



PANCHANGAM

Tithi
Sukla Paksha Pournami
Upto : Dec 05 04:43 AM
Krishna Paksha Padyami
Upto : Dec 06 12:55 AM

Nakshatra
Rohini
Upto : Dec 05 11:46 AM
Mrigashirsha
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Rahukalam
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Yamagandam
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Gulika
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Dur Muhurat
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12:28 PM – 01:12 PM

Varjyam
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WEATHER

Forecast : Partly sunny
Temperature : 27° / 17°
Humidity : 49 %
Sunrise : 6:36 AM
Sunset : 5:36 PM

Two youths sentenced to life for murdering teen in Asifabad

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: A court here on Thursday sentenced two youngsters to life imprisonment and fined Rs 28,000 and Rs 26,000 for murdering a teenager two years ago.

District Principal and Sessions Court principal judge MV Ramesh pronounced the judgment awarding the term and fine against Borkunta Tharun and Durgam Narun Kumar after finding them guilty for smothering Durgam Kiran (13) to death at Ullipitta village in Tiryani mandal on June 1, 2023.

The two allegedly murdered Kiran as they nursed a grudge against him for preventing the accused from harassing his sister Sridevi in the name of love. The then SI Ramesh investigated the case and filed a charge-sheet before the court, establishing the offence of the duo.

Airport Construction In Adilabad within One Year : CM Revanth Reddy



(Capital Information)
Adilabad : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy once again praised his own ability to coordinate and maintain cordial relations with the BJP-led Centre.

"I might be a Congress leader but I met the Prime Minister and invited him for the Telangana Global Summit and sought support for Adilabad airport. Within one year, work on the airport will start and an Air-

bus will land here," he told a public meeting in Adilabad on Thursday.

He said the closure of the Cement Corporation of India unit would be taken up with the Centre and private investors would be welcomed to revive it.

Claiming that he was ready to sanction a university for Adilabad, he pointed out that Adilabad MLA Payal Shankar wanted it in Adilabad, Khanapur

MLA Vedma Bhoju wanted it in Khanapur, and Mancheril MLA Preamsagar Rao urged it in Mancheril.

"I have no idea where MLAs Vivek and Vinod want the university. I suggest it should be in Indravelli," Revanth Reddy remarked.

Interestingly, Congress leaders raised slogans as BJP's Payal Shankar commenced his speech. Irked over

their behaviour, Adilabad in-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao asked them to maintain silence.

On the other hand, the BJP MLA asked to the gathering to give a standing ovation to the Chief Minister, stating that after Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the airport, the Chief Minister had issued orders for acquisition of 700 acres for the airport.

Courts can't intervene once panchayat poll notification is issued: Telangana HC

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Justice Sam Koshy and Justice Chalapati Rao of the Telangana High Court on Thursday made it clear that courts cannot step into the election process once the State Election Commission issues a notification for panchayat polls.

The Bench was hearing a batch of petitions questioning the reservation pattern in several villages, including Mahmudapatnam of Warangal district, where three ward seats and the Sarpanch post were reserved for the ST community despite there being only six ST voters in the entire panchayat.

The Bench observed that Article 243-O of the Constitution bars judicial interference after an election notification is issued. Even if the petitioners' concerns carry some merit, the court said intervention is possible only before notification or after the elections conclude. Interference at this stage, it noted, would disrupt the entire electoral process.

While the court found that the SEC had not properly factored in minimum population norms while allocating reservations for Sarpanch and ward seats, it clarified that this defect cannot be a ground to halt the polls.

The Bench directed that if, after the completion of the election process, any Sarpanch or ward posts remain vacant due to absence of eligible candidates from the reserved category, the State Election Commission must hold fresh elections in consultation with the government.

Counsel for the petitioners argued that they (Cont. on Pg 2)

Hyderabad as the Future Leader of the Quantum Economy : Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

Telangana is the first state in India to have its own Quantum Roadmap - Quantum technology is crucial for the development of both the state and the nation

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu stated that Hyderabad will emerge as the future leader in the quantum economy, as it possesses abundant resources such as strong infrastructure and digital skills that are essential for this transformation.

He explained that the NITI Aayog Quantum Roadmap is aligned with "Telangana Rising 2047", the state's vision to become a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

He said Telangana will become the first state in India to have a dedicated roadmap for quantum technology through the Telangana Quantum Strategy (TQS).



The Deputy Chief Minister recalled that as early as the 1980s, discussions on artificial intelligence took place at Hyderabad Central University, where he was a student, and how students back then anticipated that

AI would shape the future of the world.

He said quantum technology will bring faster and deeper transformation across all sectors than any other technology.

Any nation aspiring for a

great future must have a quantum strategy, he emphasised.

Quantum will heavily influence national security, economic size, and future growth.

He stated that Telangana's Quantum Strategy, aligned with

the National Mission, aims to achieve integrated and future-focused goals in research, skills development, education, infrastructure, and cybersecurity.

With the launch of TQS, Telangana is announcing to the

world its commitment to build India's most advanced quantum innovation ecosystem.

He added that the government is unveiling not just a strategy but also a detailed implementation roadmap.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the state will promote strong, deep partnerships between industry and academic institutions.

Quantum technology will be a major driver of economic growth for both Telangana and India.

It will help attract and retain global investments across sectors and is vital for research and innovation initiatives.

He noted that quantum will also play an (Cont. on Pg 2)

Bordeaux Delegation Explores Hyderabad's Heritage; GHMC, QQSUDA and NIUM Present Key Urban Conservation Projects

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : A high-level delegation from Bordeaux Métropole, led by Anne-Laure Moniot, Head of Architecture and Urban Heritage, along with Pascal Loreau, Deputy Consul of France in Hyderabad, and Hugo Cauvet, Coordinator and Focal Point for Bordeaux Métropole in Hyderabad, met GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi at the GHMC Head Office today.

The Mayor and the delegation engaged in a detailed discussion on Hyderabad's rich architectural legacy and its potential to be recognised as a World Heritage City, drawing from the city's unique blend of Qutb Shahi, Asaf Jahi and modern urban heritage.

The delegation later held meetings with GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, Additional Commissioner Anuraag Jayanti, QQSUDA, and NIUM to review ongoing initiatives in urban heritage conservation, infrastructure improvement and development projects—particularly those underway in the Old City under QQSUDA.

The Musi Riverfront Development Project was also presented to the team.

As part of the field study, the delegation visited key heritage assets including Osmania General Hospital, Old MCH Office, Sardar Mahal, Khurshed Jah Devdi, and iconic landmarks such as Charminar and Salarjung Museum.

Earlier, the team also toured the Qutb Shahi Tombs to observe the conservation, restoration and landscape development works.

Over the next few days, the Bordeaux team will continue to visit ongoing and proposed heritage projects across Hyderabad and will prepare a comprehensive proposal for collaboration between Bordeaux Métropole and Hyderabad, further strengthening the sister-city partnership.



Telangana Media Delegation Gets a Taste of Assam Tea, Reaches Majuli by Brahmaputra Ferry

N. Srinivas Rao (Capital Information)
Jorhat/Majuli : As part of the seven-day Telangana Media Delegation tour organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) Hyderabad journalists on Thursday visited the historic Difflo Tea Estate near Jorhat and closely observed the traditional tea manufacturing process.

The delegation was given a firsthand glimpse into how Assam's world-famous tea is produced from fresh leaf plucking to final processing offering a rich insight into one of the state's most iconic industries.

After the immersive tea factory visit, the delegation



proceeded to Jorhat and later embarked on a memorable journey to Majuli, the world's

largest river island. Though the road distance between Jorhat and Majuli stretches nearly 400

km, the media team covered the scenic route in just about 1 hour and 40 minutes through

inland waterways.

A special ferry arranged by the Brahmaputra Board transported the delegation across the mighty Brahmaputra River. Upon arrival at Majuli, the team was accorded a warm and ceremonial welcome with shawls and police protocol, highlighting the island's cultural hospitality.

Renowned globally for its rich cultural heritage, Vaishnavite monasteries and serene natural beauty, Majuli is considered one of the best tourist destinations in Assam. The media delegation will be staying overnight at Majuli to explore its unique traditions and ecological significance.



AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Inaugurates Divisional Development Office in Chittoor Alliance Unity is Key to State's Progress : Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

(Capital Information)
Chittoor : Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena Party President Pawan Kalyan emphasized that the unity of the NDA alliance partners is the cornerstone of Andhra Pradesh's development. Speaking at a meeting with leaders and activists from the Janasena, TDP, and BJP in Chittoor on Thursday,

he stated that if this spirit of cooperation continues for the next 15 years, the state will achieve sustainable growth.

The meeting followed the inauguration of the newly established Divisional Development Office at Reddigunta in Chittoor city. Addressing the gathering, Pawan Kalyan remarked that

holding power is meaningless if it is not used to fulfill the aspirations of the people and reform the system. He drew a parallel to a "cloud that does not rain," stating that authority without delivery is futile.

Focus on Institutional Reforms
Highlighting the government's focus on strengthening institu-

tions, the Deputy Chief Minister noted that 77 Divisional Development Offices have been opened statewide to bring about radical changes in the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development departments. He highlighted that promotions were granted to 10,000 Panchayat Raj employees who had been stagnant for years. As

the son of a government employee, he expressed understanding of the importance of career progression and ensured that these promotions were given purely on merit, without any scope for lobbying.

Unity Amidst Diversity
Pawan Kalyan acknowledged that while the three alliance parties may have different ideologies, they have united under one umbrella with the sole objective of the state's welfare and ending anarchy. He admitted that minor communication gaps are natural but can be resolved through dialogue. He attributed the strength of the NDA government at the Centre and the state to this unity, urging leaders to work together to correct the systems damaged during the previous YSRCP regime.

Combating Corruption and

Smuggling
The Deputy Chief Minister expressed grave concern over the rampant looting of red sandalwood from the Seshachalam forests during the previous administration. He noted that the recovered wealth represents only 10% of what was stolen, valued at thousands of crores. He asserted the government's commitment to checking such corruption and standing as a voice for the

vulnerable. He also criticized the previous regime for its authoritarian tactics, including threats against senior leaders like Chandrababu Naidu and forcing unannounced panchayat elections.

Swachh Ratha Inspection
Earlier, Pawan Kalyan inspected the 'Swachh Rathas' (sanitation vehicles), a pilot project by the Panchayat Raj Department to promote the spirit of Swachh Andhra (Cont. on Pg 2)



CM Revanth Reddy to launch major development works in Devarakonda on Dec 6: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lay foundation stones for key development works in Devarakonda on December 6 as part of the Praja Palana – Praja Vijayotsavalu programme, said Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy.

The Minister, accompanied by local MLA Balu Nayak, inspected the public meeting venue, helipad construction and seating arrangements on Thursday. He directed officials to ensure adequate drinking water, seating and necessary facilities for the public.

Speaking to the media, Minister Komatireddy said Devarakonda remains the most backward constituency among the 12 segments in the erstwhile Nalgonda district due to years of neglect by the previous government. He alleged that the former



regime failed to provide even basic necessities such as drinking water in tribal hamlets.

Minister Komatireddy said despite the absence of the much-touted Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project, Telangana farmers achieved a record 1.5 crore metric tonnes of paddy production. He accused the previous government of prioritising commissions over irrigation needs and ignoring critical projects like the SLBC tunnel

for a decade. Komatireddy said the Congress government has resumed SLBC works and will complete them within the stipulated deadline using advanced technology. He also assured completion of the Nakkalagandi and Dindi irrigation projects to improve groundwater recharge and support agriculture.

Targeting the previous BRS rule, Minister Komatireddy said even ration cards were denied to eligible

families. "Without making promises, we are issuing ration cards and supplying fine rice," he added.

