, District General Secretary P. Narendra, and Tirupati Press Club President Murali.

State Council members Krishnaiah and Koteswara Babu, along with District Vice President Seenu Babu and Assistant Secretary Taraka, were also present to honor the Chairman. The delegation further included Photojournalists Association State Vice President Giribabu, and journalists Suresh, Govindaswamy, Raja Reddy, Purushottam, among others. The members highlighted the importance of the Media Academy's role in supporting journalists across the state and looked forward to working closely under the new leadership.



### Government advisor Pocharam Srinivas Reddy performed Bhoomi Puja for the beautification of Yellaru lake

**(Capital information)**  
**Nizamabad Buearu :** Telangana State Government Agriculture Advisor, Banswada Constituency MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, and State Agros Chairman Kasula Balaraju performed Bhoomi Puja for the beautification works of Yellaru (Yellaru) lake in Banswada town with a cost of Rs 3 crore 15 lakh.

They said that they performed Bhoomi Puja for the beautification works of this lake in order to develop the Yellaru (Yellaru) lake and turn it into a tourist center, and to provide a pleasant environment for the residents of the colonies around the lake to walk in the morning and evening.

Banswada town leaders, former public representatives and officials participated in the program.

### National IDE Bootcamp Empowers 190+ PM SHRI Educators at Guru Nanak Institutions Technical Campus

**(Capital Information)**  
**Ranga Reddy :** The three-day intensive "Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp" for Principals and Teachers of PM SHRI Schools concluded today at the Guru Nanak Institutions Technical Campus (GNITC). Organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), the event marked a significant step toward fostering a culture of innovation in Indian schools.

The bootcamp, held from December 22nd to 24th, 2025, was organized in strategic collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation, a global leader in entrepreneurship education.

A major highlight of the event was the keynote session by Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman of AICTE and Chief Innovation Officer at the Ministry of Education. Speaking on the "Human-Centered Approach to Explore Innovation and Problem Solving," Dr. Jere emphasized the need to mentor school students to move beyond basic projects



and reach the "patented state." He highlighted that real-world problem solving must start at the school level to build a robust national innovation pipeline.

Mr. Yogesh D. Brahmanekar, Innovation Director at the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, provided technical insights on "Making your Business Stand Out: Build a Solution - Idea and Unique Value Proposition." His session focused on how educators can guide students to identify unique market needs and develop sustainable business models.

The state-level inauguration was attended by high-ranking dignitaries from AICTE and the Samagra

Shiksha Abhiyan. Over 190+ Principals and Teachers from PM SHRI Schools across Telangana participated in the program, engaging in hands-on workshops designed to transform them into "Innovation Ambassadors" for their respective institutions.

The leadership of Guru Nanak Institutions (GNI) and Guru Nanak University (GNU) played a pivotal role in hosting the event. Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Chancellor of GNU & Vice Chairman of GNI, expressed his pride in hosting a national initiative that aligns with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Dr. H.S. Saini, Vice Chancellor of GNU & Managing Director of GNI,

spoke on the importance of institutional support for grassroots innovation. Dr. S. Sreenatha Reddy, Director of GNITC, and Dr. S.V. Ranganayakulu, Dean of R&D at GNITC, also shared their insights on the technical infrastructure required to support young entrepreneurs.

The bootcamp concluded with a valedictory ceremony where all 190+ participants received participation certificates and specialized innovation kits. The educators left equipped with a roadmap to implement design thinking and entrepreneurial modules within the PM SHRI schools, ensuring that the next generation of students is ready for the global economy.

### May this Christmas festival fill your lives with new light : MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode :** The teachings of Christ, which impart peace, compassion, and forgiveness, are worthy of emulation by all of humanity.

On the occasion of Christmas, I extend my special Christmas greetings to the Christian brothers and sis-



ters of Telangana state, and especially to the Christian brothers and sisters of my Munugode constituency.

I wish that all the people be happy and prosperous, and that this Christmas festival, which spreads peace, love, and joy, fills your lives with new light.

### MLA Dr. Rekulapalli Bhupathi Reddy participated in Christmas celebrations

**(Capital information)**  
**Nizamabad Bureau :** Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. Rekulapalli Bhupathi Reddy participated in the Christmas celebrations organized at Jesus Love Church in Mubarak Nagar, Nizamabad Rural Mandal. On this occasion, the MLA conducted special prayers in the church and wished Christmas to the Christian brothers and sisters. Later, he cut a cake and fed it to the Christians.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Telangana state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is giving a big push to the Christian minorities. He said that the state



government has allocated Rs. 21 crore for the organization of Christmas celebrations and special funds have been sanctioned for color lighting to all churches across the state. He said that Christmas, which is celebrated on the same day all over the world, marks the birth of Lord Jesus, and he is very happy to participate in these holy celebrations.

He said that he is praying to the Lord Jesus for peace and happiness in every family. He reminded that financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh has been provided to organize Christmas celebrations in each church. He said that when the representatives of the church fathers requested that the road be built, they immediately started the road

work.

MLA Bhupathi Reddy clarified that the welfare schemes implemented by the Congress government are being provided to people of all sections and that the Congress party, as a secular party, treats all religions and all castes equally. He asked that the government should bless the Congress party as much as it supports Christians.

AMC Chairman Muppai Gangareddy, Minority Department Chairman Srinivas, former MPP Immadi Gopi, Fisheries Chairman Srinivas, church fathers, senior Congress leaders Hanmandlu and others participated in this program.

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# Editorial Sabka Prayas will realise the resolve of a Viksit Bharat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to honour the life and ideals of Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee today. Speaking on the occasion marking Vajpayee's 101st Birth Anniversary, the Prime Minister remarked that today the land of Lucknow is becoming a witness to a new inspiration. He extended Christmas greetings to the nation and the world. Modi highlighted that in India too, millions of Christian families are celebrating the festival today. He emphasized that this celebration of Christmas should bring happiness into everyone's lives, which is the collective wish of all.

Highlighting that December 25 brings with it the remarkable occasion of the birth anniversaries of two great personalities of the nation, Modi remarked that Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji and Bharat Ratna Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya ji dedicated their lives to safeguarding India's identity, unity, and pride. The Prime Minister emphasized that both these stalwarts left an indelible mark on nation-building through their immense contributions.

Noting that December 25 also marks the birth anniversary of Maharaja Bijli Pasi ji, Modi highlighted that the famous Bijli Pasi fort of Lucknow is not far from here and emphasized that Maharaja Bijli Pasi left behind a legacy of valor, good governance, and inclusiveness, which the Pasi community has carried forward with pride. He noted the coincidence that it was Atal ji who, in the year 2000, issued a postage stamp in honor of Maharaja Bijli Pasi. He paid respectful homage, offering salutations to Mahamana Malaviya ji, Atal ji, and Maharaja Bijli Pasi.

Modi remarked that a short while ago he had the privilege of inaugurating the Rashtra Prerna Sthal, which symbolizes the vision that showed India the path of self-respect, unity, and service. He highlighted that the grand statues of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji stand tall, yet the inspiration they provide is even greater. Quoting lines of Atal ji, the Prime Minister emphasized that this Rashtra Prerna Sthal gives the message that every step, every effort must be dedicated to nation-building, and that collective effort alone will fulfill the resolve of a developed India. He extended congratulations to Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and the entire nation on this modern inspiration site. He noted that the land on which this Prerna Sthal has been built had, for decades, accumulated a mountain of garbage spread over more than 30 acres, which has been completely cleared in the last three years. The Prime Minister congratulated all the workers, artisans, planners associated with the project, and conveyed special appreciation to the Chief Minister and his entire team for their efforts.

## Vice President Releases Mahamana Vangmay, Final Series of Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya

### Mahamana Malaviya Bridged India's Ancient Values and Modern Aspirations: Vice President

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, today released "Mahamana Vangmay", the final series of the collected works of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice President described Mahamana Malaviya as a towering nationalist, journalist, social reformer, lawyer, statesman, educationist, and a distinguished scholar of ancient Indian culture. He said Pandit Malaviya was a rare visionary who firmly believed that India's future lay not in discarding its past, but in rejuvenating it, thus serving as a bridge between India's ancient values and modern democratic aspirations.

Highlighting Pandit Malaviya's commitment to scientific and technological education, the Vice President said this reflected his ability to harmonise the best elements of ancient and modern civilizations.

Recalling Mahamana Malaviya's faith in education as the strongest instrument of national awakening during colonial rule, the Vice President said the establishment of Banaras Hindu University stands as a living testament to his belief that modern education and Indian culture must grow together.

The Vice President observed that Mahamana Malaviya's vision of a strong, self-reliant, and enlightened India resonates deeply with contemporary initiatives such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India, and the mission of Viksit Bharat by 2047, championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is carrying forward Pandit Malaviya's enduring legacy.

He further said that Mahamana Malaviya's emphasis on inclusive, value-based, and skill-oriented education finds strong reflection in the National Education Policy 2020.

Describing Mahamana Vangmay as more than a collection of writings, the Vice President said it represents the intellectual DNA of India's freedom struggle and a blueprint for the country's cultural renaissance.

He congratulated the Mahamana Malaviya Mission and the Publications Division for their monumental effort and urged universities, scholars, and young researchers to actively engage with these volumes, noting that they offer enduring solutions to contemporary challenges.

The second and final series of Mahamana Vangmay, comprising 12 volumes spread across about 3,500 pages, is a comprehensive collection of the writings and speeches of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. The event was organised by the Mahamana Malaviya Mission, while the books have been published by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The first series of the collected works was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023.

Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal; Member of Parliament Anurag Singh Thakur; President, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Ram Bahadur Rai; President, Mahamana Malaviya Mission, Hari Shankar Singh; and Principal Director General, Publications Division, Bhupendra Kainthola, were among the dignitaries present on the occasion.



**PRESIDENT OF INDIA RELEASES THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA IN THE SANTHALI LANGUAGE**

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, released the Constitution of India in the Santali language at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (December 25, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that it is a matter of pride and joy for all the Santali people that the Constitution of India is now available in the Santali language, written in the Ol Chiki script. It will make them able to read and understand the Constitution in their own language.

The President said that this year, we are celebrating the centenary of the Ol Chiki script. She appreciated the Union Minister of Law and Justice and his team for bringing the Constitution of India in Ol Chiki script in its centenary year.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were the Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan and the Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal.

The Santali language, which was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Amendment Act, 2003, is one of the most ancient living languages of India. It is spoken by a significant number of tribal people in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar.



## Amit Shah addresses Abhyudaya Madhya Pradesh Growth Summit in Gwalior

**New Delhi (PIB) :** Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah today addressed the Abhyudaya Madhya Pradesh Growth Summit in Gwalior as the chief guest. On this occasion, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia, and several other dignitaries were present.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the beginning of structured industrial enclaves in the country started from Gujarat, when Narendra Modi ji was the Chief Minister of the state. He said that Modi ji scientifically initiated the organization of the industrial summit named Vibrant Gujarat, which was highly successful and also brought investments to Gujarat. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has initiated regional investment enclaves for the balanced development of the state. He said that investment-related activities have now begun in all regions of Madhya Pradesh, which will prove beneficial for other states as well. Shah said that the investment of ₹2 lakh crore happening today may seem small at first glance, but for any one region, it is a very significant achievement. For the people of that region, this investment is extremely important. If there is no balanced development in the state, the state cannot progress, because immense possibilities are hidden in every region. He said that cotton has been a very old produce of the farmers in the Malwa and Chambal regions, but due to not getting proper prices, cotton cultivation has greatly reduced. Now, through the PM MITRA Park, cotton has once again become a profitable crop.

Amit Shah said that the biggest specialty of Madhya Pradesh is its geographical location. Half of India can be supplied from here at very low transportation costs, but its optimum utilization can happen only when industries are established symmetrically in Madhya Pradesh. Industries should be set up in districts bordering southern states, in areas adjacent to Delhi such as Gwalior, and also in regions bordering the west such as Dhar and Jabua—only then will the benefit of the geographical location be fully realized. He said that Madhya Pradesh's regional investment summits have laid the foundation for the all-round development of the state.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that in Gwalior, the inauguration and foundation stone laying of 14 development works pertaining to Gwalior took place. Leaders of the opposition party turned Madhya Pradesh into a BI-MARU state; Shivraj Singh ji removed that tag, and now Mohan Yadav ji is taking the state forward with new energy. As a result, Madhya Pradesh will definitely become a developed state. He said that excellent highways have been built in Madhya Pradesh, efforts have been made to supply water from Narmada river to as many areas as possible, the irrigated area has increased by 17 percent, and by surpassing Punjab and Haryana, Madhya Pradesh has successfully won the 'Krishi Karmman' Award consecutively seven times. He said that it is our party that has truly put Madhya Pradesh on the path of development.

Amit Shah said that to completely capitalize on Madhya Pradesh's geographical location, a Multi-Modal Logistics Park is being developed in Indore, which is attracting companies engaged in production from across the country to set up their warehouses or hubs there. He said that at one time Madhya Pradesh was considered a negative state in the power sector, but today Madhya Pradesh has surplus electricity. In the field of cleanliness as well, Madhya Pradesh has left other states behind. Madhya Pradesh has the lowest operational cost for metro services among the states. The state has also performed well in the startup sector. Industries and startups have been established in every sector, including agriculture, food processing, minerals, mineral-based industries, renewable energy, logistics, textiles, pharmaceuticals, IT, and tourism. Approximately 50 percent of these startups are being run by women, which is an excellent example of women empowerment. He said that Madhya Pradesh has set a record by establishing 4 lakh 57 thousand new MSME units in just one year. As a result, in the matter of medium, small, and cottage industries, Madhya Pradesh is on its way to becoming a hub for the entire country, and through startups and innovation, it is poised to reach new heights.

Amit Shah said that the PM MITRA Park has been built on the 5F vision, which also works to ensure farmers receive fair prices for their produce. It includes Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign—meaning the PM MITRA Park has arrangements right up to export. He said that the largest PM MITRA Park is in Madhya Pradesh, which will benefit the farmers. Shah said that the textile and tourism industries are the sectors that generate the most employment, and infrastructure suitable for both these sectors is being developed in Madhya Pradesh. He said that Madhya Pradesh has also performed very well in Ease of Doing Business.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah said that under the leadership of PM Modi, foundations are being laid in many new sectors, which will give the country the opportunity to become a global leader in these new areas in the coming days. He said that our foreign exchange reserves have crossed the record level of 700 billion dollars. We have made a late but impactful entry into the semi-conductor industry, and very soon we will not only become self-reliant in this sector but will also begin its exports. He said that through Digital India, we have achieved the fastest growth in it stands at 63rd position. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has created a structured economic system.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah said that under the leadership of PM Modi, efforts have been made to make India first in the world in the field of infrastructure. During the previous government, there were 90 thousand kilometers of highways; now, 1.5 lakh kilometers of new highways have been built. Four-lane highways were previously 18,000 kilometers, now they have become 46,000 kilometers. Rural roads were previously 3 lakh 81 thousand kilometers, now they have become 7 lakh 84 thousand kilometers. Earlier, there were 74 airports; now their number is 163. Previously, there was not a single Vande Bharat train; now 164 Vande Bharat trains are being built, and the manufacturing of Vande Bharat train parts has also begun in Madhya Pradesh. Earlier, there was not a single Amrit Bharat station; now 1,337 have been built. Railway electrification was only 22 thousand kilometers; now it is 68 thousand kilometers. Metro-connected cities were previously five; now their number is 23. Earlier, optical fiber was available in only 100 gram panchayats; now it has reached 2 lakh 14 thousand panchayats.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation told the youth of Madhya Pradesh and the industrialists who have come to invest in the state that the geographical location of Madhya Pradesh is so attractive that crops can be grown by sowing seeds anywhere, but the land of Madhya Pradesh is so fertile that by sowing rupees here, one can earn crores. He said that when the state develops with regional balance, the greatest benefit goes to the people of the state and the industrial sector, because industries based on regional specialties are sustainable and, hence, successful.

On the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, paying tribute to him, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that today the entire country is celebrating the birth anniversary of a great man of the era, a visionary, and the one who laid the foundation of modern India's infrastructure—Atal ji. Shah said that he is fortunate that today he is standing on the land where Atal ji spent his early life. Home Minister said that he is present on the very land whose soil shaped the young Atal into Atal Bihari. Atal ji not only helped this country preserve its cultural heritage but also dedicated his entire life to awakening the 'self' of the nation and advancing the journey from Swaraj (self-rule) to Susashan (good governance).

Amit Shah said that when English dominated everything, Atal ji delivered a speech in Hindi at the United Nations, thereby winning the hearts of every Indian. Shah said that the entire state of Madhya Pradesh is filled with tribal areas. Before Atal ji became Prime Minister, there was no separate department for tribals at the Centre, but during his tenure, the Government of India established the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, marking the beginning of a new journey for tribal welfare. When Atal ji became Prime Minister, investment in the country's infrastructure was not considered a means to win elections. He said that Atal ji put an end to the outdated mindset that "elections are not won through investments in infrastructure," and implemented the Golden Quadrilateral project. Under this scheme, six major highways connecting the country from all directions were constructed, paving the way for India to advance on the path of robust infrastructure.



Minister of Cooperation said that it was Atal ji who established before the entire world the principle that a nation can become a nuclear power even for the sake of peace. Despite opposition from around the world, he made India a nuclear-armed nation. The Home Minister said that when infiltrators entered during the Kargil conflict, there was immense pressure from the international community for India to go to global forums and negotiate with Pakistan. However, Atal ji firmly declared that we had already made efforts for peace, we had been deceived, and now there could be no talks with Pakistan until every single infiltrator was driven out of Indian territory. He said that the victory in Kargil is a testament to Atal ji's resolute and determined leadership. Shah said that Atal ji was a great orator, a sensitive poet, and a leader dedicated to the welfare of the people. He was regarded throughout his life as an "Ajatashatru" (one without enemies), and in the world of politics, to live and die without making enemies is a very great achievement. Even Atal ji's opponents never spoke ill of him.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that today is also the birth anniversary of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya ji. He said that Pandit Malaviya ji, from the establishment of Banaras Hindu University to his role as a close associate of Gandhiji, and later through the creation of the Hindu Mahasabha, fearlessly propagated Hindu thought—which is the foundational idea of this country—across the nation without any hesitation. In later years, the same Banaras Hindu University produced many leaders for the country who advanced this very thought. The Home Minister said that today is also the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna C. Rajagopalachari. He paid tribute to C. Rajagopalachari as well.



# Grand Felicitation to Working-Class Public Representatives

Villages Are the Pillars of the Nation; If Villages Prosper, the Country Will Prosper” : Pinapaka Prabhakar

Programme Organised Under the Leadership of Bantaram Sudhakar Goud,President, Two-Wheeler Mechanics Association (Division Committee)

(Special Correspondent)

**Shadnagar** : In the recent Gram Panchayat elections held in the Shadnagar Assembly constituency of Rangareddy district, members from the working class—particularly two-wheeler mechanics—achieved remarkable success by being elected as Sarpanches, Deputy Sarpanches, and Ward Members.

To honour these elected representatives, a grand felicitation programme was organised under the leadership of Bantaram Sudhakar Goud, President of the Two-Wheeler Mechanics Association (Division Committee). The programme was attended by Pinapaka Prabhakar, State Convener of the Labour Welfare Association, as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Pinapaka Prabhakar expressed his happiness over members of the working class, who earn their livelihood as two-wheeler mechanics, winning public

mandates in the Panchayat elections. He stated that regardless of the positions one attains, one should never forget their roots or the profession that provided them with sustenance.

Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said, “Villages are the pillars of the nation,” and emphasized that India’s future lies in its villages. He noted that villages are the backbone of the country, serving as centers of culture and tradition, and playing a vital role in strengthening the nation’s economy and ensuring food



security through agriculture. He stressed that only when villages prosper can the country truly progress.

He further stated that rural development is crucial for national development and

urged the elected representatives to work selflessly for the development of their villages and earn the trust and appreciation of the people. He also called upon them to remain committed to the wel-

fare of fellow workers and to actively address their issues with a strong sense of service.

On this occasion, the following elected public representatives were felicitated with garlands, shawls, and sweets:

Ashok Reddy, Sarpanch of Nagulapalli; Gowardhan Reddy, Deputy Sarpanch of Sherigudem; Prabhakar, Deputy Sarpanch of Appireddygudem; Yadagiri, Ward Member from Chinchodu; Mahesh, Ward Member from Choulapalli; Vishnu, Ward Member from Elkaguda; Mahesh, Ward Member from Keshampet; Ramesh Naik, Ward Member from Balanagar.

The programme was presided over by Bantaram Sudhakar Goud, President of the Two-Wheeler Mechanics Association. Association Secretary Bhaskar, Treasurer Rajesh, Executive Presidents Kumar, Satyam, Waheed, Sai, Mallesh, Pasha, and several others participated in the event.



## Sivaprasad appointed as Additional Standing Government Counsel

(Capital Information)

**Medak** : Advocate Sivaprasad of Gaddi Peddapur village of



Alladurgam Mandal is working as an advocate in the court. The central government has appointed Advocate Sivaprasad as an advocate for Standing Government Counsel.

He will provide legal assistance in the courts of the joint Medak District in cases related to the government. He thanked everyone for being elected as Additional Standing Government Counsel.

## Protest in front of the Suryapet District Collectorate on December 27

(Capital Information)

**Suryapet** : The Telangana state government, two years after the expiry of journalists’ accreditations, has introduced Government Order 252 under the guise of new rules, which is designed to trample on the rights of journalists. TUWJ (H-143) strongly condemns the issuance of this GO which is unjust to journalists.

The new GO, which replaces the previous system where desk journalists and field journalists all had the same accreditation cards, now introduces separate



media cards for desk journalists and accreditation cards for field journalists, thus infringing upon the rights of journalists.

Demanding that the confusing GO. 252, which

lacks clarity on the benefits of each card and attempts to reduce the number of accreditation cards compared to the previous system, be immediately amended to be beneficial to journalists, a protest program has been organized under the auspices of TUWJ (H-143) at 10:30 AM on December 27th at the Suryapet District Collector’s office.

Therefore, all TUWJ (H-143) union members and all other journalists are requested to participate and make the program a success.



## Grand Christmas celebrations held at the local Naya Nagar Baptist Church

(Capital Information)

**Kodad** : Christmas celebrations were grandly held at the Naya Nagar Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Yesaiah. The church was beautifully decorated, and special worship services were conducted from early morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Pastor Yesaiah praised Jesus Christ, stating that He came into this world to strengthen those with broken hearts, to liberate those suffering from the bondage of sin, and to comfort those in sorrow.

He further praised Jesus’ coming as God’s appointed mediator for the salvation of all mankind, and that He brought salvation through His sacrifice.

Also participating in this program were former Kodad Municipality Christian co-option member Smt. Vantapaka Janaki, PRTU district leader Bullikonda Kotaiah, Head Constable John, State Vice President of the Tribal Teachers’ Association Jaggu Naik, Sravanthi, Moses, Jyothi, Bhagyashree, and other young people. Singers Sunitha, Sudha, Krishnaveni, Kavitha, Sunitha, Seetha, and others participated in the program.



## Dhruva Kumar Honored...

(Capital Information)

**Nellore** : On Thursday, at the event organized by the Srujana Literary and Cultural Forum at Nellore Town Hall to commemorate Ghantasala’s 103rd birth anniversary, Dhruva Kumar Raju, a first-grade student, was honored for his participation in the Bhagavad Gita verses recitation competition.

The event was attended by dance teacher N.V. Ramanaiah, Muppuralayindira, V.V. Vinod Kumar, C.H. Vinay, Kavita, and the organization’s president, Daggupati Radhakrishna. Many praised Dhruva’s excellent recitation of the Bhagavad Gita verses.

## A GRAND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN THE FAMOUS MEDAK CHURCH

(Capital information)

**Medak** : Christmas celebrations in Medak district are celebrated with devotion. Special prayers started from four in the morning at the famous Medak CSI Church. Devotees flocked in large numbers to participate in morning prayers. Church teachers and pastors came around the church and started worshipping.

Apart from the residents of Medak district, all the districts of Telangana, Andhra, Karnataka, Maharashtra and foreigners also came to offer prayers in the famous Medak Church. The spacious church premises were filled with thousands of devotees. Devotees were seen everywhere. Under the direction of Presbyter Incharge Shantayya, thousands of devotees were blessed by Lord Jesus.

Former MLAs Padma Devender Reddy, Mynamally Hanumantha Rao, for-



mer MLC Sheri Subhash Reddy, former municipal chairman Mallikarjun Goud cut Christmas cakes and shared the joy with others. Along with them, SP DV Srinivasa Rao and Additional SP Mahender participated and offered prayers and

were blessed by the pastors on behalf of God.

A police outpost was set up in front of the church under SP Srinivasa Rao to avoid any trouble to the thousands of devotees. Under the direction of Additional SP Mahender and DSP Prasanna

nakumar, CIs and SIs have arranged heavy security with around 500 policemen. Police bandobast has been arranged at every step to prevent such unexpected incidents from happening. RTC runs special buses for devotees who come to offer prayers at Medak Church.

Apart from Medak, a large number of buses ply from Bodhan, Hyderabad, Banswada, Sangareddy, Narayankhed and Zaharabad. RTC staff arranged buses according to the rush of passengers. Medak depot manager Surekha supervised the arrangements for the passengers without any hassle. The rush of devotees started from morning and continued till night.

The church premises were filled with naming. They saw that the devotees did not face any difficulties with the voluntary system under the leadership of the church committee.

## The life of late former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee should be taken as an example by today's youth : MLA Dhan Pal Suryanarayana Gupta

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Bureau** : Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who served as the Prime Minister of India three times, should be taken as an example by today’s youth and moved forward, said Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhan Pal Suryanarayana Gupta.

On Thursday, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was commemorated on his 101st birth anniversary at the BJP district party office in Nizamabad district headquarters and floral tributes were paid to his portrait.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was a highly intelligent poet, was a person who had the nature of gentleness in his words and greeted everyone with love.

During his tenure as Prime Minister, he brought many revolutionary reforms for the development of the



country. He said that Vajpayee deserves the credit for taking key decisions for the development, welfare and security of the people of the country. He brought many other reforms such as the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and brought honor to India in the world.

Similarly, during Vajpayee’s tenure, key decisions were taken for the education of girls, and he said that girls would excel in education on an equal footing with men. He said that Vajpayee, a person who instilled courage in women, impressed many

people of the country with his speech. Last year, his 100th birth anniversary was declared as Good Governance Day. He said that his life is an ideal for everyone, especially the youth of today should read Vajpayee’s personality in books and take it as an ideal.

BJP State General Secretary Sravanthi Reddy, BJP District General Secretary Nagolla Lakshminarayana, BJP District General Secretary Pothankar Lakshminarayana, BJP former corporators, BJP senior leaders, activists and others participated in this program.

## "YSRCP stands with the tribals... TDP is slitting their throats"

(Capital Information)

**Nellore** : Former Minister and YSR Congress Party President of undivided Nellore district, Dr. Kakani Govardhan Reddy, toured Nallabaleem village in Podalakuru mandal, Sarvepalli constituency.

Kakani expressed his anger, stating that while the YSR Congress Party stands in support of the tribals, the Telugu Desam Party is slitting their throats under its rule. Kakani said that they welcome anyone who does good for the tribals, but they will not tolerate those who harm them.

Kakani stated that even the court has strongly condemned the Telugu Desam Party leaders for slitting the throat of a tribal man named Gopal. Kakani clarified that it was the YSR Congress Party government that established mobile Aadhaar centers for the tribals. Kakani attended the memorial service of the recently deceased Nandi Ra-

mana Reddy.

We have stood by the tribals, especially the Yanadis and Challa Yanadis, in every way during our government.

During the difficult times of the Corona pandemic, we provided financial assistance from our own funds to tribal families without Aadhaar cards, and also distributed essential commodities to help them.

We established mobile Aadhaar centers for tribals without Aadhaar cards, providing them with the opportunity to register for Aadhaar cards right in their tribal colonies.

We have provided house plots to homeless tribal families and sanctioned new houses for them.

We have transparently provided an additional 15,000 rupees to each poor tribal family building a house, in addition to government funds.

The YSR Congress Party



government has focused special attention on supporting tribals through employment guarantee schemes.

We have organized a special drive to enroll and educate children from tribal families in schools.

With Mr. Jagan Mohan

Reddy providing financial assistance of 15,000 rupees through the Amma Vodi program, a scheme unprecedented in the country’s history, tribal families have shown a willingness to send their children to school.

We have established An-

ganwadi schools in tribal colonies and provided better facilities for tribal children.

We have taken strict action against anyone who cheated or committed atrocities against tribals.

We have provided basic infrastructure such as cement

roads and side drains in tribal colonies.

It is ridiculous that Somireddy has just woken up and is talking as if he alone has uplifted the tribals and that previous governments did not care about them.

We believe that it is good if anyone does good for the upliftment of tribals, but it is not right to limit oneself to mere words.

Somireddy should show his concern for the welfare of tribals through actions, not just words.

In Sarvepalli, Somireddy should undertake projects that benefit the tribal people, instead of misappropriating percentages from the CSR funds provided by industrialists.

The tribal families of Sarvepalli are criticizing Somireddy for his contradictory words and actions.

Somireddy should prove his integrity by not shielding or

protecting those who attacked the tribal man Gopal, but instead bringing them to justice.

After Somireddy orchestrated the attack on the tribals, the tribal families became furious at the mere mention of his name, leaving Somireddy with no option but to start appeasing the tribals.