The Minister highlighted that the government is establishing Young India Integrated Residential Schools at a cost of ₹200 crore per constituency to provide international-standard education to 3,000 students at each campus. He said free bus travel for women continues and the government has already reimbursed ₹8,000 crore to

TSRTC. Minister Komatireddy said the government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is committed to welfare and inclusive development. He added that he and MLA Balu Nayak would request the Chief Minister to adopt Devarakonda, similar to Kodangal, to accelerate development in the region. "Devarakonda has waited too long for justice. This government is determined to transform it," he said.



SAND BAZAAR TO START SOON IN MEDAK TOWN : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)
Medak : Medak District Collector Rahul Raj said that soon the problem of sand will be solved for the construction of Indiramma house which is being built in Medak town. It was explained that Sand Bazaar is being opened in the agricultural market premises of the town.

To solve the problem of sand for Indiramma house constructions in the town, Sand Bazaar will be started soon to provide good cheap and quality sand for Indiramma house constructions.

He said that one metric ton of sand is available for around 1200 rupees in the sand bazaar. The officials were advised to take steps to start the sand bazaar soon. He said that after the establishment of this sand bazaar, smuggling of sand can be eradicated.

Sanjay Kumar, Lakshminarayana and Market Committee officials participated in this program.



Congress party sarpanch candidates should be made to win with a large majority in the gram panchayat elections : Nacrekal MLA

(Capital Information)
Nacrekal : BRS party leaders from Thatikal village in Nacrekal mandal, District Ajay, Jerrypotula Venkanna, District Sivakrishna, District Srikanth, District Ravi from Arlagaddagudem village, District Naveen Reddy, Praveen, Kotaiah, Shankar resigned from the BRS party and joined the Congress party in the presence of Nacrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham. On this occasion, he suggested that the Congress party sarpanch candidate and ward members should be made to win with a large majority in the upcoming gram panchayat elections.

Model Code of Conduct to be strictly implemented during Gram Panchayat elections : State Election Commission Commissioner Rani Kumudini

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : The model code of conduct will be in force even in unified Gram Panchayats until the election process is completed, said State Election Commission Commissioner Rani Kumudini. She said that the model code of conduct should be strictly implemented during the Gram Panchayat elections.

On Thursday, she held a video conference with election observers, district collectors, Panchayat Raj and police officers assigned to the districts from Hyderabad. The Commissioner reviewed the issues of Stage 2, training of zonal officers, service voters, postal ballot arrangements, webcasting,



distribution schedule of voter slips and other issues district-wise. She said that even though some Gram Panchayats in the state were elected unanimously, the model code of conduct will be implemented in all Gram Panchayats till the end of the elections.

She said that all the rules related to the elections should be strictly followed. He said that the election officials

should be fully aware of the rules for declaring the results of the Panchayat elections, the election of the Upasarpnch in unanimous seats, the arrangement of postal ballots, complaints received on nominations, etc. He said that the appointment of the Upasarpnch in the villages where all the ward members were unanimously elected should be done as per the rules. He said that the

results should be declared as per Form-10.

The District General Observer of the Gram Panchayat Elections, IAS officer Korra Lakshmi, District Collector Ila Tripathi, Additional Collector in-charge of Local Bodies Narayana Amit, Additional SP Ramesh, Panchayat Officer Venkaiah, ZP CEO Srinivas Rao, Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, officials and others were present.

Alliance Unity is Key to State's Progress : Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

(Cont. from Pg 1) in rural areas. He examined vehicles from Tiruchanur and Karakambadi panchayats and reviewed the initiative where essential goods are exchanged for dry waste. He commended the officials for the initiative.

The event was attended by MLAs Gurajala Jagannathan, Arani Srinivasulu, Kalikiri Muralimohan, and Arava Sridhar, along with AP Handicrafts Development Corporation Chairman and Joint Chittoor District Janasena President Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasad, Srikalahasti Temple Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, and other leaders.



TTD to Introduce Srivari Seva in Local Temples in Phased Manner : TTD EO

(Capital Information)
Tirumala : Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal stated that Srivari Sevaku must take the lead in widely propagating Hindu Dharma among the masses. He addressed the gathering during the 'Train the Trainers' program organized for Srivari Seva Group Supervisors at Seva Sadan in Tirumala on

Thursday. During the event, the Executive Officer interacted directly with the volunteers to gather their feedback on the ongoing training sessions. Volunteers expressed their appreciation for the program, describing the training provided to Group Supervisors as a significant initiative. Several participants also offered suggestions for further im-

provement. Speaking on the occasion, Anil Kumar Singhal described the growth of Srivari Seva as remarkable, noting that the initiative, which began with just 200 volunteers in November 2000, has now expanded to a strength of 17 lakh. He explained that the 'Train the Trainers' program was designed to further strengthen Srivari Seva to

meet current requirements. He urged Group Supervisors to impart the knowledge gained through classroom training and field observation to volunteers in their respective regions, thereby grooming them into exemplary service providers.

Expansion to Local Temples
 The Executive Officer announced that TTD is taking steps to introduce Srivari

Seva in all local temples under its purview in a phased manner. He called upon Srivari Sevaku to come forward and render services in the temples located in their respective regions as well.

The program was attended by TTD CPRO Dr. T. Ravi, PRO (FAC) Neelima, and experts from IIM Ahmedabad and the Andhra Pradesh Planning Department

Special Trains to Sabarimala

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : In order to clear extra rush of Sabarimala pilgrims, Railways to run 06 Sabarimala Special Train services between various destinations as detailed below: -
 1. 07135 - Charlappalli - Kollam - Wed - 11:20 hrs - 22:00 hrs (next day) - 14.01.2026 & 21.01.2026. 2. 07136 - Kollam - Charlappalli - Fri - 02:30 hrs - 13:00 hrs (next day) - 16.01.2026 & 23.01.2026. 3. 07133 - H.S.Nanded - Kollam - Wed - 04:25 hrs - 22:00 hrs (next day) - 07.01.2026. 4. 07134 - Kollam - H.S.Nanded - Fri - 02:30 hrs - 17:30 hrs (next day) - 09.01.2026.

1. Train No.07135/07136 Charlappalli - Kollam - Charlappalli Special Trains (04 services) :

These special trains will stop at Malkajgiri, Kacheguda, Shadnagar, Jadcherla, Mahbubnagar, Wanaparti, Gadwal, Kurnool, Dhone, Gooty, Tadipatri, Yerraguntla, Cuddapah, Razampeta, Renigunta, Tirupati, Chittoor, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Salem, Erode, Tiruppur, Podanur, Palakkad, Thrissur, Aluva, Ernakulam Town, Kottayam, Tiruvalla, Chengannur and Kayankulam stations in both the directions. These special trains will consist of 1 AC cum 2AC, 2AC, 3AC, Sleeper and General Second Class coaches

2. Train No.07133/07134 Hazur Sahib Nanded - Kollam - Hazur Sahib Nanded Special Trains (02 services):

These special trains will stop at Mudkhed, Dharmabad, Basar, Nizamabad, Armur, Koratla, Lingampet Jagityal, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jammikunta, Warangal, Kesamudram, Mahbubabad, Dornakal, Khammam, Vijayawada, Tenali, Chirala, Ongole, Nellore, Renigunta, Tirupati, Pakala, Chittoor, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Salem, Erode, Tiruppur, Podanur, Palakkad, Thrissur, Aluva, Ernakulam Town, Kottayam, Tiruvalla, Chengannur and Kayankulam stations in both the directions. These special trains will consist of 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier Economy and General Second Class coaches.

GP Polls Must Be Free, Fair and Transparent: State Election Commissioner



(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : State Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini on Thursday directed officials to conduct the upcoming gram panchayat elections in a smooth, transparent and hassle-free manner. She held a video conference with district collectors, superintendents of all police and election officials across the State to review poll preparedness.

The Commissioner instructed officials to ensure foolproof arrangements,

particularly for the transparent conduct of the upasarpnch elections. She asked district authorities to submit detailed reports on the nominations completed so far and on the number of sarpanches and ward members elected unopposed. Adequate police bandobast must be arranged at all polling centres, she said, and stressed that training of all election personnel should be completed well in advance.

She further directed that

all officials on election duty must be facilitated to exercise their franchise through postal ballots without fail.

From the district headquarters, District Election Officer and Collector Vijayendra Boi, General Election Observer Ms. Katyayani Devi, IAS, SP D. Janaki, ZP CEO Venkata Reddy and nodal officers of various departments participated in the video conference from the VC Hall at the Collectorate.



Hyderabad as the Future Leader of the Quantum Economy : Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

(Cont. from Pg 1) important role in helping startups achieve their goals.

He announced that the state is setting up a Young India Startup Fund of ₹1,000 crore, with quantum startups being a key focus.

He assured that Telangana will work towards becoming a model for building a complete quantum value chain — from research in laboratories to business applications in the market.

Quantum is not just for business or economic growth but is also crucial for strengthening capabilities in computing, communications, and cybersecurity.

He said Telangana's strong scientific depth, policy vision, and execution capacity will together help build a powerful ecosystem in which academia, startups, industry, and government work as partners.

The Deputy Chief Minister called upon everyone to celebrate this important day, as the country is taking a major "quantum leap".

The event was attended by Minister Sridhar Babu, NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, members Dr. V.K. Saraswat and Ms. Debjani Ghosh, Special CS Sanjay Kumar, Deputy CM's Special Secretary Krishna Bhaskar, and leaders from IIIT-Hyderabad, IIT-Hyderabad, CR Rao Institute, and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

Courts can't intervene once panchayat poll notification is issued: Telangana HC

(Cont. from Pg 1) were not seeking a stay on elections, but only wanted the reservation pattern corrected.

They pointed out that relying on the 2011 census for SC/ST population was irrational, especially after the bifurcation of the State in 2014. In some villages, they said, the reservation is such that only one person falls outside the reserved category, making the conduct of elections practically impossible.

The State Election Commission submitted that it only followed the reservation percentages notified by the State government and that the 2011 census remains the only available demographic basis for SC/ST reservations. The Commission argued that any disruption now would derail the election schedule. If polls cannot be held for certain seats due to lack of eligible candidates, the SEC said it would revisit them later in consultation with the government.

After hearing all sides, the Bench concluded that while the reservation exercise could have been handled more carefully, the court cannot stall the democratic process at this stage.

Safeguarding Human Rights in Custody: The Challenge of Custodial Violence in India : Gubba Prabhakar

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Human Rights Day, observed on December 10, is a moment for nations across the world to reflect on their commitment to protecting human dignity. It is a day for remembering progress, yet also a deeply emotional reminder to honestly acknowledge where we continue to fail.

In India, as this day approaches, it casts a stark shadow on one of the gravest human rights violations—custodial violence. When those entrusted with enforcing the law themselves inflict violence on individuals in their custody, the trust between citizens and the State is severely damaged.

The Indian Constitution – A Foundation of Liberty and Human Dignity

The Indian Constitution stands firmly on the principles of personal liberty, dignity, and equality.

It makes it clear that even those within prison walls are entitled to the same fundamental rights.

Article 21 ensures the

Right to Life and Personal Liberty for all—citizens and non-citizens alike.

Through several landmark judgments, the Supreme Court has expanded Article 21 to include:

The right to live with human dignity

Protection from torture, cruelty, and inhuman treatment

These constitutional protections act as the first line of defence against abuse of power by policing agencies.

Similarly, Article 20(1) – No punishment for acts prior to the existence of the law

Article 20(3) – Protection against self-incrimination

These are not mere legal technicalities; they form the backbone of safeguards meant to prevent torture during police investigations.

Custodial violence violates international human rights frameworks like UDHR and ICCPR, to which India is a party. Yet India has still not ratified the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT).

Alarming Statistics – The



GUBBA PRABHAKAR, Sr.Civil Judge.

Reality of Custodial Deaths

Despite constitutional safeguards, the ground reality remains disturbing.

In 2023–24, the NHRC recorded:

2,346 deaths in judicial custody

160 deaths in police custody

Behind every number is a

human life lost under the State's watch.

In 2025, the alleged custodial death of a young man, Ajith Kumar, in Tamil Nadu during police interrogation shocked the nation. The incident once again exposed that "third-degree methods" still persist in many police stations.

A major concern is that a large portion of India's prison population consists of under-trials, meaning legally innocent individuals remain highly vulnerable.

Custodial Violence – Not Just Individual Misconduct, But Systemic Failure

Custodial violence is not merely the result of a few rogue officers; it points to deep-rooted structural flaws.

A key contributor is the culture of impunity.

Under Section 218 of the BNSS 2023, prosecuting a public servant for acts done in the line of duty requires prior government sanction. This safeguard often becomes a barrier, making accountability difficult even in cases of serious abuse.

Significant Judicial Interventions

The judiciary has repeatedly stepped in to fill gaps left by the executive.

D.K. Basu vs. State of West Bengal (1997)

– Eleven mandatory guidelines for arrest and detention (including arrest memo, notification to rela-

tives, medical examinations)

Nilabati Behera vs. State of Orissa (1993)

– Declared the State liable for custodial deaths

– Ordered mandatory compensation to victims' families

Paramvir Singh Saini (2020)

– Directed installation of CCTV cameras in all police stations

However, enforcement remains inadequate.

Investigations continue to be confession-oriented, rather than evidence-based, which perpetuates abuse.

Measures Needed to Eliminate Custodial Violence

1. A Comprehensive Anti-Torture Law

As recommended by the Law Commission in 2017, India must ratify UNCAT and pass a dedicated law criminalizing torture.

2. Strengthening Procedural Transparency

– Mandatory judicial inquiries in custodial death cases

– Proper installation and maintenance of CCTV cam-

eras

– Independent monitoring mechanisms

3. Wide-Ranging Police Reforms

– Training on human rights and constitutional values

– Moving away from coercion-based investigation

– Adoption of scientific investigation techniques

– Ensuring internal accountability

– Providing legal aid and support to victims and their families

Conclusion – A Collective Resolve on Human Rights Day

Custodial violence is a direct violation of our constitutional promise.

It is not just a struggle for the rights of prisoners—it is a fight for the very essence of democracy.

Lives in State custody are of utmost value.

Those who enforce the law must never violate it.

This Human Rights Day, let us reaffirm: "Every life in our custody is a matter of constitutional honour."

OTP Based Tatkal Booking for 13 Trains on SCR

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : As envisaged by the Ministry of Railways, OTP-based Tatkal booking has been introduced for 13 trains across South Central Railway. Passengers booking Tatkal tickets will now be required to enter a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to the Aadhaar-linked mobile number during the booking process.

Train No.	From - To
12026	Hyderabad – Pune Shatabdi Express
12220	Secunderabad – Mumbai LTT Duronto Express
12285	Secunderabad – H. Nizamuddin Duronto Express
12437	Secunderabad – H. Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express
20102	Secunderabad – Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
20678	Vijayawada – MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
20701	Secunderabad – Tirupati Vande Bharat Express
20702	Tirupati – Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
20703	Kacheguda – Yesvantpur Vande Bharat Express
20705	H.S Nanded – Mumbai CSMT Vande Bharat Express
20707	Secunderabad – Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
20834	Secunderabad – Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
22204	Secunderabad – Visakhapatnam Duronto Express

AI for Digital Readiness & Advancement Workshop

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Are you looking to earn your first AI certification from leading organisations?

Do you want to understand how to use AI effectively in everyday journalism?

Invitation to AI Workshop for Journalists

Venue: Hyderabad Press Club, Somajiguda

Date: 8 December 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

(Workshop begins at 10:00 AM sharp)

Hyderabad Press Club, in collaboration with ADIRA – AI for Digital Readiness and Ad-

vancement (supported by Google, AVPN and ADB, and led by DataLEADS), invites working journalists to a special AI Workshop for Newsrooms.

This hands-on session will cover:

- Basics of AI for Journalists
- Responsible and Ethical Use of AI
- Prompt Engineering for Daily Reporting
- Essential AI Tools for Newsrooms

Hyderabad Press Club is hosting this exclusive workshop. Journalists are requested

to register using the link below. (registration link)

<https://forms.gle/75pj2trof-PLVip1A>

Essentials:

1. Laptop (in case if you don't have a laptop a smartphone is must but laptops are preferred).

2. a. Create a free login for Google Gemini if you are a Jio sim user.

b. Create a free login for perplexity if you are an Airtel user.

c. Create a chatgpt account.

We look forward to your participation.

SCIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS TO ENHANCE CREATIVITY IN STUDENTS : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)

Medak : The district level Inspire, Science Fair program was organized by the officials of the Medak district education department.

Thursday was celebrated at the local Wesley High School.

Science Fair Convener Collector Rahul Raj District Education Officer Vijaya, District Science Officer Rajireddy, Leaders of Teachers Unions and students along with District Collector Rahul Raj started the program by lighting the Jyoti.

On this occasion, District Collector Rahul Raj said that the chosen theme and sub-themes are according to the tastes and needs of our country at this time. Collector suggested that students should not only study science but also



of our school. It is suggested to watch teaching videos related to Khan Academy and Physics Walla with the help of teachers through the smart phones they have. He said that time should not be wasted and smart phone should be used for good works. The collector praised the officials of the education department for making arrangements for the science fair.

District Education Officer vijaya Speaking of success, he advised the students to keep future needs in mind, choose their courses according to their passion and interest and excel in life.

The collector started and viewed the projects in the exhibition rooms. Science Fair 425 Inspire 50 projects were presented in this program.

use current technology to enhance their knowledge.

Khan Academy, which provides coaching

for competitive exams, has tied up with organizations like Physics Walla to provide course material to all students

Konijeti Rosaiah's life is an inspiration to today's youth

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy attended the program held at Ravindra Bharati as the chief guest on the occasion of the 4th death anniversary of late leader and former Chief Minister of the united state Konijeti Rosaiah.



Gutta Sukhender Reddy paid tribute to his portrait by garlanding it. Speaking at the death anniversary meeting held later, Gutta Sukhender Reddy said, "Konijeti Rosaiah's life is an inspiration to today's youth. He said that his discipline is a practical rule for today's political leaders. He said that when Rosaiah spoke in the Assembly, people would listen with interest.

He said that he rose step by step and served the people. He praised him as a good person who greeted him warmly, even though he had differences with Rosaiah on many occasions during the movement.

CM Revanth Reddy is hurting the sentiments of Hindus : BJP

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda town : BJP District President Dr. Naga Varshit Reddy, who burnt an effigy of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who had made inappropriate comments on Hindu gods, under the leadership of BJP District President Nagam Varshit Reddy at the Nalgonda BJP party office, and later the district president, speaking, demanded an unconditional apology from CM Revanth Reddy for making inappropriate comments on Hindu gods. Later, the police stopped the BJP party leaders.



Congress Focused on Grassroots Strengthening and Internal Democracy: AICC Observer R. Sudha Ramakrishnan

(Capital Information)

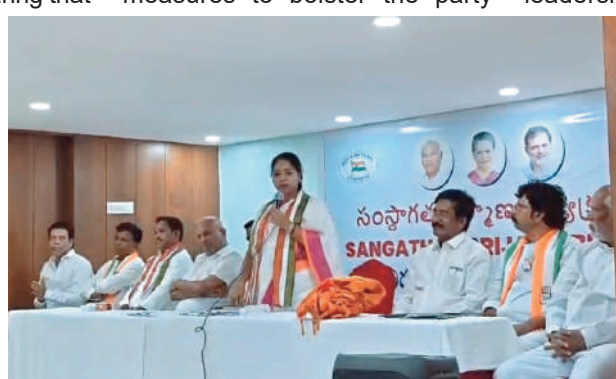
Tirupati : MP and All India Congress Committee (AICC) Observer R. Sudha Ramakrishnan addressed a gathering of Congress leaders and activists in Tirupati on Monday, declaring that a comprehensive organizational restructuring is underway to strengthen the party starting from the village level.

She emphasized that the Congress party is the only political entity that upholds true democratic values, offering every activist the opportunity to voice their opinions. As part of this initiative, applications were formally accepted from aspirants for the post of Tirupati District Congress President.

Prominent leaders, including current District President Balaguram Babu, City President Goudaperu Chittibabu, and former presidents Yarlappalli Gopi

and Panta Srinivasulu Reddy, submitted their applications during the session.

Speaking to the media, Sudha Ramakrishnan highlighted that the AICC has initiated specific measures to bolster the party



across the state. She stressed that the selection process for new leadership would strictly prioritize discipline, commitment, and a hardworking nature.

She also announced her intention to tour all six assembly constituencies within the Tirupati

district to personally gauge sentiments and gather feedback from the cadre. She assured the gathering that the high command is committed to resolving any internal differences and ensuring that leadership is chosen based on the collective will of the activists from the mandal level upwards.

The meeting witnessed the participation of several senior leaders, including PCC Observers Madhan Mohan (Guntur) and Tikki Royal (Chittoor), former MP Chinta Mohan, PCC Vice President Doddareddy Rambhupal Reddy, and General Secretary Tamatam Venkata Narasimulu. A significant number of representatives from the party's student, youth, women, SC, ST, BC, and minority wings were also present to show their support.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT FORM - VI

(See Sub-rule (1) of rule - 19 and Section - 11(1) of the Act-30/2013)

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

G1/606/2025 Dated : 21-11-2025

File No. C/51/2024 Dated : -11-2025

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total of Ac. 13.05½ gts. of patia and Govt Assigned land is required in Thondalvai Village of Narketpally Mandal, Nalgonda District for public purpose for Udaya Samudram Lift Irrigation Scheme acquisition of lands for excavation of D-8 of Right Main Canal from KM 2.309 to 6.023 of Ampr. Hence, below mentioned lands are notified under Section 11 (1) of the Act 30/2013 RFCT LA RR Act 2013.

The Government of Telangana has issued G.O. Ms. No. 54, Irrigation & CAD (LA, R&RA2) Department dated : 25.07.2017 exempting the AMR&BC Project from the application of the Provisions of Chapter-II & III of the RFCT LA RR Act-2013.