Everyone rejoices when someone does good for the innocent tribals, but the tribal community will never forgive people like Somireddy, who show love in words but conspire to murder tribals through their actions.

The tribals will never forget the conspiracy Somireddy hatched in Venkatachalam to have their fellow tribal man Gopal murdered.

Whether in power or not, we will not waste time with empty words, and regardless of any hardship or loss, we will always stand by the poor and innocent tribal families in every way.





### BJP leaders grandly celebrated former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday in Miryalaguda

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalaguda :** Former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna recipient Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday was celebrated grandly at the BJP office in Miryalaguda town.

On this occasion, his birth anniversary was observed as Good Governance Day, and with the resolve to ensure that the benefits of the Antyodaya scheme reach the poor people of the country, fruits were distributed to patients at the Miryalaguda Area Hospital on Thursday.

In this Program Town president Bantu Giri, state leaders Sadhineni Srinivas Rao, Bantu Saidulu, Repala Purushottam, Chilukuri Shyam, Satyaprasad, Edla Ramesh, Rajireddy, Lakshmareddy, Poreddy Srinu, Ashok, Abhi, and Naveen participated.

### In the future, if any political party leader or official attacks journalists, we will take legal action and boycott their programs

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** Our newspaper's photojournalist and TPJA executive committee member, Karingu Srinivas, was filming a fight between BJP Nalgonda district president Dr. Nagam Varshith Reddy and a district-level leader at the BJP Nalgonda district office as part of his duty.

District president Nagam Varshith Reddy snatched the camera from photojournalist Srinivas and deleted the photos. The Telangana Photo Journalists Association strongly condemned this incident.

Under the leadership of Nalgonda district president Singam Venkataramana, photojournalists Kandi Venugopal (Vice President), Mucharla Vijayakumar (General Secretary), Mucharla Srinivas (Treasurer), Nagara Bhaskar (Assistant Secretary), Karingu Venkatesh (Executive Committee Member) and various newspaper re-



porters, electronic media cameramen, and social media representatives staged a protest in front of the BJP district office. The dispute was resolved after BJP district president Dr. Varshith Reddy apologized for the assault on photojournalist Srinivas.

On this occasion, Photo Journalists Association Nalgonda district president Singam Venkataramana stated that in the future, if any political party leader or official attacks photojournalists, they will take legal action and boycott their programs.



### DCC President Punna Kailash Netha examines the unfortunate incidents

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode :** Upon learning about the incident where Cholleti Praveen Chari, a resident of Munugodu mandal headquarters, suffered an electric shock at his carpentry shop, Congress party district president Punna Kailash Netha visited the scene. He inquired about the well-being of the owner, Praveen Chari.

Later, in Kompally village of Munugodu mandal, 60 quintals of cotton stored outside the house of a farmer named Jala Venkanna caught fire.

The fire, which broke out amidst houses, was brought under control by locals who doused it with water. The incident occurred under suspicious circumstances, and the farmer is expressing several doubts about the cotton burning.

Congress district president Punna Kailash Netha and mandal Congress leaders inspected the incident site and consoled farmer Venkanna.

## Grand Christmas Celebrations

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode :** In Kamma Gudem, Munugode town, on the occasion of Christmas, Congress party district president Punna Kailash Netha participated in the celebrations at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus. He cut the Christmas cake and extended Christmas greetings to the Christian brothers and sisters.

On this occasion, Church Father Singareddy Pratap Reddy felicitated him with a shawl. Sarpanch Palakuri Ramadevi Narsimha Goud, Congress party mandal president Bheemanapalli Saidulu, former MPP Karnati Swamy



Yadav, former district Youth Congress president Palvai Jitender Reddy, former MPCTC Pandula Bhaskar, Madhu Prasad, Sagar, Michael, Ravi, Gagori, Shoril, Sagar, Prathipu, Balayya, Md. Anwar, former Sarpanch Pandula Narsimha, and others participated in the event.

### Sarpanch's Christmas Gift to Panchayat Workers

#### Lingandhana Sarpanch Nagilla Venkat Distributes New Clothes

**(Special Correspondent)**  
**Keshampet Mandal / Lingandhana Village:** On the occasion of Christmas, special importance was given to the welfare of panchayat workers by Lingandhana village Sarpanch Nagilla Venkat. As part of the Christmas celebrations, the Sarpanch distributed new clothes to the workers serving in the Lingandhana Gram Panchayat of Keshampet Mandal.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Nagilla Venkat stated that panchayat workers play a crucial role in



the development of the village and that their daily services form the backbone of cleanliness and overall progress. He said that his intention was to bring happiness to the workers during the festive season and assured that he would continue to stand by them and support their welfare in the future as well. The panchayat workers, who received the new clothes, expressed their gratitude to the Sarpanch and shared their happiness, stating that such gestures motivate them and make them

feel valued as members of the village community.

Village leaders Tirupati Reddy, Lakshminarayana Goud, Madhusudan Goud, Jangaiah, Bhaskar, Balaswamy, Yadaiah and others participated in the programme and appreciated the initiative taken by the Sarpanch. They praised his efforts towards inclusive development and worker welfare.

The distribution of new clothes to panchayat workers added festive cheer to Lingandhana village, making the Christmas celebrations more meaningful and joyful.

## STEPS TOWARDS STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

**(Capital Information)**  
**Medak :** Medak District Collector Rahul Raj said that regular inspection of primary health centers will be conducted in the district to strengthen health services.

On Thursday, the Collector inspected the Primary Health Center in Shankarampet (R) Mandal. The attendance table of Ph.C. was



brought and examined. How many in-patients and out-patients are coming every day? He inquired about the availability of medicines and other details.

On the occasion, the Collector said that the main purpose of these visits was to improve medical services in primary health centers and increase staff accountability. Medical officers and staff participated in this program.

### TTD suspends SRIVANI offline ticket issuance for three days due to heavy pilgrim influx

**(Capital information)**  
**Tirumala :** TTD has announced the suspension of SRIVANI offline ticket issuance for three days, effective December 27, 28, and 29 (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday), in view of the unprecedented pilgrim rush currently witnessed in Tirumala.

To manage the heavy

congestion effectively, TTD management has decided that no offline SRIVANI tickets will be issued at the designated counters in Tirumala or at the Renigunta Airport in Tirupati during this period. This temporary suspension is aimed at prioritizing the management of existing crowds and ensuring a smoother experience for pilgrims already present.

TTD appeals to devotees to take note of this administrative decision and plan their pilgrimage and darshan schedules accordingly to avoid any inconvenience. The organization requests the cooperation of the pilgrim public in maintaining order during this high-influx period.

## Gyani Zail Singh : The Symbol of Nationalism

**(Er. Prabhat Kishore)**  
**(Capital Information)**  
**Patna :** Innumerable people sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India and countless people suffered physical torture. It is difficult to find mention of all these in the pages of our history. All the letters used in the creation of our history and all the sentences that have been coined, all sing the immortal saga of these sacrifices. But there are some letters of the great writings which speak automatically. The name of Dhartiputra and Kranti Purush Giani Zail Singh is hidden in the womb of these spontaneous writings.

Gyani Zail Singh the youngest of five siblings, was born on 5 May 1916 in the house of a poor cultivator and artisan Mr. Kishan Singh in the village of Sandhwan near Kot Kapura in Faridkot, a small princely state of ancient Saptasindhu and modern Punjab. His mother Smt. Ind Kaur died in her childhood and she was brought up by Aunt Smt. Daya Kaur. He was not called Zail Singh in his childhood, but Jarnail Singh. Jarnail Singh received immense love and protection from brothers Mr. Jagir Singh and Mr. Veer Singh and sister Mrs. Jagir Kaur. Shri Kishan Singh, who had a religious aptitude, had a heartfelt desire that his son Jarnail Singh should propagate the Guran. That is why he got the boy Jarnail Singh out of school and got him to study Hindi and Punjabi in depth under his guidance.

After memorizing the Guru Granth Sahib, Jarnail Singh formed a religious congregation and used to recite its couplets on the harmonium in a very charming manner. He got admission in Shaheed Sikh Missionary College, Amritsar, despite not having a matriculation degree, due to the quality of stimulating the public with his speech. After the completion of this course, he was awarded the title of "Gyani" which remained with his name for life. Meanwhile, at a very young age, he was married to Pradhan Kaur, who has a son, Mr. Joginder Singh and three daughters, respectively, Joginder Kaur, Manjit Kaur and Dr. Gurdeep Kaur.

Inspired by the sacrifices of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru and other freedom fighters, Jarnail Singh started his political career as an Akali Dal worker. At the age of just 18, he became the General Secretary of the Faridkot Akali Dal and remained in this position for five years (till 1933). In 1938, he led the Prajamandal movement against the princely state of Faridkot. In the same year he opened a Congress branch in Faridkot, which the Maharaja accepted as a challenge and imprisoned him for five years. On being asked by the jailer, he revealed his name as "Zail Singh" (Lion of the jail). Since then he became popular as Zail Singh instead of Jarnail Singh. He was severely tortured in the prison, but he showed his courage. He studied the holy

texts like Ramayan, Gita, Veds, Purans, Upnishads etc. in his prison.

After his release from imprisonment in 1943, due to repeated harassment by the Maharaja's employees, Zail Singh left Faridkot and started public awareness by joining the freedom movement. During the flag movement in 1946, he returned to Faridkot, where there was a lot of enthusiasm among the public towards hoisting the tricolor flag. But the fear of the Maharaja's terror was also at its climax. Then Jawaharlal Nehru himself went to Faridkot and hoisted the flag. After some time in 1947, when Rajal Maler was in Kotla, Giani Zail Singh, along with some tenacious workers, made a historic explosion by establishing a parallel government in Faridkot. The king lodged a strong objection to the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was working to integrate the princely states into the Indian Union, and again imprisoned him, calling it a rebellion.

The politics of Punjab in independent India would be incomplete without mentioning Gyaniji. After the partition of India, the new state "Patiala and East Punjab Provincial Union" was formed by joining the small princely states of East Punjab, Patiala, Jind, Nabha, Kapurthala and



Faridkot, whose total area was 10090 square miles and population was 3424060. In 1949, Zail Singh was made the Revenue Minister in the non-party government formed under the Chief Ministership of Gyan Singh Rarewala in this state. After the elections in 1951, he took over as Agriculture Minister in the Congress Government formed on 23 May 1951. He took full advantage of working with an accomplished Chief Minister like Shri Pratap Singh Kairo. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1956 to 1962.

In 1970, when Sikh separatism took hold, the Congress Party made Gyani Zail Singh the Chief Minister of Punjab in 1972. Shiromani Akali Dal, the traditional political party of Sikhs, was given a blow by their voters and out

of the total 104 seats in the state, Congress got 66 seats and its ally Communist Party got 10 seats. The Akali Dal was reduced to just 24 seats. He dominated the politics of Punjab from 1972 to 1977. In 1980, he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Hoshiarpur constituency and on 14 January 1980 took over as the most important Home Minister in the Union Cabinet headed by Smt. Indira Gandhi. It is said that during his tenure as Home Minister, he encouraged

Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale at the behest of Indira Gandhi as a strategy to harm the Akali Dal, which later proved to be a scourge for the peace of Punjab.

After the completion of the tenure of Shri Neelam Sanjiv Reddy after about two and a half years, on July 15, 1982, the Congress Party declared Gyani Zail Singh as the candidate for the post of the seventh President of India. The election was one-sided and in this he also got the support of opponents like the Communist Party in Bengal and the Akali Dal in Punjab in the name of being a Sikh. On 25 July 1982, Gyani Zail Singh took the oath of the highest constitutional post. During this, he also made his place by saying light things like "If my leader had said I should

pick up a broom and be a sweeper, I would have done that. She chose me to be President". As President, he gave the message of love, brotherhood, equality of all religions, unity, honesty and devotion to the people of India but also to the whole world.

Gyani Zail Singh, a multifaceted personality, successfully faced every situation and got victory. Taking special interest in the social upliftment of backward classes, dalits, poor and women, he started many development schemes for their welfare. Keeping the unity and integrity of the nation as supreme, he devoted himself completely. He was not even aware of 'Operation Blue Star', which was started in 1984 to free the historic Golden Temple in Amritsar from the anti-national Sikh militants, although Prime Minister Indira Gandhi spoke to him for an hour a day before the operation. After 4 days of military action, Gyani Zail Singh visited the Golden Temple. Not only was he strongly condemned by the extremist Sikh leaders, but a desperate attempt was made to declare him a devout and a scumbag. But the sense of religious duty could not deter him and without caring about all these religious threats, he followed the path of the Sikh Gurus and always considered the national interest as paramount.

After the assassination of Indira Gandhi by the bodyguards enraged by the above action, in the capacity of President, he fulfilled the duty of

paying his debt by appointing her son Rajiv Gandhi as the Prime Minister. Gyaniji's academic life may not have been able to embrace universities, colleges and big educational institutions, but he had an unmatched love for literature, music and art. He did not speak fluent English, but while showing his deep reverence for Hindi, he used to ask the English masters very easily and confidently that when the nations like France, Germany, Soviet Union, Japan, China, Italy etc. can reach the top of the world with their own language, why can't India reach it? Even abroad, by speaking in Hindi, he enhanced the honor and respect of India.

In the most turbulent times of Indian politics, Gyani Zail Singh showed his understanding and administrative skills. He also became controversial and were also called indisputable. On 29 November 1994, during his visit to Takht Sri Keshavgarh Sahib, his car met with an accident near Kiratpur Sahib in Ropar district. He was admitted to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Chandigarh, where he left this illusory world on 25th December 1994 at 7.40 am. A simple living, high thoughts, a nurturer of Indian tradition and a genius, who stirred the public with his sincere and blunt speech, Zail Singh will always be remembered by the Indian masses.

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# CAQM conducts inspection of PWD roads and re-inspection of DDA road stretches to assess dust mitigation measures

Significant improvement observed on DDA stretches earlier reported with high visible dust, while PWD directed to further intensify on-ground interventions

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) conducted an inspection drive on 24.12.2025 to assess compliance and effectiveness of corrective measures undertaken by concerned road-maintaining agencies following inspections carried out earlier on 12.12.2025. This was done as part of its continuous monitoring and ongoing enforcement efforts under the statutory framework and provisions of the extant Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

The drive focused on assessment of accumulation of visible road dust and on-ground operations of Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs), along with identification of instances of Municipal Solid Waste

(MSW) accumulation, Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste accumulation and cases of open burning.

A total of 15 teams of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for inspection of 106 road stretches maintained by the Public Works Department (PWD) and 02 teams of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for re-inspection of selected 27 road stretches under the jurisdiction of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) were deployed under the directions of the Commission. Geo-tagged and time-stamped photographic documentation was collected and submitted to the Commission as part of the consolidated inspection report.