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Thondalvai Village of Narketpally Mandal, Nalgonda District a piece of land measuring more or less Ac. 13.05½ gts of standard measurements, whose detailed description is as mentioned below, is under acquisition :

SCHEDULE

Village : Thondalvai	Mandal : Narketpally	District : Nalgonda		
Sl. No.	Classification, Description of land i.e Patta/Inam/Govt.	Extent	Name of the Pattedar/Enjoyer S/o. or W/o.	Details of Structures, trees etc., on the field
1	47 Dry/Patta 0.02	0.02	Bingi Shiva Kumar S/o. Bheemaiah	--
2	58 Dry/Patta	0.35	Yadava Sangam (Dasari Bhoopal S/o. Veeraiah)	--
3	59 Dry/Patta 0.16	0.16	Mekala Linga Reddy S/o. Malla Reddy Mekala veera Reddy S/o. Buchi Reddy Mekala Shekar Reddy S/o. Lingareddy	Pipe Line
4	134 Dry/Patta 1.27	1.26 0.01	Avishetti Anjaiah S/o. Veeraiah Jahangir Bee W/o. Akuvelli (vivat) Avishetti Anjaiah S/o. Veeraiah	2 Tamarind Pipe Line 4 Toddy
5	139 Dry/Patta 1.15	0.11	Baddam Ramu S/o. Chandraiah Baddam Laxman S/o. Chandraiah Baddam Venkatesh S/o. Chandraiah	Pipe Line
6	141 Dry/Patta 0.25	0.25	Avishetti Anjaiah S/o. Veeraiah	Pipe Line & Bore
7	224 Dry/Patta 0.10	0.10	Badraboina Yadaiah S/o. Lingaiah	--
8	223 Dry/Govt. Assigned 1.34	1.34	Assigned land	--
9	275 Dry/Patta 1.07	0.22 0.25	Belli Padmaiah S/o. Lachiah Belli Srishailam S/o. Swami	Pipe Line Pipe Line
10	280 Dry/Patta 0.37	0.37	Chilla Shnakr Prasad S/o Sri Ramulu	--
11	310 Dry/Govt. Assigned 0.01	0.01	Assigne land	--
12	285 Dry/Patta 0.26½	0.26 ½	Jala Ramulu S/o. Anthaiah Jala Mallaiah S/o. Anthaiah Jala Muthaiah S/o. Anthaiah	--
13	313 Dry/Patta 0.13	0.13	Nakka Ayodhya S/o Ramaiah	Pipe Line
14	314 Dry/Patta	2.29	Nakka Venkataramulu S/o. Krishnaiah Nakka Saraswathi W/o. Narasiah Nakka Machagiri S/o. Venkanna Nakka Nagesh S/o Sathiah	4 Pipe Line, 2 Bores
15	310 Dry/Patta 0.08	0.08	Apparaboina Sathiah S/o. Muthaiah	Pipe Line
Total		Ac.13.05½ gts		

This notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act no. 30/2013), to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Nalgonda, Special Deputy Collector, R&R & LA, Unit-II, Nalgonda and the Executive Engineer, Irrigation, Irrigation Divn. No. 6, G.V. Gudem, Nalgonda on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer Special Deputy Collector, R&R & LA, Unit-II, Nalgonda and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section-12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale / purchase/ etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition if any, and claims from all the persons interested/ affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector, Nalgonda / Special Deputy Collector, R&R & LA, Unit - II, Nalgonda.

Sd/- Special Deputy Collector, Nalgonda
 Sd/- Additional Collector R&R & LA, Unit - II, Nalgonda
 Sd/- District Collector Nalgonda

Editorial Strong Focus Laid on Enhanced Monitoring and Timely Implementation of Development Projects

The Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) met on 03 December, 2025 under the chairmanship of the Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, at the Parliament House Annexe. The Union Minister for Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Sukanta Majumdar, also participated in the meeting.

Scindia welcomed Members of the committee from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and

stated that the meetings of the Committee form an integral part of the continuous dialogue on investment and development progress in the North Eastern States. He also thanked Members for their active participation and valuable insights during the meetings of the Consultative Committee.

Terming PM-DevINE (Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region) as the most important scheme of the Ministry, Scindia informed that the scheme was conceptualized in the Union Budget 2022-2023. The scheme has a

total outlay of Rs. 6600 crores for the period 2022-2023 to 2025-2026. As of 31st October 2025, 44 projects worth about ₹5,700 crore have been sanctioned. Three out of the sanctioned projects worth about ₹176 crore have been completed and 41 projects worth about ₹5,500 crore are currently under progress. Further, projects worth ₹111 crore have been approved in-principle, with more projects worth ₹625 crore in the pipeline. The Ministry is therefore on course to fully utilize the scheme outlay.

Responding to points raised

by Members of the Committee, the Union Minister provided specific details of projects under implementation in Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura. On a suggestion for tourism sector projects in Tripura, the Minister informed that tourist circuits with world class facilities will be developed in each of NE state, at selected locations identified in consultation with State Governments. To begin with, Sohra Circuit in Meghalaya and Matabari Circuit in Tripura are being taken up on pilot basis. Foundation stone for the Meghalaya-Sohra Cir-

cuit has already been laid, while the Tripura-Matabari Circuit is at advance stage of approval. Besides strengthening of infrastructure, tourist circuit project will have a strong focus on capacity building to ensure availability of good quality skilled manpower to support the growth in tourism and for a better tourist experience.

Scindia highlighted that PM-DevINE projects are monitored through a rigorous and multi-layered mechanism. Weekly reviews are conducted and each project is tracked against expected versus actual timelines.

During these reviews, physical progress is assessed through time-stamped photographs. Officers from MDoNER & North Eastern Council (NEC) also conduct on-ground inspections, supplemented by third-party assessment mechanisms to ensure accountability.

The Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to ensuring rapid, transparent, and outcome-oriented development in the North Eastern Region, with PM-DevINE serving as a key catalyst for infrastructure and socio-economic transformation.

Volunteerism - Every Contribution Matters

(Capital Information)
Karimnagar : Without people support at all stages, at all levels, and at all times it is not possible to bring a positive change in society. There are noble people who will take initiative to help the deserving selflessly by services or donations. Such type of people are often called as volunteers spread in the society. Volunteerism makes people a part of solution. They will not wait for some to help, instead they offer their selfless services to the needy and poor. Volunteers create a rich culture of selfless social service for the betterment of mankind. They help bridge the gap between generations and support sustainable developmental goals (SDGs) laid by UNO.

Every Contribution Matters:

UNO has formed a voluntary force of dedicated, selfless, disciplined soldiers

who can rescue the people including women and children trapped at the site of climate change crisis, social injustice, conflict, disaster, or wars. Volunteerism is inter-generational cycle which must be continued and promoted. Keeping the importance of volunteerism in establishing world peace, UN has decided to observe "International Volunteer Day (for Economic and Social Development)" on 05 of December annually.

In every corner of the globe, volunteers are the positive persons to respond first. They rise to meet the challenges with their indomitable spirit of selfless service with fullest dedication courage, and commitment. The theme of 2025 International Volunteer Day is "Every Contribution Matters", emphasises the importance of all the citizens to contribute their time, talent, treasure to uplift the under-

privileged sections of the society.

Aims of International Volunteer Day:

UN has a strong force of volunteers, commonly called "UN Peace Keeping Force" working round the clock in helping those who are helpless, deserved, ill treated at a given critical situation. International Volunteer Day aims at thanking the volunteers, working with them, inculcating the spirit of selfless service, offer donations to Voluntary organisations, share their success stories, and recognise their commitment towards society. Help May be big or small, it matters such to the recipient.

Let's not only appreciate the selfless services of volunteers but also make the habit of helping others without their request. Always be as a Volunteer at any stage of our life.

- Dr. B. Madhusudhan Reddy

National Communications Academy-Finance (NCA-F) Celebrates Purple Fest 2025 to Mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

New Delhi : The National Communications Academy-Finance (NCA-F), Ghitorni, a "Sarvotkrisht" 5 Star-rated Central Training Institute under the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, celebrated Purple Fest 2025 on 3rd December 2025 with immense enthusiasm, in collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The Fest was inaugurated by the Secretary, DEPwD Ms. V. Vidyavathi, who in her address, spoke about the mental barriers that need to be broken to make the society more inclusive. The DG, NCA-F encouraged all participants to strengthen their collective commitment to inclusive learning, compassion, and empowerment. The presence of senior offi-



cers from DEPwD, including the Deputy CCPD, enriched the occasion through their guidance and words of encouragement.

The day-long event featured a range of thoughtfully curated activities, including an inspiring address by Ms. Ira Singhal, IAS, insightful sessions and engaging simulation experiences by NGOs, and several inclusive programmes designed to

promote empathy and accessibility. 176 Officer Trainees of All India and Central Civil Services, 2025 batch from 15 All India and Central Civil services undergoing the Special Foundation Course at NCA-F in collaboration with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, participated wholeheartedly in the celebrations, along with the fac-

ulty and staff of NCA-F.

A Training of Trainers (ToT) session was conducted by the Deputy Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for NCA-F faculty members, alongside a series of simulation activities aimed at sensitisation and awareness-building.

A vibrant display of stalls and exhibitions by Divyangjan entrepreneurs, including children and young adults, received enthusiastic engagement from guests, NCA-F staff, Officer Trainees, residents, and visitors. Their participation offered visibility, recognition, and avenues of financial empowerment to the entrepreneurs and creators.

Purple Fest 2025 stood as a celebration of talent, resilience, and aspiration, honouring the spirit of inclusiveness and the shared responsibility of building an accessible and empathetic society.

ITU-TRAI Workshop on Performance, Quality of Service, and Quality of Experience inaugurated in Bhubaneswar

New Delhi : The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in partnership with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), today inaugurated the ITU-TRAI Workshop on Performance, Quality of Service and Quality of Experience in Bhubaneswar. This two-day international programme brought together National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), service providers and technical experts from across the world to advance collaborative efforts on telecom service-quality frameworks. The workshop opened with a ceremonial lamp-lighting, followed by the welcome address by Atul Kumar Chaudhary, Secretary, TRAI, and the inaugural address by Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI, in the presence of senior representatives from ITU and the Government of Odisha.

In his welcome remarks, Atul Kumar Chaudhary reaffirmed TRAI's commitment to transparent and consumer-focused regulation. He underlined the importance of global cooperation in strengthening service-quality frameworks and noted that discussions on

connectivity mapping, satellite-based quality assessment and regional regulatory approaches would contribute significantly to collective understanding.

A video message by Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Union Minister of State for Communications, was shared during the inaugural session. He emphasised India's focus on reliable and high-quality connectivity for citizens, highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen service quality under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and welcomed the joint work of TRAI and ITU in advancing global standards and best practices.

The session also featured a video message from Mr Seizo Onoe, Director, ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (ITU-TSB), who highlighted the global importance of harmonised QoS standards in enabling equitable digital transformation. He reiterated ITU's commitment to supporting member states in designing QoS and QoE frameworks suited to diverse national contexts.

Addressing the audience, Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of



Odisha, underscored the vital role of telecom services in public safety and disaster-response systems. Drawing from Odisha's experience with cyclones and tsunamis, he emphasised the central role of telecom services in enabling inclusive growth, economic development and efficient public-service delivery. Noting that nearly every welfare system today relies on connectivity, he stressed that robust QoS and QoE systems are indispensable for timely warnings and resilient service delivery. "Telecom today underpins inclusive growth, economic development and the delivery of every major welfare programme. From rural governance and panchayat services moving online to the

smooth functioning of public works, connectivity now touches every aspect of daily life," he said. He further added that "a continued focus on consumer-centric QoS, supported by collaboration across states and countries, is vital as we work together to strengthen service quality for all."

Delivering the inaugural address, Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI, highlighted India's progress in building a digitally inclusive telecom ecosystem and the transformative role of connectivity in everyday life. He noted that India has achieved the fastest rollout of 5G services globally, supported by over 1.23 billion telecom subscribers and nearly 99 per cent 4G coverage. He emphasised that India continues to record high

data-consumption levels while maintaining affordable tariffs that ensure broad digital access across socio-economic groups.

Lahoti underscored India's emergence as a model for emerging economies in bridging the urban-rural divide, enabling mobile-based financial inclusion and simplifying procedural frameworks under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. He highlighted TRAI's Quality of Service Rating Framework for Buildings as an important initiative to enhance transparency in service-quality assessment and noted the growing need to strengthen indoor connectivity, given the significant share of data usage occurring within buildings.

He further emphasised the need for deeper multilateral collaboration and called for exploring an ITU Regional Group for Asia on QoS and QoE to address challenges such as fraud prevention, cybersecurity and network interoperability.