During the re-inspec-

tion of 27 road stretches maintained by DDA, which were earlier reported with high visible dust levels during inspections conducted on 12.12.2025, it was observed that now none of the i.e. 0 stretches fell under the High Dust category on 24.12.2025. Out of these stretches, 07 found with Moderate Dust levels, 19 recorded Low Dust intensity and 01 stretch was found to have No Visible Dust. This indicates a marked improvement in the overall upkeep of these road stretches, reflecting the impact of corrective measures undertaken by the agency following the earlier inspection by CAQM.

Simultaneously, inspection of 106 road stretches maintained by PWD revealed that 09 stretches exhibited High

Visible Dust levels, 16 showed Moderate Dust, 37 recorded Low Dust intensity and 44 stretches were found to have No Visible Dust. On certain stretches observed with high dust intensity, accumulation of MSW and C&D waste, as well as instances of open burning, were also reported, indicating the need for strengthened on-ground enforcement and upkeep by the concerned agency.

The Commission observed that while the re-inspection results of DDA-maintained road stretches indicates improvement and responsiveness to the directions issued earlier, the inspection of PWD-maintained road stretches highlight persisting gaps in effective road maintenance and dust control and require

immediate and sustained corrective action. The Commission emphasized the need for regular mechanical sweeping, timely lifting and disposal of collected dust and waste, maintenance of road stretches and central verges, effective deployment of water sprinkling and dust-suppression mechanisms, and strict prevention of open burning across all stretches.

The Commission reiterated that targeted inspection and re-inspection exercises under 'Operation Clean Air' will continue to be carried out actively to ensure strict adherence to its Statutory Directions for dust mitigation and prevention of open burning, with the objective of keeping road stretches across Delhi clean and dust-free.

# NTPC priests, Ayyappa Dharma Pracharaks participate in Ayutthayagam

**(Capital information) Nizamabad Buearu :** With the blessings of Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Vidhusekhara Bharathi Mahaswamy , the direct prophecies of Sahasra Avadhani Brahmashri Madugula Nagaphani Sharma, the Ayutthayagam is being organized under the auspices of Devi Upasaka Sri Sri Sri Somayajula Ravindra Sharma at Sri Lalitha Parameshwari Temple in Thrupran Mandal in Medak district, which is aimed at the welfare of the world.

Members of Akhil Bharatiya Ayyappa Dharma Pracharak Sabha Janagam Tirupati, NTPC Gayatri Mata priests Brahma Sri Papitla Rajanendra Sharma, Venkateswara Temple Chief Priest Brahma Sri



Vanamamalai Ramacharya participated in the Ayutthayagam. As part of this, today, on the fourth day, along with the blessings of the Goddess, the Yagani Rwak, Devi Upasakas, Sahasra Chandi Yaga Deekshapara, Sahasra Yaga Bhushan, Sahasra Yagya Swarat, Sahasra Yaga Shiromani, Swarna Kankan, Gandapendera Satkara Grahitha Sri Sri Somayajula Ravindra Sharma received divine blessings.

Similarly, the Vedic scholars and Chandi Upasakas received blessings from Brahmashri Suvarna Sridhara Sharma. They expressed their joy that participating in this program is considered a blessing from a previous birth. Similarly, they requested that they participate in the Maha Poornahuti to be held on the last day, Friday, and receive the blessings of the Goddess.

# Prajasena Founder, Bommakanti Ramesh Varma Extends Christmas Greetings to People of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

**(Capital Information) Mulugu :** Prajasena founder Bommakanti Ramesh Varma conveyed his heartfelt Christmas greetings to the people of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on the occasion of Christmas. In his message, he said that the holy festival of Christmas reminds humanity of the profound values taught by Lord Jesus Christ, including love, forgiveness, sacrifice, and humility.



hearts. "His life is a lasting lesson to the world — love is the true strength, sacrifice is true leadership, and humanity is true worship," he said.

Praying for peace and harmony, Sri Ramesh Varma wished that this Christmas

would bring peace to families, hope to lives, and divine love to hearts. He concluded by invoking the blessings of Lord Jesus Christ upon everyone. Prajasena Founder Bommakanti Ramesh Varma.

# Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district has a grand discus celebration

**(Capital Information) Bhongir :** Christian brothers in various mandals of Yadadri Bhubaneswar district celebrated Christmas in a grand manner on Wednesday.

Ramannapet, Valigonda, Bhongir, Bibinagar, Mothkur, Alair, Atmakur, Rajapet, Yadagirigutta, Narayanapuram, Chautuppal, Turkapally and other mandals of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district celebrated Christmas with grandeur. In Bhongir Mandal centers, Christian brothers wore new clothes and went to churches and offered special prayers. Churches are decorated with street lights and star signs are erected to celebrate Christmas. On the occasion of Christmas celebrations in Bhuvanagiri town, local legislator Kumb-



ham Anil Kumar Reddy visited many churches, participated in prayer, cut a cake and wished the Christian brothers and sisters.

Bhuvanagiri MPs Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, District Collector M. Hanumantha Rao, Additional Collectors A. Bhaskara Rao, G.

Veera Reddy, DCP Shashank Yadav, DRDA Officer Nagireddy, District Veterinary Officer Dr. D. Janaiah, District Civil Supplies Officer Harikrishna, District Library Association President Awaje seesty and others congratulated the Christian brothers. Ramannapet : Christian brothers and sisters conducted special prayers in celebration of Christmas day at IGM, Zion Gos Paul Church in Ramannapet mandal center.

Ramannapet Major Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Garika Satyanarayana, IGM Founder President Meesal, District Minority Congress leader Kothapelly Abraham Kumar, Church President Martin, Pastor Prabhu Kumar and others participated in this program.

# Why 2026 Will Feel Different : A New Turning Point

As we stand at the close of 2025, there's a growing sense — from business leaders, technologists, economists, and everyday people — that 2026 will feel meaningfully different from recent years. This isn't just about the calendar ticking over; it's about tangible shifts across major parts of life.

## 1. A Transformative Economic and Business Landscape

Experts expect 2026 to build on shifts that began in 2025, with global markets and industries entering new phases of growth, stability, and innovation. The broader economic outlook points to continued investment momentum — especially in AI and technology — that could reshape productivity and competitiveness. Financial markets are predicted to remain polarized but dynamic, with corporate strategies pivoting toward digital transformation and sustainability. In business travel and management, new priorities are emerging as companies seek smarter, more efficient ways to operate in a post-pandemic



world. This transition suggests 2026 won't just be "another year" of recovery — it will be one where markets and organizations actively reinvent their future direction.

**2. The AI Revolution Grows Up**

The hype around artificial intelligence has dominated headlines, but in 2026 we'll likely see a shift from experimentation to real-world integration. At major technology events like CES 2026, AI adoption will look noticeably different: smarter on-device processing, more practical applications, and deeper inte-

gration into everyday tools and products. Tech leaders, such as Wipro's CTO, predict AI will be embedded at scale in core business operations, enhancing decision-making and efficiency. This means everyday interactions with technology — from smartphones to business software — will feel more seamless and impactful.

**3. Cultural and Global Milestones That Shape the Mood**

2026 isn't just another 12 months on the calendar; it includes cultural and global milestones that give the year a distinct social rhythm:

The FIFA World Cup 2026 in North America will dominate global sports conversation. For the British royal family, 2026 promises high-profile personal milestones and public engagements. Specialized coverage like The Economist's World Ahead 2026 frames the year as one of significant global trends and transitions. Collectively, these events help define 2026 as a year of participation and shared global experiences, unlike the more fragmented

## 4. Personal and Psychological Shifts in How People Experience Time

Beyond economics and events, there's a noticeable mindset shift emerging among people heading into 2026:

Increasing emphasis on realistic hope, where goals are balanced with patience and sustained effort. A growing focus on continuity over sudden reinvention — people are thinking more about building than breaking down. This internal shift can make 2026 feel qualitatively different — less about dramatic resets and more about deliberate progress.

## 5. Everyday Life and Technology Becoming More Integrated

While there won't be flying cars or robot maids, many changes in 2026 will come from subtle improvements in daily life:

Tech will feel more natural and interconnected rather than futuristic in a flashy way. Real-world digital experiences — from devices to ecosystems — will blend



more smoothly into routines. AI assistants, smart devices, and seamless interfaces will quietly lower friction in tasks, shifting the perception of daily life. These incremental but cumulative changes are often what people notice most when looking back on a year.

**6. Broader Trends You Might Feel, Even if You Don't See Them Daily**

Even if not directly visible in daily life, several structural shifts will influence how 2026 feels: Major international trade fairs and business forums will launch new regional

economic platforms. Sports, culture, and entertainment calendars are converging toward shared global moments. Discussions about sustainability, urban innovation, and cross-border collaboration are gaining momentum. These global undercurrents add texture and depth to 2026 beyond headline events.

## Conclusion: What Makes 2026 Different

In sum, 2026 stands out not because it's numerically new, but because the conditions leading into it have set the stage for real changes:

Economic reshuffling and strategic reinvention.

AI integration moving from experimental to everyday.

Cultural markers that define collective experience.

Shifting personal mindsets toward stability and purpose.

Technology that feels familiar yet smarter.

All these layers help explain why 2026 will feel different — a year that might not be radically unlike any other in history, but one where many small shifts combine to create a fresh sense of momentum and possibility.

# Beyond Right Answers: Rethinking How Maths Is Taught in Classrooms

Mathematics is often taught as a sequence of rules and procedures leading to a single correct answer. Yet educators and researchers increasingly argue that this focus on correctness alone limits students' deeper understanding, dampens curiosity, and fails to build genuine mathematical thinkers. Rethinking how maths is taught — moving beyond right answers — can transform classrooms into vibrant spaces of inquiry, reasoning, and real-world sense-making.

**The Limitations of "Right-Answer" Teaching**

In many classrooms, teaching centres on

teachers demonstrating solutions and students copying steps to achieve correct answers. The result? Students learn to memorize procedures rather than understand concepts, and maths becomes a subject of drudgery rather than discovery. Exams and exam-driven curricula that reward speed and accuracy over reasoning compound the problem, leaving little room for exploration, discussion, or connection to real life.

When the pursuit of the right answer overshadows understanding, students may score high on tests but struggle to apply mathematics meaningfully.

Shifting Focus: Think-

ing With Mathematics

Reimagining maths teaching means emphasising mathematical thinking — the ability to reason, discern patterns, and justify solutions — rather than merely achieving correct outcomes. This approach treats mathematics as a way of thinking, not just a body of procedures.

According to education advocates, classrooms should encourage students to:

Explain their thinking and justify their methods, not just report answers;

Engage with open-ended, rich tasks that have multiple pathways or solutions;

Collaborate and dis-

cuss ideas with peers, valuing different strategies and perspectives.

When students justify their reasoning — for example, responding to questions like "Why does your method make sense?" or "How else might we solve this?" — the classroom becomes a community of mathematical thinkers rather than mere answer-recting machines.

**Strategies That Encourage Deep Learning**

Researchers and educators suggest several practical ways to shift classroom focus:

**1. Ask for Justification, Not Just Answers**

Encouraging students to explain how and why

they arrived at a solution deepens understanding and allows even incorrect answers to become learning opportunities.

**2. Use Rich, Low-Floor/High-Ceiling Tasks**

Tasks accessible to all learners, yet open to complex exploration, help students engage at their own level and think creatively. Examples include puzzles like the "Four 4s" challenge, where students explore multiple ways to achieve numerical goals.

**3. Promote Productive Struggle**

Rather than rescuing students immediately, letting them wrestle with problems promotes re-

silience and deeper conceptual understanding — a process known as productive struggle.

**4. Foster Collaborative Dialogue**

Student discussions about strategies and reasoning make mathematics visible as a collective activity, not a solitary chase for the right answer.

**Equity and Mathematical Identity**

Focusing solely on correctness disproportionately benefits students who already feel confident in maths, while reinforcing fixed mindsets and excluding those who struggle. When classrooms value reasoning and multiple solution strategies, all stu-

dents — including those from diverse linguistic, cultural, or cognitive backgrounds — can feel successful and valued.

This approach also helps dismantle the harmful narrative that people are either "math people" or not. Instead, success becomes associated with curiosity, perseverance, and reasoning — teaching students that thinking mathematically is a skill developed through effort and engagement.

Looking Ahead: A Change in Culture

Moving beyond right answers requires changes in curriculum design, assessment systems, and teacher training. Teachers need

support to craft tasks that spark inquiry, facilitate discussions, and assess understanding beyond correctness. Tools such as concrete-pictorial-abstract models, AI-supported personalised learning, and open-ended projects can help realise this vision.

Ultimately, reimagining maths education isn't about doing away with accuracy or skill — it's about cultivating thinkers who can apply mathematics creatively, confidently, and meaningfully in life. When classrooms celebrate reasoning and exploration as much as correct solutions, maths becomes not just a subject to be endured



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Launches Five Transformative Digital Reforms to Strengthen Transparent, Citizen-Centric Administration  
Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Vision of Good Governance realised in letter and spirit Under PM Modi's Leadership : Dr. Jitendra Singh

**New Delhi (PIB) :** 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 inaugurated the National Workshop on Good Governance Practices 2025 in Delhi.

Addressing senior officers of Govt of India, policymakers and stakeholders on the occasion of Good Governance Day, observed annually on 25th December, the Minister highlighted that good governance is not an abstract ideal but a daily administrative responsibility rooted in transparency, accountability and citizen-centric delivery.

The Minister noted that Good Governance Day holds special significance as the nation commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who institutionalised the concept of probity in public life and laid the foundations of people-first governance. He said that while the idea of

good governance was articulated earlier, it was after 2014 that it began to be implemented in letter and spirit under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, guided by the mantra of "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance".

The Minister said that on this Good Governance Day, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has launched five major initiatives aimed at strengthening core governance processes, supporting key stakeholder groups, and equipping civil servants to effectively meet the challenges of a fast-evolving administrative landscape.

The first initiative is a Compendium of Guidelines on Reservation for Ex-Servicemen in Central Government, which consolidates all existing instructions into a single, updated and user-friendly reference. Dr Jitendra Singh said this step reflects the Government's commitment to honouring the service of Ex-Servicemen by ensuring clarity, uniformity and timely



delivery of reservation-related benefits, while also reducing ambiguity and errors in implementation across Ministries and Departments.

The second initiative is an AI-powered Recruitment Rules Generator Tool, integrated with the Recruitment Rules Formulation, Amendment and Monitoring System (RRFAMS) portal. The Minister explained that Recruitment Rules are the backbone of fair recruitment and career progression, and the new AI-enabled tool will significantly reduce delays and inconsistencies by guiding users

through simple questions, suggesting appropriate recruitment methods and automatically generating draft rules in the prescribed format, fully aligned with DoPT guidelines.

The third launch is the mobile application for e-HRMS 2.0, available on Android and iOS, which places key human resource services directly in the hands of government employees. Developed as a core pillar of Mission Karmayogi, e-HRMS 2.0 integrates service records and HR processes such as promotions, transfers, deputations, training and superannuation, along with

linkages to platforms like SPARROW, PFMS and Bhavishya. Dr Jitendra Singh said the mobile app will reduce paperwork, speed up approvals and enhance transparency in personnel management.

The fourth set of initiatives relates to new AI-enabled features on the iGOT Karmayogi platform. These include iGOT AI Sarthi for intelligent discovery of relevant learning resources, iGOT AI Tutor for personalised in-course support, the iGOT Specialisation Programme offering structured learning pathways in critical domains, and an AI-

based Capacity Building Plan Tool to help Ministries and States systematically map roles, competencies and training needs.

The fifth initiative is the Karmayogi Digital Learning Lab 2.0, a next-generation facility designed to produce high-quality digital learning content using modern technologies such as AR/VR, gamification and interactive simulations. The Minister said the upgraded lab will enable faster and wider dissemination of best practices, reforms and critical skills across the civil services, strengthening implementation capacity on the ground.

Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training, Ms. Rachna Shah, in her address, said that Good Governance Day serves as a reminder of the enduring vision of Atal Bihari Vajpayee that governance must be efficient, transparent and humane. Highlighting the nationwide Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign conducted during Good Governance Week, she said

the initiative has covered over 700 districts, with thousands of camps organised to ensure grievance redressal, service delivery and documentation of best practices at the grassroots level. She noted that the Special Campaigns launched since 2021 have transformed administrative culture from pendency-driven processes to outcome-oriented governance, delivering measurable results in efficiency, space optimisation and revenue generation.

Concluding his address, Dr Jitendra Singh said that taken together, these initiatives reflect a coherent, future-oriented approach to governance reform, one that leverages technology, strengthens institutions and places citizens and civil servants at the centre of change. On Good Governance Day, he expressed confidence that these measures will further advance India's journey towards a more responsive, accountable and future-ready governance framework, in the true spirit of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's legacy.

Indian Railways Rationalises Fare Structure; No Fare Increase for Suburban Services, Season Tickets and Second Class Ordinary Journeys up to 215 km

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Railways has rationalised its passenger fare structure with effect from 26 December 2025, with the objective of balancing affordability for passengers and sustainability of operations.

Under the revised fare structure, there is no change in fares for suburban services and Season Tickets, including both suburban and non-suburban routes.

For Ordinary Non-AC (Non-Suburban) services, fares have been rationalised in a graded manner across

Second Class Ordinary, Sleeper Class Ordinary, and First Class Ordinary.

In Second Class Ordinary, there is no increase in fare for journeys up to 215 km, ensuring that short-distance and daily commuters are not impacted. For distances from 216 km to 750 km, the fare increases by ₹5. For longer journeys, the increase is applied in steps — ₹10 for distances between 751 km and 1250 km, ₹15 for distances between 1251 km and 1750 km, and ₹20 for distances between 1751 km

and 2250 km.

In Sleeper Class Ordinary and First Class Ordinary, fares have been revised uniformly at the rate of 1 paise per kilometre for non-suburban journeys, ensuring a gradual and limited increase in fares.

In Mail/Express trains, the fare increase has been rationalised at 2 paise per kilometre across Non-AC and AC classes. This includes Sleeper Class, First Class, AC Chair Car, AC 3-Tier, AC 2-Tier, and AC First Class. As



Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Amrit Bharat, Tejas, Mahamana, Gatimaan, Antyodaya, Garib Rath, Jan Shatabdi, Yuva Express, Namoo Bharat Rapid Rail, and Ordinary non-suburban services (excluding AC MEMU/DEMU, where applicable), have been revised in line with the approved class-wise basic fare increases. The revision has been carried out uniformly and in a

calibrated manner across applicable classes.

Notably, no changes have been made in reservation fees, superfast surcharges, or other ancillary charges, which will continue to be levied as per existing rules. GST applicability remains unchanged, and fares will continue to be rounded off according to prevailing norms.

The revised fares are applicable only on tickets booked on or after 26 December 2025. Tickets booked prior to this date will

not attract any additional charges, even if the journey is undertaken after the effective date.

The fare list displayed at stations will also be updated to reflect the new fares effective from 26.12.2025.

Indian Railways remains committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable travel to millions of passengers every day. The revised fare structure reflects a balanced approach that safeguards passenger convenience while maintaining operational sustainability.

Today's Horoscope

**ARIES** Take special care of other's feelings when as you pass a judgement. Any wrong decision made by you will not only affect them adversely but also give you mental tension. Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy. You will have limited patience today-but take care as harsh or imbalance words might upset people around you. Your mind would be too pre-occupied with the thoughts of your lover today! Your creative work would amaze people around you and win you immense appreciation.

**TAURUS** Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Perfect day to purchase items that would grow in value. You can expect problems at home- if you do not spend time with family members. It is going to be an amazing day in your love life. Do not come under pressure of others when making important business decisions. Your sense of humor will be your greatest asset. Your spouse is all in mood to surprise you with the ecstasy of love; help him/her. Feed Barley to Cows to achieve happy moments in the family life.

**GEMINI** Likely to get a happy news. Today, you will be able to earn money without any help or assistance. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. Love is limitless, love is boundless; you must have heard these things before. But today, you will experience it. If you are considering a new business partnership- then it would be essential to get all the facts in hand before you make any commitment. Boundless creativity and enthusiasm leads you to another beneficial day. Love after marriage sounds difficult, but it is happening with you throughout the day.

**CANCER** Money position and financial problems are however a source of tension. Important people will be ready to finance anything that has a special class to it. Keep on giving verbal and non-verbal messages to your family to realise how much you care for them. Spend your quality time to double the happiness. Your love will reach a new height. The day will begin with the smile of your love, and end in the dreams of each other. There's little time to rest today-as pending task will keep you occupied. Travel undertaken for business purpose will prove to be beneficial in the long run.

**LEO** Health remains good. Today, you can seek advice from the seniors of your family about finance management and savings and use them in your daily life. Go out in the evening with friends- as it will do lot of good. Thoughts of meeting your friend after a long time may increase your heat beats like a rolling stone. Part-time jobs for some. Resist associating with people that will harm your reputation. Today, you will get to spend the best evening of your life with your spouse. Put some sacred grass (Kusha) in bathing water to enhance family happiness.

**VIRGO** You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. Finances improve later in the day. Great day to pamper yourself and do things that you enjoy the most. Your soulmate will think about you all day. Keep your ears and eyes open when interacting with important people - as you could pick up a valuable tip. You can take out time for yourself from your packed schedule and go out with your life partner. However, there can be small conflicts between you two during this time. Today, roses will look redder and violets will look bluer because intoxication of love is giving you a high.

**LIBRA** Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule. You may spend a lot today on small things around the house, which can mentally stress you out. Your ability to impress others will bring rewards. Interference of others will cause frictions. Increment in salary may lift your spirits. Time now to remove all your despair and complaints. Construction work undertaken today will finish to your satisfaction. The behavior of your spouse might disturb your professional relations today. To make your financial condition better, stay away from intoxication.

**SCORPIO** You can start your day with Yoga and Meditation. Doing this will be beneficial for you and you will maintain your energy levels throughout the day. Today instead of just sitting around-why not get involved in something- which will improve your earning power. By sharing your problems with your family members, you feel lightheaded. However, your ego doesn't allow you to share numerous important things, which is not right. Doing so will only increase the troubles. Ecstasy of soulful love will be felt today. Spare some time for it.

**SAGITTARIUS** Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for you- as you set about to enjoy life to the fullest. Your idea of saving money for yourself can be accomplished today. Today you will be able to save appropriately. Good day to give some of your time to others. You will be highly sensitive to remarks made by your lover- You need to control your emotions and avoid doing anything that could worsen the situation. Those who are still unemployed need to work harder today to get a good job. Only by working hard will you get the desired result.

**CAPRICORN** Don't rush onto decision on a momentary impulse it may harm the interest of your children. Today, you can learn the skill of accumulating and saving money and put it to the right use. Social get-together with family members will keep everyone in a good mood. A lonely phase that has been gripping you for long time ends-as you seem to find your soul mate. Your partner will be hard to deal with. A day when events will be good and disturbing-leaving you confused and tired. You will cherish the old beautiful romantic days today again with your spouse.

**AQUARIUS** Stress need not be ignored. It is rapidly becoming an epidemic as serious as tobacco and alcohol Expenditure rises but rise in income takes care of your bills. Children demand attention but bring happiness. Romantic feelings will be reciprocated today. Your associates are likely to be annoyed if you don't give straight answers. Tension filled day when several differences might crop up with close associates. You will spend the best day of your life with your spouse today. Offer green chilli to parrot

**PISCES** Give every man an ear you might find solution of your problems. Today, you will be able to earn money without any help or assistance. Activities with friends will be enjoyable- but do not volunteer to spend-otherwise you will reach home with empty pockets. Romance will cloud your mind as you meet your sweetheart. Those who were obstructing your success way at work, will face a severe downfall today in front of your eyes. Boundless creativity and enthusiasm leads you to another beneficial day. Life will be really exciting when your spouse will come to you forgetting all the tiffs.

Constitution of India translated into Santhali language, published for the first time by Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice released by the President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu

**New Delhi (PIB) :** On 25th December, 2025, on the occasion of the Good Governance Day and the Birth Centenary year of the OI Chiki script developed by Pandit Raghunath Murmu in 1925, the Constitution of India translated into the Santhali language, published for the first time by the Legislative Department,

Ministry of Law and Justice has been released by the President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Santhali language, which was included in the Eighth



Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Amendment Act, 2003, is one of the most ancient living languages of India. It is spoken by a significant number of

tribal people in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar. C.P. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India, . Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Law and Justice and other invitees including the Members of the Santhali speaking community graced the occasion.

India to assume prestigious Chairpersonship of Kimberly Process from Jan 1 2026  
Initiative involves governments, international diamond industry, and civil society to prevent trade in "conflict diamonds"

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Kimberley Process (KP) Plenary has selected India to assume the chairpersonship of the Kimberley Process from 1 January 2026. The Kimberley Process is a tripartite initiative involving governments, the international diamond industry and civil society, aimed at preventing the trade in "conflict diamonds"—rough diamonds used by rebel groups or their allies to finance conflicts that undermine legitimate governments, as defined in United Nations Security Council resolutions.

India will take over as KP Vice Chair from 25 December 2025, before assuming the chairpersonship in the new year. This will be the third time India has been entrusted with the chair of the Kimberley Process.

Welcoming the decision, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, said that India's selection reflects global trust in the Modi government's commitment to promoting integrity and transparency in international trade.

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), established pursuant to a UN resolution, came into effect on 1 January 2003 and has since evolved into an effective mechanism for curbing the trade in conflict diamonds. The Kimberley Process currently has 60 participants, with the European Union and its Member States counted as a single participant. Together, KP participants account for over 99 per cent of global rough diamond trade, making it the most comprehensive international mechanism governing this sector.

As a leading global hub for diamond manufacturing and trade, India's leadership comes at a time of shifting geopolitics and growing emphasis on sustainable and responsible sourcing. During its tenure, India will focus on strengthening governance and compliance, advancing digital certification and traceability, enhancing transparency through data-driven monitoring, and building consumer trust in conflict-free diamonds.

As Vice Chair in 2025 and Chair in 2026, India will work closely with all participants and observers to reinforce confidence in the Kimberley Process, ensure rule-based compliance, and enhance its credibility, in line with its core objectives and evolving global expectations, while working towards making the KP a more inclusive and effective multilateral framework.



Manusmriti is the reason for inequalities in the country

We must protect the Constitution : KVPS and leaders of social organizations

(Capital Information)  
Nalgonda : KVPS State Vice President Paladugu Nagarjuna strongly criticized the unscientific Manusmriti, stating that it is the Manusmriti that has created social inequalities and discrimination in India, unlike anywhere else in the world. He recalled that on December 25, 1927, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, along with thousands of Dalit and Bahujan people, burned copies of the Manusmriti in Raigad district of Maharashtra, calling for its ban and urging all Bahujan social activists in the country to bury Manuvad in the soil of this land.

Commemorating the same occasion, on Thursday, copies of the Manusmriti were burned in front of the Ambedkar statue in Nalgonda town under the auspices of the Caste Discrimination Struggle Association



(KVPS), Telangana Intellectuals Forum, Telangana Pradesh Yerukala Association, Progressive Youth Association, and Mala Mahanadu.

On this occasion, KVPS State Vice President Paladugu Nagarjuna said that Manusmriti, through its absurd and uncivilized ideas, has created social divisions among people for thousands of years. He added that this wicked theory, which is not found anywhere else in the world, is being im-

plemented in our country by Brahmanical Manuvadi forces to deprive the majority of people in India of natural resources and to make them believe in the evil theory of karma. He said that its negative consequences continue to be the root cause of many inequalities even today. He stated that Manusmriti keeps education, land, ornaments, weapons, and power in the hands of a select few.

He warned that if the ideas

of Manusmriti, which have been rejected by the majority of the people, are not eradicated, all kinds of discrimination, inequalities, and exploitation that the people of this country have been experiencing for thousands of years will continue hereditarily, and there is a danger that some will permanently remain millionaires while millions will remain beggars.

He said that the Manusmriti has extensively influenced Indian society in the past and continues to do so now. Ultimately, he stated that Manusmriti has served as the ideological foundation for the exploitative classes. They said that while the forms may differ over time, the essence remains the same, and that Manusmriti was created to protect Brahmin supremacy and

the exploitative system.

The program was attended by Progressive Youth Association State General Secretary Induri Sagar, Mala Mahanadu District President Goli Saidulu, Geetha Karmika Sangham District President Konda Venkanna, Mala Aikya Vedika District leader Addanki Ravinder, Mala Mahanadu National Secretary Telagamala Yadagiri, KVPS Town Secretary Gade Narasimha, KVPS Mandal Secretary Bollu Ravinder, CITU Town Convenor Outa Ravinder, CITU District leaders Dandampally Sattayya, DYFI District Secretary Mallam Mahesh, KVPS town leaders Kota Saidulu, Nalupa Raju Saidulu, Murali, Ch. Tirupathiah, Goli Mallesh, Youth leader Jayachandan, Perike Narasimha, Chinta Ramalingayya, Saidulu and others.



Collector visits injured students after school bus overturns in Mahabubnagar

(Capital Information)  
Mahabubnagar : District Collector Viziendira Boyi on Thursday visited students who were injured when a school bus overturned near Kethi Reddy Palli petrol pump in Balanagar mandal. The injured students are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Shadnagar, where the Collector interacted with them and enquired about their health condition.

The Collector also spoke to doctors and instructed them to provide the best possible medical care. Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, RDO Naveen and RTO Raghu were present and closely monitored the situation.

Officials ensured that the injured students were provided with food and fruits at the hospital and later arranged bus transportation to safely send them back to their native places. After doctors confirmed that there was no serious danger to any of the students, they were discharged and sent home, Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik said. RTO Raghu arranged vehicles for their return.