"India's experience demonstrates how comprehensive telecom policies, regulatory reform and strong collaboration can

drive inclusive growth and digital empowerment," he said, adding that coordinated regional efforts will help strengthen QoS and QoE frameworks across Asia.

Concluding the inaugural session, Mr Martin Adolph, Study Group Advisor, ITU, thanked TRAI for hosting the workshop and the Government of Odisha for its support. He acknowledged the contributions of all delegates and noted that the discussions will directly inform QSDG's future work to strengthen global QoS and QoE frameworks.

The workshop has four thematic sessions on 4 December, covering connectivity mapping, satellite-service performance, measurement methodologies and a regional panel on service-quality approaches across Asia. These sessions brought together regulators, industry leaders and experts to exchange tools, methodologies and regulatory perspectives. On 5 December, the programme continues with a meeting of the Quality of Service Development Group (QSDG), followed by a rapporteur group meeting of ITU-T Study Group 12 on the "NRA Repository"

initiative aimed at creating a global library of QoS and QoE parameters used by regulators.

The workshop aimed to build a deeper understanding of key challenges in QoS and QoE management and support the development of actionable best practices for regulatory bodies and service providers. Delegates engaged in peer learning and collaborative dialogue to advance universal, reliable and secure telecom services across diverse regions. Hosted by TRAI in partnership with ITU-T, the event drew around 150 participants from Asia, Africa and Europe, attending physically, as well as virtually, reflecting the global relevance of telecom standards and policy development. Participants included regulatory officials, operators, technology vendors and measurement-tool specialists, such as Opensignal, Ookla and Keysight Technologies, from 39 countries.

For further information or clarifications, please contact Abdul Kayum, Advisor (Broadband & Policy Analysis), TRAI, at advbbpa@traai.gov.in.

33rd meeting of National Horticulture Board held under chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Scheme implementation should be timely, transparent, and farmer-centric - Union Minister Shivraj Singh

New Delhi : The 33rd meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Horticulture Board (NHB) was held today at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Union Agriculture Minister of State Ramnath Thakur was also present in the meeting.

In the meeting, Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed NHB schemes, and the discussion focused particularly on commercial horticulture development schemes, cold-chain

infrastructure projects, Cluster Development Programme (CDP) - a new initiative to enhance productivity and market linkages through region-specific horticulture clusters, and Clean Plant Programme - to provide disease-free planting material for high-value crops.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh directed that scheme implementation be timely, transparent, and farmer-centric, with subsidies provided to farmers on time and no complaints in this regard. He also emphasised developing a special strategy for perishable horticulture produce in farmers' interest,



to increase their shelf life, prevent losses to farmers, and run awareness programs to avoid damage.

During the meeting, Union Minister Chouhan

gave several strategic suggestions to boost productivity, quality, and competitiveness in the horticulture sector. He instructed special focus on

quality planting material, post-harvest management, and productivity enhancement. Shivraj Singh stated that it is essential to strengthen systems to connect farmers

comprehensively to markets, cold-chain networks, and value-addition opportunities. He said the NHB should prepare state-wise and region-wise roadmaps and work with full strength for farmers' benefit.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released technical publications prepared by the National Horticulture Board on Good Agricultural Practices, organic farming models, and advanced horticulture technologies. These resources will serve as valuable reference material for farmers, entrepreneurs, and agriculture experts. The meeting was attended by Union

Agriculture Secretary Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, ICAR Director General Dr. Mangi Lal Jat, senior officials from agriculture and various departments, and non-official members from the horticulture industry. This broad representation strengthened regional perspectives and participatory dialogue in the meeting.

The National Horticulture Board is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, working for robust development of commercial horticulture and cold-chain infrastructure across the country.

National Workshop on Uniform Scientific and Technical Terminology Hosted at NSU

(Capital Information)
Tirupati : A National Workshop on Uniform Scientific and Technical Terminology for Indian Languages was inaugurated at the National Sanskrit University in Tirupati on Wednesday. The event brought together prominent linguists and education experts from across the country to deliberate on the development of standardized terminology that can be effectively utilized in Indian languages for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and other emerging sectors.

The primary objective of the workshop is to address the growing need for coordinated terminology in technical fields, an initiative that aligns with national efforts under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to promote Indian languages in higher education, research, and professional domains.



During the inaugural session, Janardhana Hegde, Editor of Sambhashana Sandesha, Samskrita Bharati, Bengaluru, underscored the critical necessity of developing a uniform scientific and technical vocabulary for Indian languages.

Following his address, Vice-Chancellor G.S.R. Krishnamurthy highlighted the institution's long-standing commitment to advancing linguistic research and its pivotal role in bridging classical

knowledge with contemporary scientific domains. Adding to the discussion, K. Giridhar Rao, Chief Representative of the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, New Delhi, emphasized that uniform terminology is essential for creating accessible educational resources, enhancing knowledge dissemination, and fostering linguistic pride among learners.

The event was attended by Academic Dean Rajanikant Shukla. The workshop was organized under

the supervision of Pankaj Kumar Vyas, Head of the Vyakarana Department, who served as the Coordinator, and Udayana Hegde, Assistant Professor in the Vyakarana Department, who acted as the Additional Coordinator. A large number of faculty members, research scholars, and students from various departments, universities, and educational institutions participated in the sessions to make the event a success.

The third phase of nominations for the Gram Panchayat elections should be conducted transparently : Collector Ila Tripathi

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda / Kondamallepally : District Collector Ila Tripathi suggested that the third phase of nominations for the Gram Panchayat elections should be conducted transparently.



On Thursday, she visited the nomination center at the Gummadavelli Gram Panchayat office in Kondamallepally mandal, Nalgonda district.

The notification at the cluster nomination center set up in Gummadavelli Gram Panchayat, a flexi banner designed to provide instructions and advice to those who come to file nominations, reservations of Gram Panchayats within that cluster, digital clock, and other details were inquired through the returning officer. He said that if

the caste certificate is taken in the declaration, the original caste certificate should be submitted till the time of scrutiny of nominations.

The Returning Officer replied to the District Collector that the original caste certificate is being supported. The Collector suggested that if

there are any doubts during the receipt of nominations, they should be resolved with the RDO or higher authorities.

Revenue Additional Collector J.Srinivas, Devarakonda RDO Ramana Reddy, Tahsildar Narender, MPDO Swarnalatha, and others were present.

The Silent Collapse of Muslim Leadership in India — And the AIMIM Factor

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : For decades, Indian Muslims produced statesmen who shaped national politics, built institutions, and protected constitutional rights. They worked within mainstream parties, forged alliances, and ensured that India remained a place where Muslims had dignity, representation, and opportunities.

But today, Muslim leadership is shrinking, fragmented, and losing national influence. And while many reasons contribute to this decline, the rise of AIMIM—and its polarizing, vote-splitting politics—has clearly accelerated the collapse.

WHAT TRUE MUSLIM LEADERSHIP LOOKED LIKE: THE LEGACY OF MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD

Before we examine

today's crisis, we must understand the standard set by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, one of India's greatest leaders—and unquestionably the most influential Muslim statesman of the 20th century.

- Inclusive Nationalism** Azad believed Muslims should be equal stakeholders in India's nation-building—not isolated political spectators. His leadership united communities instead of dividing them.
- Intellectual Authority** He inspired through scholarship, courage, and intellectual depth—not through emotional provocations. His arguments carried weight because they were rooted in knowledge, not sentiment.
- Institution Building** As the first Education Minister, Azad laid foundations for

India's most important institutions: IITs, UGC, AICTE, and the national academies of art, music, and literature. He understood that empowerment comes from education and infrastructure, not temporary mobilization.

- National Credibility** Azad was trusted by all communities. This gave Muslims leverage and respect in the national movement—something missing today.
- Constitutional Protection** Azad fought to embed secularism, fundamental rights, and minority protections into the Constitution. Those safeguards still protect Indian Muslims today.

HOW SECULAR MUSLIM LEADERSHIP HELPED BUILD AN INDIA THAT WORKS FOR MUSLIMS

India's Constitution,



KHALED SAIFULLAH
 Vice Chairman,
 TPCC Minority Department

democracy, and secular framework did not fall from the sky—Muslim secular leaders helped build them. Their contributions ensured that Indian Muslims today enjoy rights unmatched in many other countries.

- They Secured Strong Constitutional Rights** Mus-

lim leaders in the Constituent Assembly fought for religious freedom, cultural autonomy, equality before law, and minority education rights.

- They Rejected Partition** Secular Muslim leadership chose India consciously, believing Muslims would flourish in a democratic, plural nation rather than a theocratic one.
- They Built Alliances** With National Parties This ensured representation in Parliament, state assemblies, cabinets, and national institutions.
- They Fought Communal Politics** on Both Sides Their balanced approach prevented Muslims from becoming politically isolated.
- They Focused on Education, Not Street Politics**

They built universities, scholarships, and national institutions—believing educated Muslims would be empowered Muslims.

- They Represented Everyone** By speaking for all communities, they ensured Muslims became stakeholders in India's future.

AIMIM'S POLITICS STANDS IN SHARP CONTRAST

While secular Muslim leaders expanded influence, AIMIM's politics has narrowed it. AIMIM contests minority-heavy seats, rarely wins, splits votes, and strengthens right wing forces. The community becomes more emotional but less empowered.

THE LEADERSHIP VACUUM

Due to polarization and identity politics, mainstream parties now field fewer Muslim candidates.

Young Muslim leaders lack pathways. Representation collapses. This is the most serious leadership crisis since Independence.

THE WAY FORWARD: RETURN TO AZAD'S STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Muslims in India must restore the model that worked: inclusive politics, alliances, education, institution-building, national participation, negotiation power, and long term strategy.

Muslim leadership in India is weakening not only due to external forces but also internal fragmentation. AIMIM's identity-driven politics accelerates this decline. The community must decide: Do we want Azad, style nation, building leadership or vote-splitting emotional politics? Because today, the stakes are higher than ever.

Sanchar Saathi App Controversy: Why the Government Rolled Back Its Pre-Installation Order : Dr. M.Suresh Babu, Sreenidhi University

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : In a rare policy reversal, the Indian government on Wednesday scrapped its directive requiring smartphone manufacturers to preload the state-run cyber safety application Sanchar Saathi on all new devices. The withdrawal came after widespread backlash from political parties, privacy advocates, civil society groups and major tech companies, who warned that the mandate could open the door to government overreach and surveillance.

What the Sanchar Saathi App Does

Launched two years ago, Sanchar Saathi is positioned as a citizen-centric tool designed to enhance telecom security. Available on both Android and iOS platforms, the app allows users to track and block lost or stolen mobile phones through IMEI-based identification, check all mobile connections registered under their name to detect fraudulent numbers, report suspected scam calls, and verify the legitimacy of used devices before purchase. Government data shows that the app has been downloaded more than 14 million times and has helped

block over 4.2 million stolen devices, while also terminating more than 30 million fraudulent connections.

The Controversial Government Order

A confidential directive issued on November 28 required all smartphone makers—including Apple, Samsung and Xiaomi—to ensure that every new device sold in India was preloaded with Sanchar Saathi. The order mandated that the app be "visible, functional, and enabled" from first use, and that users would not be able to disable or restrict its functions. Manufacturers were also instructed to push the app to already-produced devices through software updates. According to the telecom ministry, the mandate was necessary to counter the growing challenge of IMEI tampering, which allows criminals to clone valid identifiers onto stolen phones, making tracking extremely difficult.

Outcry and Opposition

Once news of the order became public, it triggered intense criticism across the country. Privacy advocates warned that a non-removable, government-controlled app could expose citizens to



unprecedented levels of surveillance. The Congress Party described the mandate as unconstitutional and demanded its immediate cancellation.