The accident occurred around 9 am on Friday near the Surf Company at Pedda Yappalli crossroads in Balanagar mandal. The bus was carrying 47 students from Manikantha Private College and Rishi High School, all hailing from Marikal village in Narayanpet district, who were on an excursion to Jalavihar in Hyderabad.

According to officials, the driver lost control of the bus while trying to avoid a vehicle moving ahead, causing the bus to overturn on the road. Several students sustained minor injuries, while six students with mild injuries were immediately shifted to a private hospital in Shadnagar for treatment.

India is progressing rapidly, but are ordinary Indian families keeping pace? -A comprehensive international analysis

Affordable education, affordable healthcare, and a decisive fight against cancer are essential - Does India's true progress lie in family-centric policies?

The central government needs to formulate a clear policy to control this : Advocate Kishan Sanmukdas Bhawnani

(Capital Information)  
Gondia : At a time when India is discussing economic power, technological leadership, and diplomatic influence on global platforms, millions of families face a common concern: How expensive will their children's education be? How will they afford treatment if they fall ill? And how will they cope with a devastating disease like cancer? These three questions have become the touchstone of India's social reality and policy-making. At this historical juncture in the third decade of the 21st century, alongside economic growth, technological progress, and global influence, a crucial question continuously arises: Is this development truly making the lives of ordinary citizens secure, accessible, and dignified? I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra believe that the true progress of any nation should not be measured by its GDP or global rankings, but rather by how easily an ordinary family can access basic necessities like education and healthcare. In India today, affordable education and healthcare are not merely policy issues, but life-and-death questions concerning the existence, future, and social stability of millions of families. Just two days ago, the RSS chief also stated at an event that affordable education and healthcare are essential for everyone, and that cancer brings immense tragedy not only to the patient but also to their family. The cornerstone of a civilized society - International platforms like the United Nations, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization have repeatedly acknowledged that education and health are the fundamental pillars of any country's human capital. Education empowers

individuals with the ability to think, make decisions, and contribute to society, while health enables them to utilize that potential. If even one of these pillars is weak, the entire structure of development becomes unbalanced. The problem in India is not the lack of education and health policies, but rather that their costs have increased far faster than the average citizen's income. International experience and the situation in India show that in countries like Finland, Germany, and Norway, education is viewed as a public investment, where access to higher education is almost free. In contrast, in India, the quality and number of public educational institutions are insufficient to meet the demand, giving the private sector an opportunity for excessive expansion. This situation further deepens social inequality, as economic capacity, rather than talent, begins to determine educational opportunities. This information is based on media reports.

Friends, if we consider education and health not just as developmental issues but as matters of life and death, then in any country, education and health are not merely services; they are guarantees of a citizen's dignity, opportunity, and future. Affordable education and healthcare in India are no longer just demands of the middle class, but have become primary necessities of



life for the poor, lower-middle class, and even families with stable incomes. If a child cannot get an education, their future is limited. And if someone falls ill, the entire family is plunged into economic and mental distress. The rising cost of education: Fees weighing heavily on dreams - In India, education is considered a fundamental right by the Constitution, but the reality on the ground is that good education now demands expenses beyond the means of many. Private school fees, books, coaching, competitive exams, all of these have transformed education into a long-term economic burden. Today, an average family is forced to take out loans for their child's education. This situation weakens not only family savings but also social equality.

Friends, if we talk about understanding the issue of healthcare: treatment or economic ruin? In India, illness has become not just a health crisis, but an economic disaster. According to the World



Health Organization most of the expenditure on treatment comes directly from the family's pocket. This means that a serious illness can set an entire family back by years. Government schemes exist, but there are still major questions about their reach, effectiveness, and reliability. Cancer: Not just one person's fight, but the whole family's battle - Cancer has become a rapidly growing disease in India today. Changing lifestyles, pollution, tobacco, stress, and late diagnosis have all combined to make cancer a national challenge. Cancer treatment is long, expensive, and mentally exhausting. Often, the breadwinner of the family falls ill, and another family member has to quit their job to provide care. Thus, cancer becomes not just one person's illness, but a struggle for the entire family. Prevention is the cheapest cure - International experience clearly shows that cancer prevention and timely diagnosis are far more effective and cheaper than treat-

ment. Regular screening, public awareness, strengthening of primary health centers, and lifestyle improvements can significantly reduce the risk of cancer. India now needs to move beyond a treatment-centric approach and adopt a prevention-centric health policy. Healthcare expenditure in India is higher out-of-pocket compared to many other countries in the world. A serious illness often makes not only the patient but the entire family financially ill. According to the World Health Organization, millions of people in India fall below the poverty line every year simply due to the cost of treatment. This fact itself shows that affordable treatment is not just a question of health policy, but an essential part of poverty alleviation and social security. Cancer, not just a disease, but a social crisis - In recent years, India has witnessed a rapid increase in cancer cases. Urbanization, pollution, unbalanced diet, tobacco use, stressful lifestyles, and late diagnosis are all contributing to making cancer a national health emergency. The impact of cancer is not limited to the body alone; This deeply affects the family's mental peace, financial stability, and social structure. The cost of cancer treatment and its impact on the family: Cancer treatment in India is extremely expensive. The cost of chemotherapy, radiotherapy,

and surgery is equivalent to several years of income for many families. During treatment, a family member is often forced to quit their job, further reducing income. Thus, cancer ceases to be an individual's illness and becomes a terrible collective tragedy for the entire family.

Friends, Now, let's consider the direct relationship between education and health. Affordable education in India: A dream or an accessible right? At the time of independence India considered education a means of social justice. Article 21-A of the Constitution granted education the status of a fundamental right, but in practice, higher education and vocational education have become increasingly expensive. The rising fees of private schools and colleges, the coaching culture, and the cost of competitive examinations have transformed education into a financial burden. Today, for a middle-class family, providing a good education for their child often depends on their entire life savings and loans. An educated society is more health-conscious. Healthy citizens contribute to better education and productivity. And when the burden of illness is reduced, families can invest in education, innovation, and the future. In other words, affordable education and affordable healthcare together lay the foundation for a strong nation. The triple impact on the family: When education is expensive, treatment is expensive, and a disease like cancer strikes, the impact is not limited to just one person. (1) Family savings are depleted (2) Children's education is affected (3) Mental stress affects generations. This is why these issues are not merely social but become questions related to national security and develop-







# 15 TOP-RATED TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN INDIA

India is a vibrant land of startling contrasts where both the traditional and modern worlds meet. The world's seventh largest nation by area and the second largest in terms of population, India boasts a rich heritage that's the result of centuries of different cultures and religions leaving their mark. Things to do for travelers include the opportunity to experience an array of sacred sites and spiritual encounters, while nature lovers will enjoy its sun-washed beaches, lush national parks, and exciting wildlife sanctuaries.

From the magnificent Taj Mahal in Agra to the holy sites of Harmandir Sahib (formerly the Golden Temple) in Amritsar and the Mecca Masjid mosque in Hyderabad, visitors to this exotic country will discover a trove of spiritual, cultural, and historical treasures.

## 1. THE TAJ MAHAL, AGRA

Perhaps India's most recognizable building, the Taj Mahal is also the world's most famous testimony to the power of love. Named after Mumtaz Mahal, the favorite wife of Emperor Shah Jahan, this most beautiful of mausoleums was begun upon her death in 1631 and took 20,000 workmen until 1648 to complete. Incorporating many elements of Islamic design including arches, minarets, an onion-shaped dome, and black calligraphy inlaid around the entrance, the Taj Mahal is largely constructed of white marble decorated with delicate inlaid floral patterns and precious and semi-precious stones such as jade, lapis lazuli, diamonds, and mother of pearl. The best time to visit is either at dawn or dusk when the atmosphere is brilliantly altered by the change in lighting. If possible, try to catch a view of the Taj Mahal's reflection from the far bank of the Yamuna River-it makes for a memorable (and safe) selfie.



## 2. THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI

A major pilgrimage center for Hindus, the holy city of Varanasi has long been associated with the mighty Ganges River, one of the faith's most important religious symbols. Dating back to the 8th century BC, Varanasi is one of the oldest still inhabited cities in the world. It offers many reasons to visit, not least of them the chance to explore the Old Quarter adjacent to the Ganges where you'll find the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, built in 1780. All told, Varanasi boasts more than 100 ghats, the largest being Dasashvamedh Ghat and Assi Ghat (the latter, at the confluence of the Ganges and Asi rivers, is considered particularly holy). Also worth seeing is Banaras Hindu University, established in 1917 and noted for its massive library with more than a million books, and the superb Bharat Kala Bhavan museum featuring fine collections of miniature paintings, sculptures, palm-leaf manuscripts, and local history exhibits.



## 3. HARMANDIR SAHIB: THE GOLDEN TEMPLE OF AMRITSAR

Founded in 1577 by Ram Das, Amritsar is an important hub of Sikh history and culture. The main attraction here is Harmandir Sahib, opened in 1604 and still often referred to as the Golden Temple for its beautiful gold decoration. The holiest of India's many Sikh shrines (it also attracts many Hindus and people of other faiths), the temple was built in a blend of Hindu and Islamic styles, its lower marble section featuring such flourishes as ornate inlaid floral and animal motifs, while the large golden dome represents a lotus flower, a symbol of purity to Sikhs. In addition to its splendid design, visitors are equally impressed with the temple's spiritual atmosphere, an effect enhanced by the prayers continuously chanted from the Sikh holy book and broadcast throughout the complex. Part of the overall experience-and visitors are welcome to participate-is the chance to enjoy one of the 50,000 free meals the attraction serves up to visitors each and every day.



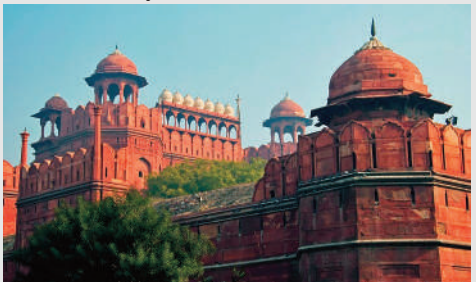
## 4. THE GOLDEN CITY: JAISALMER

So named for the yellow sandstone used in most of its buildings, the Golden City of Jaisalmer is an oasis of splendid old architecture that rises from the sand dunes of the Thar Desert. Once a strategic outpost, today the city is filled with splendid old mansions, magnificent gateways, and the massive Jaisalmer Fort-also known as the Golden Fort-a daunting 12th-century structure that rises high above the town. In addition to its palaces, temples, and fine old homes, the fortress boasts 99 bastions along with massive gates leading to its main courtyard where you'll find the seven-story-tall Maharaja's Palace. Started in the early 1500s and added to by successive rulers right up until the 19th century, the palace offers sections open to the public including areas beautifully decorated with tiles from Italy and China, and intricately carved stone doors, as well as a number of Jain temples dating from the 12th to 16th centuries, each decorated with fine marble and sandstone images, palm-leaf manuscripts, and brightly painted ceilings.



## 5. THE RED FORT, NEW DELHI

Built by Shah Jahan in 1648 as the seat of Mughal power-a role it maintained until 1857-the magnificent crescent-shaped Red Fort in New Delhi, named after the stunning red sandstone used in its construction, covers a vast area of more than two square kilometers, all of it surrounded by a large moat. Highlights include its two largest gates: the impressive Lahore Gate (the fort's main entrance) and the elaborately decorated Delhi Gate, once used by the emperor for ceremonial processions. A fun part of a visit is exploring Chhatta Chowk, a 17th-century covered bazaar selling everything from jewelry to silk garments, as well as souvenirs and food items. While you can explore the fort yourself, guided tours are offered and provide a fascinating insight into the life and times of the Shah, including a peek into the stunning white marble Hall of Public Audiences (Diwan-i-Am) where he received his subjects.



## 6. MUMBAI: THE GATEWAY OF INDIA

Standing an impressive 26 meters tall and overlooking the Arabian Sea, the iconic Gateway of India is a must-see when in Mumbai. Built to commemorate the arrival of King George V and his wife Queen Mary in 1911, this stunning piece of architecture was opened with much pomp and ceremony in 1924 and was, for a while, the tallest structure in the city. Constructed entirely of yellow basalt and concrete and notable for its Indo-Saracenic design, the Gateway of India was also the scene of a rather less jubilant procession of British soldiers in 1948 when India gained its independence. These days, the huge archway provides a stunning backdrop that is as popular among locals as it is tourists. Hot Tip: After visiting the Gateway of India, pop over to the adjacent Taj Mahal Palace and Tower for a delectable High Tea, a fun thing to do in Mumbai since this lovely luxury hotel opened in 1903.



## 7. MECCA MASJID, HYDERABAD

Construction of Hyderabad's Mecca Masjid, one of the world's largest mosques-and one of the oldest in India-began in 1614 during Mohammed Quli Qutub Shah's reign and took almost 80 years to complete. Large enough to accommodate 10,000 worshippers, this beautiful mosque's 15 enormous arches and pillars were each wrought from single slabs of black granite dragged to the site by huge cattle trains reputedly consisting of up to 1,400 bulls. Taking its name from the bricks above the central gate that were brought here from Mecca, this impressive complex features highlights such as its main gateway, huge plaza, a large manmade pond, and a room that houses the hair of Prophet Mohammed. Other notable features include inscriptions from the Quran above many of the arches and doors, the exquisite roof of the main hall, the cornices around the entire mosque structure, and the floral motifs and friezes over the arches.



## 8. AMER FORT, JAIPUR

Amer Fort (often also spelled "Amber") was built as a fortified palace in 1592 by Maharaja Man Singh I and has long served as the capital of Jaipur. Carved high up into the hillside, the fort is accessible on foot via a steep climb or by shuttle rides from the town below (better still, let an elephant do the work). Highlights include Jaleb Chowk, the first courtyard, with its many decorated elephants, and the Shila Devi Temple, dedicated to the goddess of war. Also of note is the adjoining Hall of Public Audience (Diwan-i-Am) with its finely decorated walls and terraces frequented by monkeys. Other highlights include Sukh Niwas (the Hall of Pleasure) with its many flowerbeds and a channel once used to carry cooling water, and the Temple of Victory (Jai Mandir), notable for its many decorative panels, colorful ceilings, and excellent views over the palace and the lake below.



## 9. THE BEACHES OF GOA

Long known within India as the "go-to" destination for those seeking a great beach holiday, Goa's beautiful western coastline, overlooking the Arabian Sea, has only recently been discovered by tourists from overseas. Goa's more than 60 miles of coastline is home to some of the world's loveliest beaches, each with their own particular appeal. For those looking for peace and quiet, isolated Agonda Beach is a good choice, while Calangute Beach is by far the most commercial and crowded. For those in search of posh resorts, yoga getaways, and spa vacations, the beaches of Mandrem, Morjim, and Ashvem are fashionable among wealthy Indians and Westerners alike. Palolem is another popular option in a beautiful setting. While in Goa, be sure to visit the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary. This superb attraction is home to thick forests and plenty of fauna. Also worth a visit is Divar Island, accessed by ferry from Old Goa.



## 10. PERIYAR NATIONAL PARK AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, MADURAI

One of South India's most popular tourist attractions, Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary is centered around a lake built by British engineers in 1895 for irrigation and to provide water to the city of Madurai. Established in 1934, this beautiful park is home to numerous species of mammals, including a large free-roaming Indian elephant population, wild boar, otters, the lion-tailed macaque, and more than 20 Bengal tigers. Bird watching is a popular activity with frequent sightings of species such as darters, storks, kingfishers, hornbills, and racket-tailed drongos, along with many interesting varieties of butterflies. The best ways to enjoy the park's splendid mountain scenery are to take a lake cruise or guided jungle walk, the latter allowing visitors a chance to come face to face with elephant herds and observe other wildlife from watchtowers and viewing platforms.



## 11. AGRA FORT

Built as a military structure in 1565 by Emperor Akbar with later additions by Shah Jahan, the stunning Agra Fort (also known as Agra's Red Fort) is an interesting mix of both Hindu and Muslim influences. Located a little more than two kilometers from the Taj Mahal, the fort is entered through Amar Singh Gate with its low outer wall and dogleg design built to confuse attackers. Once inside, you'll see two large interlinked sandstone buildings, Akbari Mahal and Jahangiri Mahal, the largest private residence in the complex. Other highlights include the Khas Mahal (Private Palace), with its splendid copper roof, and the Anguri Bagh (Grape Garden), a jigsaw-patterned Mughal garden with numerous wonderful fountains and water channels as well as screens that once offered a private area for the emperor and his entourage. Also of note is the octagonal Musamman Burj tower, which later served as Shah Jahan's prison until his death.



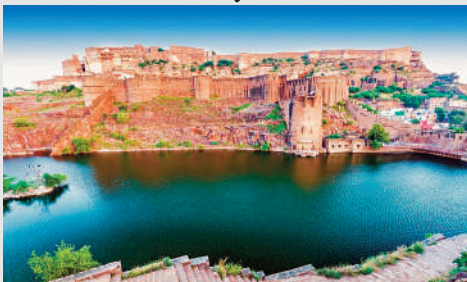
## 12. THE ELLORA CAVES, AURANGABAD

The famous monumental Ellora Caves were built between the 5th and 10th centuries by Buddhist, Jain, and Hindu monks, and make for an excellent excursion from Mumbai, some 300 kilometers to the west. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this remarkable collection of 34 carved monasteries, chapels, and temples-12 of them Buddhist, 17 Hindu, and five belonging to the Jain faith-were built in close proximity to each other, a reflection of the religious tolerance that existed during this period of Indian history. Of the Buddhist monastery caves, highlights include a number of shrines featuring carvings of Buddha and saints dating from the 5th to 7th centuries, as well as the stunning Carpenter's Cave, considered one of the finest in India. The Hindu caves are much more complex and were carved from the top down, so scaffolding was not necessary. Of these, the best is the Kailasa Temple, an enormous rock-cut temple representing Mount Kailasa and requiring the removal of 200,000 tons of rock.



## 13. MEHRANGARH FORT, JODHPUR

Dominating the old city of Jodhpur, the massive Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest fortifications in India, was built in the 15th century to safeguard the people of the famous "Blue City," as Jodhpur is still known - a name derived from its indigo colored houses, painted blue to deflect the heat. Built on top of a towering outcrop, Mehrangarh is an amazing feat of construction, its massive walls all but impenetrable. Access is via one of seven splendid gates, including Jaya Pol and Fateh Pol (the latter still bears scars from cannon attacks). Highlights of a visit include exploring the fort's fascinating network of courtyards and palaces, as well as a museum housing a splendid collection of artifacts related to the Maharajas. Be sure to spend time in the historic center of Jodhpur itself, famous for its eight city gates, a lovely old clock tower, and numerous bazaars selling everything from vegetables to sweets, spices, and handicrafts.



## 14. MYSORE PALACE

The sprawling city of Mysore is a delight to explore thanks to its eclectic mix of fine old colonial architecture; regal Indian palaces; and lush, well-manicured gardens. While those inclined towards shopping will enjoy spending time in the city's famous silk and sandalwood bazaars, the main attraction is magnificent Mysore Palace. Completely rebuilt in 1897 after a devastating fire, this beautiful three-storied palace features highlights such as its elegant square towers and domes; the many ornate ceilings and pillars in Durbar Hall; and the splendid Marriage Pavilion, with its glazed floor tiles, stunning stained glass, artworks, and displays of jewelry (it's also where, on special occasions, the exquisite Golden Throne is exhibited). For a real treat, be sure to catch one of the splendid light displays held each Sunday and during holidays, when the palace is illuminated by more than 90,000 lights. A fun way to explore the palace's massive grounds and gardens is as part of a cycle tour, available free once inside.



## 15. MAHABODHI TEMPLE, BODHGAYA

Bodhgaya, considered the world's holiest Buddhist site, attracts thousands of visitors each year, all drawn to participate with the resident monks in meditation and prayer. The focal point of this place of pilgrimage is stunning Mahabodhi Temple, built next to the very spot where Buddha came to Enlightenment and formulated his philosophy on life. Constructed in the 6th century and restored numerous times since, the temple is topped with a beautiful pyramidal spire and houses a large gilded statue of Buddha. Also of interest is the site's pipal tree, a descendant of the original bodhi tree where Buddha meditated for seven days after the Enlightenment, said to be among the oldest and most venerated trees in the world (you'll know you've found it when you spot the red sandstone slab marking the spot).





# The Path of Jesus Is the Path of the World

## His Ideals Lead to Peace and Unity - His Sacrifices Are the Protection of Humanity

### MLA Veerlapalli Shankar at Christmas Celebrations

(Special Correspondent) **Shadnagar** : Not only should every individual strive to satisfy their own hunger, but they must also use their strength to help alleviate the hunger of others. Walking constantly on the path of peace, Jesus Christ led the world forward—said MLA Veerlapalli Shankar while praising Christ on the occasion of Christmas.

He stated that the path shown by Jesus is the true path of life and that everyone should purify their lives by following His teachings. The sacrifices of Jesus Christ, he said, stand as a shield of protection for today's society. Jesus Christ represents a congregation of all divine virtues and a righteous path that guides the world towards progress, he added.

As part of the Christmas celebrations, MLA Veerlapalli Shankar participated in celebrations organised among orphaned elderly residents at the FCN Foundation located in the Lingareddyguda area



of Farooqnagar Mandal. On the occasion, he cut a cake and distributed it among the elderly, stating that the life of Jesus Christ is an inspiration to all.

He further remarked that Jesus guided those walking on wrongful paths towards righteousness and delivered a message of peace to the world that will remain unforgettable forever. He stressed that people of all religions should walk on the path shown by Christ, as it is the path that laid the foundation

for world peace.

FCN Foundation Chairman Geetha Thomas, Mandal Congress President Challa Srikanth Reddy, Market Committee Vice Chairman Mohammed Ali Khan Babar, Chendi Tirupati Reddy, Basavamma, Lingareddyguda village Sarpanch Praveen Kumar, Deputy Sarpanch Ashok, Ibrahim, Mallesh Yadav, Veeresh Goud, Seetharam, Thupakula Shekhar, Anji Yadav, Budda Narasimha, Sudarshan, Sheenu Naik,

Mahender, Shekhar, Narasimha, Sridhar and several others participated in the programme. Grand Christmas Celebrations

Christmas celebrations were held in a grand manner in all churches across Shadnagar town. Under the guidance of priests, special prayers were offered to Jesus Christ. Children enthralled the gathering with spiritual songs.

Religious leaders, speaking on the occasion, said that

the birth of Jesus Christ was meant to guide the world onto the path of righteousness and that those who follow this path are assured of a bright future. They noted that Jesus Christ is the only divine figure revered across the world beyond all religions.

A large number of Christians thronged churches and actively participated in the prayer services, making the Christmas celebrations vibrant and spiritually uplifting.



## ADDITIONAL SP CUTS CHRISTMAS CAKE

(Capital Information) **Medak** : Medak District Additional SP S. Mahender in Church Premises in Medak Town. Christmas celebrations were organized under the direction of .

As part of the celebrations, additional SPS. Mahender cut the cake and wished Christmas to the officers and staff DSPs Prasanna Kumar, Narender Goud, Subhash Chandra Bose, Ranga Naik, CIs, ASIs and staff participated in this program.



## The birth of Christ is a festival of faith

(Capital Information) **Nalgonda/Nandikonda** : On Thursday, Christians celebrated Christmas with great devotion at the local St. Joseph's Church in the Nandikonda Municipality.

On this occasion, Church Father Reverend Madhu began the Holy Mass at midnight and said that Christmas means worshipping Christ. He stated that Jesus Christ came to this world in human form to save all of humanity, and that God's will was to make those living in sin His children. He added that Jesus came to this earth to fulfill that will. He said that Christmas is celebrated regardless of caste or religion, and that the birth of Jesus is a guide for the world. He urged the devotees to follow in His footsteps and stand as symbols of peace.

Finally, all the Christians cut a cake and exchanged Christmas greetings. Afterwards, they kissed the infant Jesus, expressing their devotion. Church elders Anthayya, D.S. Raju, Devareddy, Anthony, and Sisters Lalitha and Mattina participated in this program.

## Nothing to buy, nothing to eatSuffering without salaries

(Capital Information) **Nalgonda/Nandikonda** :

Due to not receiving salaries for the past five months, the sanitation workers employed through outsourcing services in Nandikonda Municipality are suffering immensely during the festive season, with no money in their hands. In this regard, the sanitation workers have met with the Collector several times in the past and submitted a petition.

On this occasion, they expressed their anguish, stating that the government is not even paying them their meager salaries every month, and that they are managing



their families with loans.

They lamented that despite working hard every day, regularly and taking risks, the

government is not paying their salaries.

They expressed their distress to the Municipal Com-

missioner Venu, asking how they are supposed to feed their families if salaries are not paid for several months,

and that their lives will become unbearable if this situation continues.

They said that the government is making them work harder than regular employees for years as contract and outsourcing employees, but even though they are not being paid salaries commensurate with that level of work, they are asking how they are supposed to survive if even their meager salaries are not paid.

They stated that no government department is implementing the Supreme Court's orders to provide equal pay for equal work.

## Internal conflicts erupt in the BJP : Pilli vs Nagam

(Capital Information) **Nalgonda** :

The Bharatiya Janata Party, which outwardly projects an image of discipline despite its internal dynamics, is now facing internal turmoil. The internal conflicts in the Nalgonda BJP, which had been simmering for some time, have suddenly come to the surface. The differences between the leaders escalated into a major confrontation.

On Thursday, leaders clashed physically at the BJP district office in Nalgonda. During the celebrations of former BJP Prime Minister Vajpayee's birth anniversary, the cold war between the party's district president Nagam Varshit Reddy and BJP Nal-

gonda Parliament co-convenor Pilli Ramaraju Yadav led to a tense situation. The disagreement between district party president Nagam Varshit Reddy and another leader, Pilli Ramaraju, regarding the organization of the party program, escalated to the point where Nagam's follower and party district vice-president Pakiru Mohan Reddy physically attacked Pilli Ramaraju Yadav. It is noteworthy that Ramaraju Yadav alleged that Nagam Varshit Reddy, who was standing nearby, did not try to stop the attack but instead supported Mohan Reddy. In a way, the incident that took place at the BJP district office

on Thursday, resembling a short film, created quite a spectacle. The story of this latest episode at the BJP office is as follows.

On the occasion of former Prime Minister Vajpayee's birth anniversary, Pilli Ramaraju Yadav, with the permission of district party president Nagam Varshit Reddy, made arrangements to felicitate the recently elected Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch candidates from the BJP at the district party office. Pilli Ramaraju Yadav alleges that Nagam Varshit Reddy called him at midnight on Wednesday and ordered him to cancel the planned program.

However, Pilli Ramaraju



says that on Thursday morning, while Vajpayee's birth anniversary celebrations were being held at the party office, Nagam Varshit Reddy announced that he was conducting a felicitation program for the Sarpanches. When Pilli Ramaraju questioned how he could conduct the program after telling him not to, a ver-

bal spat ensued between Nagam Varshit Reddy and Pilli Ramaraju Yadav. In this context, district party vice-president Fakir Mohan Reddy, who sided with Nagam Varshit Reddy, intervened and physically assaulted Ramaraju Yadav.

Shocked by the attack, Pilli Ramaraju expressed his

strong anger and staged a protest with his followers at the district party office. He recalled that he had contested as an independent candidate in the Nalgonda assembly elections and secured 28,000 votes, and said that he joined the party out of his admiration for the BJP. In this sequence of events, Pilli Ramaraju, who staged a sit-in at the party office, was seething with anger. He leveled accusations against Nagam Varshit Reddy, alleging that he had completely failed in his duties as the party's district president. He challenged the party leaders, warning them that he could retaliate in moments if he wished. He continued the

war of words, expressing his anguish that district party president Nagam Varshit Reddy was causing difficulties for those who work hard for the party with his autocratic approach.

He alleged that Varshit Reddy was deliberately distancing strong party leaders with the malicious intention of ensuring that no one would compete with him for a ticket in the upcoming elections. Pilli Ramaraju Yadav insisted on continuing his protest at the party office for a long time, stating that he would not end his agitation until Fakir Mohan Reddy, who attacked him, apologized to him in the presence of the party leaders.

## Suggestions for Strengthening and Publicizing Government Polytechnic Colleges : The Polytechnical SC, ST Lecture's Association( TG)President M. Saidulu

(Capital Information) **Nalgonda** :

The CommissionerDepartment of Technical Education, Government of Telangana,Hyderabad We respectfully submit that, during the recent Principals' Meeting, the Hon'ble Principal Secretary (Higher Education) emphasized the need to strengthen Government Polytechnic Colleges across the State.

On behalf of our Association, we would like to place the following suggestions for your kind consideration, in the larger interest of technical education.At the outset, all vacant Principal / HOD posts in Government Polytechnic Colleges may kindly be filled immediately.

Alternatively, in-charge arrangements may be made strictly as per seniority of Heads of Departments, based on District wise/ Zonal wise and intrest of candidate until regular appointments are made.If POLYCET option entry is facilitated directly at Government POLYCET centers, it will significantly improve admissions and ensure optimum intake in Government Polytechnic Colleges.

It is observed that certain private institutions are influencing admissions by offering monetary incentives to Government school teachers,

thereby diverting students to private colleges. This unethical practice is adversely affecting Government Polytechnic admissions and may kindly be curbed through appropriate measures.Spot admissions should be conducted for unfilled seats in all branches of all Polytechnic Colleges up to the completion of Intermediate admissions, with normal fees as per the regular students' fee structure. This will ensure that all seats are filled and that the Government benefit is extended to candidates admitted through spot admissions.