Technology companies also expressed concerns, with sources confirming that Apple had no plans to comply due to the directive's privacy and security implications. The government simultaneously faced scrutiny over broader directives issued under amended Telecom Cyber Security Rules, which imposed new restrictions on platforms such as WhatsApp and required digital services to integrate government fraud-detection databases. Civil society groups, including the Internet Freedom Foundation, described the order as excessive, opaque and unnecessary.

Government Backtracks

After Uproar

Responding to the backlash, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told Parliament that "snooping is neither possible, nor will it ever be," and insisted that the app's sole purpose was to protect users from cyber fraud. He also stated that the government was open to revisiting the mandate based on public feedback. By Wednesday evening, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) formally withdrew the directive. It said a surge in voluntary downloads—more than 600,000 in just 24 hours—showed that citizens were adopting the app without compulsion and that the pre-installation order was therefore no longer necessary. The DoT maintained that the directive had been intended only to increase the app's reach among less aware users.

Industry Reaction and Broader Concerns

The government's reversal comes amid concerns about India's increasingly unpredictable regulatory environment. Analysts have pointed out that this is the second major policy rollback in two years, following the withdrawal of a proposed lap-

top import licensing system in 2023. Technology lawyer Mishi Choudhary noted that arbitrary policy decisions without rigorous analysis of their impact on fraud prevention weaken industry confidence.

Privacy activists say the Sanchar Saathi controversy highlights the need for transparent, consultative policymaking, especially as India introduces new cyber and telecom rules that place wider responsibilities on device makers and digital service providers.

A Debate Far from Over

Although the government has withdrawn the pre-installation mandate, the episode has raised questions about the scope of the Department of Telecommunications' powers under the revised Telecom Cyber Security Rules, the expanding role of the DoT's AI and Digital Intelligence Unit, and the broader balance between national security and individual privacy. For now, the Sanchar Saathi controversy marks a significant pushback against mandatory state software on personal devices—a rare instance of the government reversing course in response to public pressure.



Pensioners Pass 16 Resolutions at Rangareddy District Conference

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : The second district conference of the Telangana All Pensioners and Retired Persons Association was held on Wednesday at Aruna Convention Hall, Sagar Road, Turkeyamjal in Rangareddy district, where pensioners from Central and State governments, RTC, banks, PSUs and coal mines raised strong demands for restoration of the Old Pension Scheme and clearance of long-pending dues.

District president P. Nageswara Rao hoisted the flag at 10.30 am, followed by a welcome address by district treasurer Bhaskar Raju and an introductory speech by invitation committee chairman P.V. Satyanarayana. Speakers highlighted that many corporate sector pensioners receive meagre pensions of ₹1,000 to ₹2,000 even after 30-35 years of service, which is lower than social security pensions, and urged the government to address their hardship.

As many as 16 key resolutions were unanimously passed, including repeal of the PFRDA Act, abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme, restoration of the commuted portion of pension after 11 years, release of five pending DA/DR instalments, implementation of PRC benefits from July 1, 2023, tax exemption for pensioners, establishment of wellness centres in all districts, provision of cashless medical treatment, clearance of all post-2024 retirement bills, grant of full pension after 20 years of service, ₹20 lakh gratuity on par with Central government employees, 50% travel concession for senior citizens and official recognition of the association with representation in the Joint Staff Council.

The two-session conference was addressed by State president Narayana Reddy, district secretary Krishna Rao and several senior leaders, while cultural programmes including mimicry and songs added colour to the event.

Returning officers should issue postal ballots carefully : Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar

(Capital Information)
Suryapet : District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has advised returning officers to issue postal ballots carefully. The Collector held a meeting with Stage 1 and 2 Returning Officers at Jajireddygudem and Nagaram MPDO offices on Thursday regarding the elections of Panchayat Sarpanch and Ward members and made several suggestions.

In the first phase, a facilitation center should be set up in the respective MPDO office from December 6 to December 9 for the officers and staff performing duties in the elections and all basic facilities should be provided.

Details of service voters should be registered in the Stage 1 RO 37A register regarding postal ballots, and details of those performing duties in the elections should be registered in the Stage 2



RO 37C register. Along with Form-14, the correct it was suggested that if the certificates are attached, they should be marked in the marked copy and the postal ballot should be issued in the first row.

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Nari Shakti to Vikas: Focus must shift to Women-led progress

(Lakshmi Puri)
(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Gender equality and women's empowerment is the organising idea for our brighter todays and our transformed tomorrows. In this age of acceleration, we cannot afford to wait another century to achieve gender parity. The cardinal concept of nari shakti (women's power) and of women as devis (goddesses), which is India's civilisational gift to the world, must now move from symbolic reverence to practical power and take our virasat (tradition) of respect for women into a vikas (development) pathway of women-led sustainable development.

When the freedoms and life chances of half of humanity expand, societies are rewired. Gender equality is an ideal in its own right and also a powerful force multiplier of social, economic, political, technological and environmental progress. The 2015 McKinsey Global Institute report, the 2024 analysis using National Family Health Survey data, and EY's India@100 work, together

make a compelling economic case: Closing gender gaps can add 20 to 30% to GDP and is indispensable for India to become a \$28-trillion economy by 2047.

India is living through a demographic moment. Our young population will yield a dividend only if it becomes a female dividend. Fertility is declining and the ambitions of girls and young women are rising; India now has near parity in higher education and around 43% of STEM students are women. After years in which women's work was pushed into informality and invisibility, female labour force participation has begun to climb again and must translate into better quality, formal and future-ready jobs.

A defining feature of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has been targeted flagship programmes in which women are the principal labharthi (beneficiaries), combined with transversal programmes in infrastructure, health, education and social protection that are gender responsive. Scholarships, hos-

tels and reserved seats have lifted women's presence in higher and technical education and opened pathways into the knowledge, health, green and care economies. Digital missions and rural programmes have trained tens of millions of women and put smartphones with affordable data and Jan Dhan accounts in their hands, giving direct access to information, markets and services.

Flagship schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, PM MUDRA, Swachh Bharat and PM Awas have put clean energy, access to credit, sanitation and secure housing in crores of women's names, while schemes such as the Sukanya Samridhi and Lakhpati Didi have enabled direct benefit transfers into their bank accounts and rising incomes. The next level must move them decisively from labharthi to adhikar pati, from recipients of entitlements to full rights holders and decision makers in the economy and society. That is the essence of achieving SDG 5 on gender equality by 2030.

Intersectionality in India means that many women face multiple layers of disadvantage through poverty, caste, tribe, religion, disability or location. The abolition of instant triple talaq has strengthened Muslim women's rights in marriage. The election of Droupadi Murmu, a woman from an Adivasi background, as President of India embodies how far a marginalised woman can rise in a republic, deepening its commitment to gender and social justice. The tomorrow we must build is one in which such trajectories are systemic and widespread rather than exceptional.

Freedom from violence remains the non-negotiable foundation of a gender equal society. Ending violence against women and girls in all its forms, from domestic abuse and trafficking to work-place harassment and online hate, must stay at the top of the agenda, together with sustained investment in women's health and in sexual and reproductive rights that guarantee autonomy and dignity.

Political voice and leader-

ship multiply the impact of every other intervention and give women the power to shape tomorrow's rules. At the grassroots, 33% to 50% reservations in panchayats and urban local bodies have created 1.5 million women leaders. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, reserving one third of seats in the Lok Sabha and all state assemblies for women, is a historic step towards real parity in lawmaking and governance. Women are reshaping electoral outcomes, as seen recently in Bihar, as conscious voters rewarding governments that deliver on safety, mobility, education, health and livelihoods.

Culture is an infrastructure of meaning through which societies understand themselves and imagine their future. For centuries it was built from a male vantage of patriarchy, even in civilisations that worshipped the feminine divine. Today, women across the creative industries, from media and literature to cinema, music, sport and digital content, are rewriting the script and reclaiming the Devi

idea so that reverence is expressed as equal rights, equal respect and shared responsibility in the home, the economy and the public sphere.

The next level of transformation must now be led as much from offices, board rooms, laboratories and digital platforms as from parliaments. Every institution, from government departments and political parties to universities, research councils, startups and large corporations, must build gender parity into its DNA. This means gender equal education to jobs value chains, where girls move from classrooms into careers in science, technology and artificial intelligence across the wider Industry 4.0 ecosystem. It means corporate leaders and chief executives committing to parity in recruitment, retention, re-entry and promotion, and to many more women in senior management and on boards. It also means a research and innovation system and a start-up culture where women founders, scientists and creators can access credit, men-

torship and markets on equal terms.

During its G20 presidency, India placed women-led development at the centre of the agenda, securing commitments on bridging the digital gender gap, raising women's labour force participation, and expanding women's entrepreneurship and leadership. Empowered women are the great transformers of our age. As transformed women who transform their families, communities, countries and the world, they unlock demographic advantage and enable women and girls to live lives of freedom, choice and dignity. If India sustains and amplifies this movement, its civilisational second coming as a leading power will be fast forwarded by a journey to Viksit Bharat (developed India) by 2047 that is lit and led by Nari Shakti.

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Tight security at nomination centers: SP Sharat Chandra Pawar

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda/Kondamallepally : During the third phase of Sarpanch election nominations, the District SP visited the nomination center of Sarpanch election candidates in Kolmunthal Pahadthanda, Kondamallepalli mandal, and inquired about the nomination process and security with the officials there.



The District SP said that tight police security has been arranged at the nomination centers to prevent any untoward incidents. He said that the police personnel at the nomination centers should implement the 100-meter radius rules as per the election rules and

should not send people without permission into the nomination centers.

The candidates said that all security arrangements are being made to ensure that the nomination process is completely impartial and peaceful as per the election rules. He made it clear that everyone

should follow the election rules and strict legal action will be taken if anyone is found disrupting the election process.

The SP was accompanied by DSP Srinivasulu, SB CI Ramu, Kondamallepalli CI Naveen Kumar, SI Ajmira, Ramesh staff and others.

Special surveillance on the movements of rowdy sheeters

Manchiryal DCP A. Bhaskar conducted a surprise inspection at midnight

(Capital Information)
Manchiryal : Manchiryal DCP A. Bhaskar warned that strict action should be taken against those who create fear and disrupt public life with anti-social activities during the Gram Panchayat elections.



On Wednesday night, the DCP conducted a surprise inspection of the houses of rowdy sheeters with criminal tendencies in the Kannala Gram Panchayat area under the Tallagurijala Police Station and inquired about

their movements. They were also counseled and advised to take steps towards good behavior keeping in mind their future in the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections.

They were warned

not to cause any trouble, and if anyone causes trouble, the PD Act will be invoked and sent to jail. In the context of the Panchayat elections, the police officers have set up surveillance on everyone

and warned that strict action will be taken even if they commit any small mistake. In the context of the Gram Panchayat elections, the Mancherial Zone Police has created an operation plan to curb the old criminals who are involved in illegal activities, increased surveillance and focused on all aspects.

He said that old criminals and rowdy sheeters who were in-

involved in conflicts in previous election cases in the district have already been bound over and their movements have been monitored to prevent them from committing other crimes again. He warned that strict action will be taken if anyone violates the bindover and engages in conflicts or other anti-social activities.

A. Ravikumar ACP Bellampalli, CH. Hanok Bellampalli Rural Circle, B. Ramakrishna AS Thalla Gurajala participated in this program.