All Government Polytechnic Colleges may be developed on a Residential Model basis, which will enhance student discipline, retention, and academic performance.

It is proposed to strengthen and upgrade existing libraries into Digital Libraries and to establish Digital Classrooms in all colleges. Further, two slip tests may be conducted during each MID examination to improve academic performance.

Due importance may be given to maintenance of toilets, hygiene, and overall campus cleanliness, ensuring a healthy learning environment.

Industrial/Subject experts and University faculty may be invited periodically to conduct

academic as well as motivational sessions for students.The percentage of seats under Lateral Entry into Engineering courses may be enhanced from the existing 10% to 20%, providing better academic progression opportunities for Polytechnic students.

Parent-Teacher Meetings may be conducted semester-wise in all Government Polytechnic Colleges to improve student monitoring and accountability.

Further, all staff members and stakeholders may be instructed to actively publicize Government Polytechnic Colleges in their respective villages and local areas and to motivate parents to admit their children into Government Polytechnic Institutions, so as to improve enrollment and public awareness.

We strongly believe that implementation of the above measures will significantly enhance admissions, academic results, placements, and the overall reputation of Government Polytechnic Colleges in the State.

Suggestions for Skill Development and Strengthening of Polytechnic Education-Launching Part-Time B.Tech Programmes for Diploma HoldersIt is proposed to intro-



duce Part-Time B.Tech programmes exclusively for working diploma employees, which will enhance their academic qualifications and improve career progression.

Necessary support may also be extended by facilitating bank loan facilities for eligible candidates, thereby encouraging higher education and better job prospects.Skill Enhancement Training for Teaching FacultyRegular faculty development and skill upgradation training programmes may be conducted to equip teaching staff with the latest industrial technologies, modern teaching methodologies, and outcome-based education practices.

Strengthening of Laboratory Facilities and Practical TrainingSpecial emphasis may be given to strengthening laboratory infrastructure,

updating obsolete equipment, and ensuring the regular and effective conduct of practical classes.

This will bridge the gap between theory and practice and improve students' hands-on skills.

Addressing Industry-Identified Skill Gaps in StudentsSystematic measures may be initiated to identify and rectify the shortcomings of students, as pointed out by industries during campus placements and internships, through remedial training, soft skills development, and domain-specific modules.

Third-Party Assessment of Industrial TrainingTo ensure quality and accountability, a third-party assessment mechanism may be introduced for the mandatory six months of industrial training, focusing on skillupgradation, industry relevance, and employability outcomes.

We humbly request your kind consideration and necessary action in this regard.We respectfully submit the following for your kind consideration:Out of 59 sanctioned posts of Principals across the State, it is observed that more than 27 Principal posts are presently vacant.

These long-pending vacancies are adversely affect-

ing academic administration and institutional performance. Hence, it is requested that all vacant Principal posts be filled immediately.

Further, the vacant posts of Joint Director in the Commissionerate of Technical Education (CTE) and Additional Secretary in SBTET may also be filled with priority.We further bring to your kind notice that while considering promotions to the posts of Head of Section and Principal, the eligibility conditions applicable to SC/ST candidates are not being followed.

Instead, general rules/general G.O.s are being uniformly applied to SC/ST employees, which is contrary to the existing Government Orders and constitutional provisions meant for SC/ST employees.

As per the relevant Government Orders:Entry-level qualification for Lecturer post:General candidates: First Class (minimum 60% marks) in B.Tech / Bachelor's Degree in Engineering(as per G.O. Ms. No. 178, Higher Education Department, dated 09-12-2005)SC/ST candidates: Second Class with 45% marks and above in B.Tech/Bachelor's Degree in Engineering(as per G.O. Ms. No. 47, Higher Education Department, dated 30-03-2000)

2) However, while considering promotions to Head of Section and Principal posts, the condition of First Class in B.Tech/M.Tech is being insisted upon for all candidates.This condition is not applicable to SC/ST employees.

As per the rules applicable to SC/ST employees, eligibility for promotional posts permits: Second Class in B.Tech or M.Tech, with minimum 55% marks in the Bachelor's and Master's degrees,in accordance with constitutional safeguards and government instructions.

Several government memos supporting these provisions are available in the CTE office, and many SC/ST employees who are being affected have rendered more than 25 years of continuous service with the prescribed qualifications.

Our Association has repeatedly represented these issues to the authorities. Timely filling of vacant posts and strict adherence to SC/ST promotion rules will greatly help in improving student enrolment, academic results, and the overall functioning of Government Polytechnic Colleges.We therefore request your good self to kindly take immediate and necessary action in the above matter and oblige.



## Prabhas special wishes to Sandeep increases anticipation

Prabhas is the biggest star of Indian Cinema and he is busy shooting for his most awaited Spirit. The movie is being written and directed by the enigmatic director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who made has a huge Pan-India appeal with Arjun Reddy, Kabir Singh and Animal.

The hype, buzz and anticipation for Spirit are so high that people are eagerly waiting for updates. Currently, movie shoot is progressing at a rapid pace and Prabhas started shooting for it. He wished the director on his birthday with a special



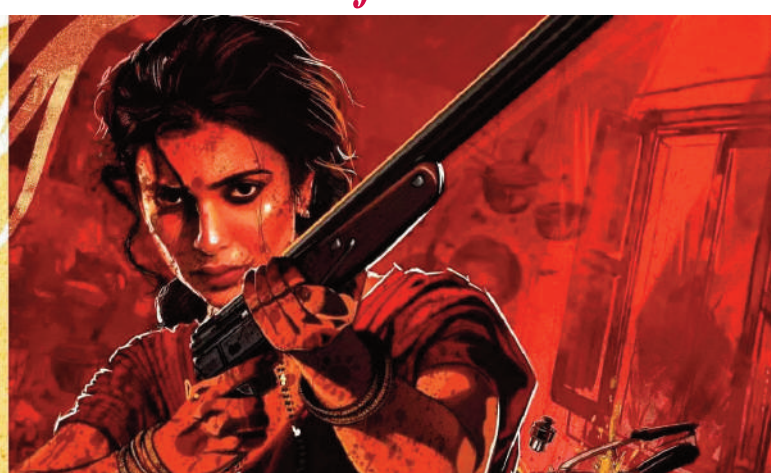
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He wrote, "Can't wait everyone to witness what you're creating." These wishes have sparked huge anticipation and buzz as the actor is not known for hyping up projects so much just for the sake of it.

Sandeep Reddy Vanga is applying new technique to shoot the movie by recording dialogues and background music. Already, he released a sound teaser that increased intrigue and curiosity about the project. Triptii Dimri is playing leading lady role and Prakash Raj is playing a prominent role in it.

## Will Samantha's Action Work After Glamour And Comedy Failed?

Senior heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu is at a crucial crossroads in her career, while her personal life is up and running again after her recent second marriage to director Raj Nidumoru. After experimenting across genres in recent years, she failed to taste success. Here's a commentary on that.



With films like Shaakuntalam, Samantha experimented with her glamour dose yet again, but that hasn't worked out like it did during the days of Dookudu and S/o Satya-murthy. Later, she tried to do comedy kind of villainy with

the film Subham, but that too didn't leave an impact. These films not only underperformed but sparked debates about her choices.

And now, Samantha is coming up with the film Maa

Samantha tried action through the web series, Citadel: Honey-Bunny, it didn't work out much. Her only respite with action is the one she has done in The Family Man 2. We have to see if this latest saree-clad actioner will give her a break from the string of flops.

Many senior heroines are making a strong comeback these days, while some are struggling. The likes of Nayan-thara and Trisha are in the first gang, while the Kajal Aggarwal and Anushka slip into the second category. We have to see where Samantha would slip into.



## Vijay's Jana Nayagan Telugu Release Gets an Unexpected Distribution Call

Jana Nayagan will be the last film of Vijay before he fully moves into politics. The film is directed by H. Vinoth, with Pooja Hegde playing the female lead. The film is slated for release on January 9, 2026, as a Sankranti special.

While the Tamil release has been clear, there has been a lot of discussion around the Telugu version. Jana Nayagan is an official remake of Bhagavanth Kesari and will be released in Telugu as Jan Nayakudu. There were several rumours regarding the Telugu distribution rights. Reports claimed that Naga Vamsi of Sitara Entertainments had backed out, and that Dil Raju might come on board. The makers have now cleared the air.

It has been officially confirmed that PVR Inox Pictures will distribute the film in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. This has come as a surprise to many, especially with multiple big Telugu releases lined up for the Sankranti season.

The major question now is about screen allocation. With stiff competition during the festival period, the number of single screens and rural reach will be crucial for the film's performance in the Telugu states.

The film also stars Mamitha Baiju, Bobby Deol, Prakash Raj, Priyamani, and Gautham Vasudev Menon in key roles. The film is produced by KVN Productions, with music composed by Anirudh Ravichander.

## As Expected, Rajamouli Going Global For Varanasi

Rajamouli is currently collaborating with Mahesh Babu for the biggest project in his career, which has been titled to Varanasi. Rajamouli is once again aiming far beyond domestic boundaries with his upcoming magnum opus Varanasi, starring Mahesh Babu in the lead role.



The film is being planned on an unprecedented global scale, reflecting the director's growing international stature after the worldwide success of RRR. Although the project is still in the production phase, industry buzz suggests that Rajamouli is carefully mapping out a long term strategy to make Varanasi a truly global cinematic event.

Reports indicate that a major portion of the shoot

is expected to continue for several months next year, with the makers targeting a grand release in 2027.

What has caught everyone's attention is the strong indication of a simultaneous international release, especially in Japan. Speculation intensified after IMAX Japan hinted at the film's release year, suggesting that the makers are keen on capitalizing on Rajamouli's massive fan base there.

RRR created history in

Japan, turning Rajamouli into a recognizable brand among international audiences. Learning from that success, the team behind Varanasi appears determined to strengthen its overseas presence right from day one. With a powerful combination of scale, storytelling, and global appeal, Varanasi is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious Indian films ever made, aiming to elevate Indian cinema further on the world stage.



## The Raja Saab's Christmas Treat – Raje Yuvaraje Song Promo Released

The Raja Saab is Prabhas' next theatrical release, slated to hit cinemas on January 9, 2026, as a Sankranti special. Directed by Maruthi, the big-ticket horror comedy stars Nidhi Aggarwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar as the female leads.

On the eve of Christmas, the makers announced that the third song, 'Raje Yuvaraje', will be released soon. While the exact release date was not disclosed, a promo was unveiled to coincide with the festive occasion.

The film also features Sanjay Dutt, Boman Irani, Satya, and others in key roles. Produced by People Media Factory, the project has music composed by Thaman and is set for a multi-language release.

## Amit Shah addresses Krishak Sammelan in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

### Natural farming will increase farmers' income, conserve water and protect consumers from various diseases

**New Delhi (PIB) :** Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah addresses Krishak Sammelan in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, today. Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav and several other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah said that Basavan Mama Govansh Van Vihar is a successful experiment in empowering small and marginal farmers through natural farming. He said that the model farm in Rewa region will not only guide millions of farmers but will also play a pioneering role in promoting natural farming. He said that we have forgotten the traditional practice of natural farming today. He said that natural farming is a method that utilizes cow dung and urine to create a system that not only maintains farmers' income but also produces pure and healthy crops. He said that with just one Indian



breed cow, natural farming is being done on 21 acres of land without the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Shah said that natural farming will increase farmers' income, conserve water and protect consumers from various diseases. He said that today, 40 lakh farmers in the country have adopted natural farming and their yield is increasing.

Amit Shah said that through the Ministry of Cooperation, set up by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, two large cooperatives have

been set up to certify natural farming products. These co-operatives will take care of the certification of organic produce, testing in the world's most advanced laboratories, packaging, marketing and export. He said that in the coming days, more than 400 laboratories across the country will provide farmers with certificates of both their farms and produce, being natural, which will increase their income by one and a half times. Shah said that there is a huge market

for organic products worldwide. He said that today the whole world believes that consumption of organic food is good for health. He said that to ensure that our farmers' organic products reach markets around the world effectively, we need a system for certification, scientific testing, attractive packaging and marketing and we are making efforts to increase farmers' income through all these means. He said that everyone should take a pledge to serve nature and

plant at least five peepal trees, which provide the most oxygen.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the Rewa region of Madhya Pradesh is gradually developing into a prosperous area. He said that today, Asia's largest solar plant is located in Rewa and excellent four-lane roads have been developed connecting Rewa to Prayagraj or Jabalpur.

Amit Shah said that today is the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Rewa was one of his favorite places. Shah said that Atal Ji gave great importance to integrity and transparency not only in his party but also in the public life of the entire country. He said that Atal Ji belongs to the category of leaders who delivered on their promises. Shah said that Leaders like Atal Ji are rare, whose words and life are both complementary to each other.



## Theft at Akkapelli Rajarajeswara Swamy Temple in Dharmapuri

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial/Dharmapuri :** Unknown persons stole silver ornaments worth 2 kg 8 grams from the temple on December 24 midnight. The stolen items include a 2 kg silver "pana patta" from Swamivaru and an 8-gram silver face cover from Amavaru.

A case has been registered at Dharmapuri Police Station based on the complaint by the temple's In-charge EO. Police officials including DSP Raghuchander, CI Rama Narsimha Reddy, and SI Mahesh inspected the scene. Fingerprint team is collecting evidence. Investigation is ongoing.

## Vice President Highlights Vajpayee's Governance Philosophy Rooted in Transparency, Accountability, and Service to the People

### Good Governance Day Urges Citizens to Uphold Transparency, Ethical Conduct, and Empathy

**New Delhi (PIB) :** The Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, participated as the Chief Guest at the Good Governance Day celebrations held at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi today, commemorating the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

During the event, the Vice President highlighted Vajpayee's contributions as a visionary, poet, and dedicated servant of the people. He emphasized that Vajpayee's unmatched oratory, humility, and

commitment to democracy guided the nation through complex domestic and foreign challenges, with good governance forming the foundation of a strong and prosperous India. Vajpayee's governance philosophy was noted to be grounded in transparency, accountability, inclusivity, and service to all segments of society.

The Vice President also highlighted key initiatives undertaken during Vajpayee's tenure. He underscored that Vajpayee's governance phi-



losophy was rooted in democratic values, constitutional morality, and national consensus.

Emphasizing that good governance is a shared responsibility, the Vice President stated that governments, administrators, institutions,

and citizens all play a role in ensuring transparent, ethical, and accountable governance. He urged participants to uphold these principles in building a developed, inclusive, and resilient India in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

A theatre production on Satyavadi Raja Harishchandra was also featured during the event, symbolically linking Vajpayee's life to the legendary king's principles of truthfulness, integrity, and selfless service.

The event was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, along with the Heritage India Foundation. Dignitaries present at the event included Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Harsh Malhotra; Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly Vijender Gupta; Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti Vijay Goel; and other eminent personalities.

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