Ramireddy Brought Distance Education Closer to the People

Grand Celebrations Mark Ramireddy's Birth Anniversary

(Capital Information)
Amaravati : Professor G. Ram Reddy earns the singular credit of bringing higher education to the doorstep of every citizen in the form of distance education, observed Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Chairman Prof. K. Madhumurthy. He noted that due to various social, economic, and religious reasons, many people were once deprived of opportunities for higher studies, but through this system of distance learning, they are now able to pursue advanced education.



Professor Ram Reddy is widely recognized as the Father of Distance Education in India, he said. The birth anniversary celebrations of Prof. Ram Reddy were held in a grand manner on Thursday morning at the APSCHE office. Floral tributes were

paid to his portrait on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vijayabhaskar Rao said that the slogan "Education at Your Doorstep" truly became a reality for people across the country because of the visionary efforts of Prof. G. Ram Reddy. The foundations he laid paved the way for many revolutionary reforms in the field of distance education, he remarked.

Today, countless young

men and women are able to pursue higher studies from their homes—without having to attend colleges or universities—and are reaching prestigious positions. This, he emphasized, is a direct result of Prof. Ram Reddy's tireless work.

He recalled that Prof. Ram Reddy received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions. The Central Government appointed him as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1991. He also remembered the establish-

ment of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), aimed at enhancing quality in higher education.

Prof. Ram Reddy was honoured with several national and international awards for his contributions to the education sector, including the International Council of Distance Education Excellence Award in June 1995.

Those who participated in the event included Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vijayabhaskar Rao, Vice-Chairperson Prof. K. Ratna Sheelamani, Secretary Prof. B. Tirupathi Rao, OSD Dr. Velaga Joshi, Academic Officer Dr. Srirangam Mathew, Academic Principal Dr. P. Anil Kumar, Academic Consultant G. Roshai, Chandra Vishnu Mohan Rao, and several others.

Recommendation Letter Scam Busted in Tirumala; Two Held for Cheating Devotees

(Capital Information)

Tirumala : The Tirupati District Police have arrested two individuals for allegedly cheating devotees by promising VIP break darshan at the Tirumala temple using forged recommendation letters from elected representatives. Acting on the instructions of District Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu, the Tirumala II Town police apprehended the accused, identified as Balli Praveen Kumar and Devata Chenchu Balaji, both residents of Naidupeta.



Investigation revealed that the accused had been operating a racket where they fabricated letterheads of MLAs and MLCs to secure break darshan tickets. They allegedly collected sums ranging from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000 from unsuspecting pilgrims. The police stated that the duo misused the names of Sullurpeta MLA N. Vijayas-

ree, Gudur MLA Pasam Sunil Kumar, and MLC Balli Kalyan Chakravarthy. They were caught while attempting to deceive a group of devotees from Hyderabad.

During the arrest, police seized incriminating evidence, including data regarding the fake letters, bank passbooks, and cash. Technical equipment such as a lap-

top, printer, and mobile phones used to forge the documents were also recovered. Authorities noted that cases had previously been registered against the accused at Gudur I Town and Tirumala II Town police stations. The operation was conducted with the active assistance of TTD Vigilance officials. In light of this incident, the police issued a stern advisory to pilgrims not to trust middlemen or touts promising darshan tickets. Devotees were urged to book darshan and seva tickets exclusively through the official TTD website or designated counters.

The police warned that strict surveillance is in place to curb the use of fake recommendation letters and requested the public to report any such demands for money to the Tirumala One Town SHO (94407 96769) or Two Town SHO (94407 96772).

Babu Rajendra Prasad Jayanti celebrated in grand style at Ravindra Bharathi, Hari Narayana Reddy felicitated

(Capital Information)
Nellore : The services of Bharat Ratna and the first President of India, Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad, will never be forgotten by the present generation, said Telangana Legislative Council Opposition Leader Sirikonda Madhusudana Chari. Dr. Konduru Harinarayana Reddy Charitable Trust organized a grand ceremony to commemorate the 4th anniversary of Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad's birth anniversary at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad on Wednesday night.



The chief guests lit the lamp. Later, Dr. Konduru Harinarayana Reddy was congratulated on his 85th birthday by offering cake.

On this occasion, awardees freedom fighter Banda Pullareddy, K. Vijaya Prasad Reddy, Kamasani Krishna Reddy, Kothuru Ramesh, Dr. Radha Kusuma, Dr. Y.V. Subbarao were felicitated with the

award. Former Director General of Prisons Department Dr. C.S. Gopinath Reddy, film directors Relangi Narasimha Rao, Saraswati devotee Daivagna Sharma, Kala Patrika editor Dr. Mohammed Rafi, Orphanage Home Pres-

idents Marg Rajesh, Lion Nir-mala Prabhakar, organizers Dr. Konduru Harinarayana Reddy, K. Muralimohan Raju, Kusuma Bhogaraju, commentator A.H. Tulasi Ram, artists, art lovers and others participated in the program.

Felicitations Ceremony for Retired High Court Judges Marks Conclusion of Constitution Day Celebrations

Special Event on December 6 Organized by Telangana Citizens Council

(Special Correspondent)

Hyderabad : As part of the concluding ceremony of the Indian Constitution Day celebrations, a grand felicitations programme will be held to honour retired High Court judges on December 6 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. at the Telangana Saraswathi Parishat Auditorium, Boggalakunta, Abids, Hyderabad. This was announced in a press release by Dr. Raj Narayana Mudiraj, State President of the Telangana Citizens Council.

Distinguished Retired Judges to be Felicitated

The following retired High Court judges will be honoured with shawls, mementos, floral garlands and appreciation certificates :
Justice P. Laxman Reddy
Justice Vaman Rao
Justice M.S.K. Jaiswal
Justice B. Chandrakumar



Justice G. Shyam Prasad
Justice C.Y. Somayajulu

Prominent Legal Fraternity Members

Along with the retired judges, eminent High Court advocates and distinguished academicians in the field of law will also be felicitated during the programme.



Justice Vinod Kumar Desi Pandey
Justice Krishna Sharma

Highlighting the Notable Senior Advocates : Advocate Vinod Kumar Desi Pandey, Advocate Krishna Sharma, Advocate Smt. Sabia Sultana, Advocate Gopireddy, Advocate Balwanth Reddy, Advocate Chinraj Pandari.

Law, Prof. K. Padmavati
The organisers stated that these felicitations are being held in recognition of their valuable contributions to the legal fraternity.

Judges Attending as Chief Guests :
The following dignitaries will grace the event as chief guests:

Telangana Lokayukta Justice A. Rajasekhara Reddy
Sitting Judge of the Telangana High Court, Justice Smt. Suripalli Nanda
Several other prominent legal personalities are also expected to participate.

The Telangana Citizens Council noted that the organisation aims to promote constitutional values across the state while honouring distinguished individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the judiciary and legal field.

Vigilance Branch of South Central Railway Organizes lecture on "Vigilance Perspective in Tenders and Contracts"

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : As part of its capacity-building initiative "Fortify Lecture Series - 2025", South Central Railway Vigilance Branch has organized a lecture on 04th December, 2025 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, South Central Railway Secunderabad on "Vigilance Perspective in Tenders and Contracts". This is the 5th lecture being organized in the year 2025 as part of this series.



senior officers and staff have participated. The lecture has seen a huge participation from officers and employees across the South Central Railway zone through video link.

Sri Nalinav Malladi, Deputy General Manager/Co-ordination & Secretary to General Manager, SCR and Ex-Director Vigilance/Railway Board delivered the lecture. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager/SCR, Satya Prakash, Additional GM/SCR, Ashish Mehrotra, Sr. Deputy General Manager and Chief Vigilance Officer/SCR, other

all the participants to take advantage of the knowledge shared and make use in their day to day work.

During the lecture, Sri Srinivas Malladi has dealt several aspects on handling of tenders and contracts by railway officials, tender committees, conveners and tender accepting authorities. Provisions on the subject available in Constitution of India, Indian Contract Act, Sale of Goods Act, GFR, Indian Railway Vigilance Man-

ual, CVC manual and Railway Board circulars/instructions were discussed during the lecture. He elaborated the various aspects in tenders and contracts regarding Formulation of proposals, Mode of tendering, Formulation of Committee, Sensitive issues while awarding tenders including rate reasonability, withdrawal of offers, abnormally low rated bids, Doctrine of substantial compliance, Contract management, Case studies etc. The

main object of the lecture was to educate the participants with respect to proper handling of tenders and contracts.

Sri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway has stated that intent and reputation of the officials play important role while evaluating the decisions made by officials. He advised all the officials to act responsibly and use proper discretion while making proper decisions. Sri Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, South Central Railway stressed the need for expeditious finalization of various tenders, so that the purpose for which the tenders are floated can be met in time. He urged officials to make a thorough review of the contracts at the time of extending them.

Donation to Vikrama simhapuri univeristy

(Capital Information)
Nellore : Donation of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Equipment's and Material including Nebulizers, Oxygen Masks, Sphygmomanometer's, Thermometers, Syringes, Band Aids, DNS Bottles, ORS Packets, Bottles of Betadine Solution, Hydrogen Peroxide, Dusting Powder, Gauze Pieces, Hot water bottles, and Kettles on behalf of ICD Section VI South Zone by Deputy Regent South Zone Dr N Kannan (Professor & Head, Department Oral Medicine and Radiology, Narayana Dental



College and Hospital, Nellore to Vikrama Simhapuri University in the presence of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Allam Srinivasa Rao, Vikrama Simhapuri University and Registrar Professor Dr Sunitha, President, Private Medical Practitioners Association Shri S Venugopal, Secretary Working Journalists Association Shri A Jayaprakash, NSS Coordinator for Nel-

lore District, Professor Dr Allam Uday Kumar Reddy for establishing Medical & Surgical Unit for Girls Hostel Students & Staff of Vikrama Simhapuri University and for local population who were suffering from lack of Basic Medical facilities in the nearby vicinity. Dr N Kannan also assured of doing visits once every weekend with dental and medical team for diagnosis and management of health problems faced by the students of the Vikrama Simhapuri University.
 - A. Jaya Prakash



Micro-observers key to transparent village elections : Observer

(Capital Information)
Mahabubnagar : State General Election Observer Ms Katyayani Devi, IAS, has asserted that micro-observers play a crucial role in ensuring transparency and fairness in Gram Panchayat elections. She was addressing micro-observers during a training programme held at the Collectorate conference hall on Thursday.



She instructed the observers to closely and comprehensively monitor the Sarpanch and Ward Member election process. In view of the identification of several critical polling stations in the district, special micro-observers have been deployed to those locations, she said. Their primary responsibility is to vigilantly oversee the election process and guide

polling staff wherever necessary to ensure smooth conduct of polling.

Ms Katyayani Devi directed the micro-observers to strictly follow all election rules and guidelines and to meticulously record every development at the polling stations. They were also instructed to submit detailed reports to higher authorities and election

observers. Any violation of election norms reflected in the reports could lead to re-polling at the concerned stations, she warned, urging the observers to remain highly alert.

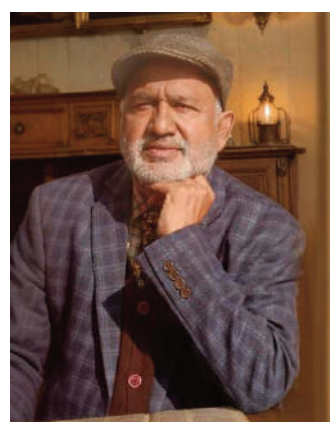
Though the district election machinery is functioning efficiently, she said the role of micro-observers is vital in taking prompt decisions at polling stations.

She added that micro-observers would play a decisive role in ensuring that rural elections are conducted in a peaceful and transparent manner.

The training programme was attended by ZP CEO Venkata Reddy, master trainers Balu Yadav and Sai Baba, Micro-Observer Nodal Officer LDM Chandrashekhar and others.

Healthy Brain, Healthy Body: The Unbreakable Connection

The idea that the mind and body are separate entities is rapidly being debunked by modern science. The truth is, your brain and body are an interconnected system—a finely tuned team where the health of one profoundly influences the other. A healthy brain is the command center that dictates your physical well-being, and a healthy body provides the necessary fuel and environment for optimal brain function.



VIJAY GARG
 Retired Principal, Punjab

The Brain: Your Body's Master Regulator

Your brain is a complex, three-pound organ that controls virtually everything you do, from conscious thoughts and movements to involuntary functions you rarely think about, like your heart rate, digestion, and breathing.

Communication Network: Billions of nerve cells, or neurons, send signals throughout your central nervous system. When the brain is healthy, these signals are fast and efficient, allowing for good coordination, quick reflexes, and sharp cognitive function.

Controlling Physical Health: The brain's role extends beyond thinking. It regulates the release of hormones, manages your stress response (the "fight-or-flight" mechanism), and even influences the function of your immune system. Chronic stress, a mental state, triggers the release of hormones like cortisol, which can lead to physical issues like high blood pressure and a weakened immune system.

The Gut-Brain Axis: Research increasingly highlights

the gut-brain axis, a two-way communication pathway. The health of your gut microbes, which can be influenced by diet and stress, directly affects your mood, behavior, and emotional resilience.

Key Pillars for a Harmonious Connection

To achieve holistic health, you must nourish both the mind and the body, understanding that the efforts you make in one area will benefit the other.

1. Physical Activity is Brain Medicine

Exercise is one of the most powerful tools for brain health.

Improved Blood Flow: Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain, delivering more oxygen and essential nutrients.

Mood Enhancement: It triggers the release of endorphins—the body's natural feel-good hormones—which can significantly reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Nerve Cell Growth: Regular exercise encourages the

growth of new nerve cell connections, which can enhance memory and overall cognitive function.

2. Fueling the System with Nutrition

What you eat directly impacts the structure and function of your brain and body.

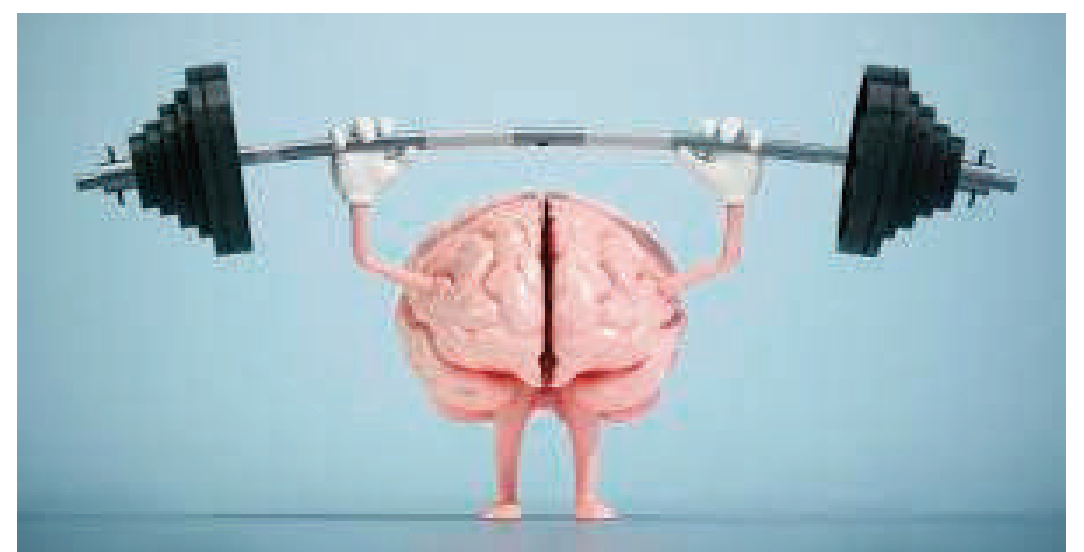
Brain Fuel: A diet rich in plant-based foods, leafy greens, berries, nuts, whole grains, and healthy fats (like those found in fish) provides the essential fuel for mental focus and can slow cognitive decline.

Inflammation Control: Anti-inflammatory foods protect both the brain and the body from diseases linked to chronic inflammation, such as heart disease and stroke, which also impact vascular health in the brain.

3. The Power of Sleep

Sleep is the brain's chance to clean up and consolidate memory, and the body's time to repair.

Restoration: Getting a good night's rest is critical for improving brain function, memory, and alertness.



Stress Management: Adequate sleep eases stress and depression, preparing the mind to handle daily challenges effectively.

4. Mind-Body Practices

Activities that strategically combine mental focus and physical movement strengthen the connection.

Stress Reduction: Practices like yoga, Tai Chi, meditation, and deep breathing help to calm the nervous system, which in turn lowers

stress hormones, reduces inflammation, and improves immune function.

Self-Awareness: These practices enhance self-awareness, helping you recognize the body's early signs of stress or emotional discomfort (like a racing heart or tense muscles) so you can intervene and manage your response more effectively.

Conclusion

The synergy between a healthy brain and a healthy

body is the foundation of a long, vibrant life. By consistently making choices that support the six pillars—physical activity, healthy diet, quality sleep, mental engagement, social connection, and stress management—you are not just treating symptoms; you are fortifying the master system. The health of your mind and the condition of your body are not two separate battles, but one unified mission.

The Combination of Team, Time and Technology

It is easy to choose and achieve life goals as long as the person gives up desires that are contrary to this mission. Can manage time by taking care of some little things like To do this, the target list needs to be coordinated with team, time and technology.

"Everyone speaks. Have big dreams, think big, keep your targets large. Then you will be a big man. But I did everything. I make a list every day, work from morning to night, working so hard that I can't even give my family and friends time. But the result is the same three leaves One can choose not only the goals of one's life, but also achieve all those goals as long as they give up desires that are contrary to this mission. You can manage your time and accomplish your

goals with ease if you keep a few little things in mind.

Get used to support

You have to review your responsibility first. To do this, you have to decide what tasks to do yourself and which ones to delegate to your team. so you can do other things better. So it's important that you identify what tasks you put in charge of others and which ones you have to do yourself. **Don't be unnecessarily busy**

Don't get involved with others. Stop meeting unnecessary people to make the most of your time Stay away from unnecessary meetings Do not attend meetings in conversation Remove yourself from a meeting if your contribution is not necessary. Doing so will lighten your extra burden and allow you to focus more on your main task.



use of technology

Smartphones and the Internet have reduced distances. has doubled the time and increased the working ca-

capacity of tech savvy person Before you had to talk with someone, spend time on meetings, go to the bank for payment. Now you can sit

down at your desk and make payments from Neft, RTGS, Google Pay, exchange ideas with multiple people simultaneously through video calls or

zoom meetings while sending documents, photos, samples via email, WhatsApp. Where the physical samples are to be sent, you can send them through Sweegie. So be tech smart.

Give yourself time

Take time to restore energy. It is important to take breaks between work, spend time with family and friends or fulfill your hobbies. It will allow you to think more clearly and make better decisions for the future.

Consistency and clarity necessary

The first step to harmonizing between different goals is to clearly write down your most important goals and the activities that achieve them. Then try to figure out which goals are interconnected and complement each other. For example, regular exercise will

help both if your goal is to stay fit and perform well in school. It will improve your health and also give you energy for study. Similarly, when you recognize consistency your little effort helps to accomplish many big goals at once.

self-control

Not every wish is a goal. Sometimes the ideas in your mind are just temptations that waste your hard work. So self-control is essential. It's crucial to recognize these unproductive, pointless desires in time and stay away from them.

forecast of obstacles

Predict the possible obstacles in your way when you set a goal. Doing so will keep you focused on your main goals instead of being distracted. Don't hesitate to struggle because that makes you stronger

HUID Marks a New Era of Purity and Trust in Silver Hallmarking

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Fool-Proof Arrangements for First Phase of Panchayat Elections in the District : Collector Badavath Santosh

(Capital Information)
Nagarkurnool : State Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini has directed district collectors and election observers to ensure fool-proof arrangements for the upcoming first phase of Panchayat elections and to conduct the polling efficiently without any issues.

From the State Election Commission office in Hyderabad, Additional Commissioner Manda Makarand and

Panchayat Raj Commissioner Srujana held a review meeting on Thursday via video conference with election officials, Collectors, SPs, Additional Collectors, and Additional SPs of all districts.

The meeting focused on preparatory measures for conducting the first phase of gram panchayat elections, details of unanimous seats, and arrangements for postal ballot voting.

From Nagarkurnool Collectorate, District Collector Badavath Santosh attended the video conference along with Additional Collector Deva Sahayam, Additional SP Venkateshwarlu, and District Panchayat Officer Sriramulu.

The Collector briefed the State Election Commissioner on the status of the first phase election preparations in Nagarkurnool district.

He reported that out of

the 151 Sarpanch posts across six mandals going to polls in the first phase, 14 Sarpanchs have been elected unanimously, and the election process for 10 Deputy Sarpanch posts has also been completed, with four Deputy Sarpanch positions still pending.

For the 1,326 ward member positions, 208 ward members have been elected unanimously, the Collector informed.

Candidates Asked to Maintain Daily Campaign Expenditure Accounts

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : Following the completion of the nomination and withdrawal process for the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections, candidates left in the fray were instructed to strictly adhere to election expenditure norms. District Election Expenditure Observer Srinivas Babu held meetings with the contesting candidates as per the schedule finalised by the Returning Officer after the allotment of election symbols.

As per the notified programme, meetings were conducted on December 4 at the mandal centres of Gandeed, Mohammedabad, Mahabubnagar, Nawabpet and Rajapur. The Observer explained in detail the legal provisions related to election expenditure and the guidelines issued by the Election Commission.

Election Expenditure Nodal Officer Titus Paul, along with MPDOs and Assis-



stant Election Officers (AEOs), attended the meetings and briefed the candidates on key instructions. Candidates were directed to maintain daily expenditure registers meticulously, use the notified rate chart for calculating expenses, and obtain prior permission from the concerned authorities for meetings, vehicles and other campaign activities.

They were also instructed to submit all vouchers, bills and supporting documents for incurred expenses and to conduct all financial transactions only through the specially opened bank account for election purposes. Candi-

dates must attend the three mandatory inspection reviews during the election period.

Further, it was made clear that every contesting candidate must submit a detailed statement of election expenditure to the concerned MPDO within 45 days of the declaration of results.

The Election Expenditure Observer clarified the procedures in detail and answered queries raised by the candidates.

All Assistant Election Expenditure Officers and Returning Officers coordinated effectively to ensure the smooth conduct of the meetings.

Election Observer Inspects Nomination Centres in Jadcherla

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : Election General Observer Smt. Katyayani Devi, IAS, on Thursday inspected the nomination receiving centres functioning at Gangapur Gram Panchayat in Jadcherla mandal as part of the ongoing Gram Panchayat election process.

During her visit, the observer reviewed the arrangements made for the acceptance of nominations for Sarpanch and Ward Member posts and verified the election notification details. She instructed the officials to conduct the election process smoothly without any scope for errors and strictly in accordance with the guidelines of the State Election Commission.

The officials were directed to ensure that nominations



are received within the prescribed schedule and that complete awareness is provided to contesting candidates regarding election expenditure details.

She emphasized the need for accurate monitoring of expenditure limits and advised that all candidates must carry

out election-related financial transactions only through newly opened bank accounts.

The observer also interacted with the staff and reviewed the overall functioning of the nomination centres to ensure transparency and efficiency in the electoral process.

TTD EO Reviews Trusts; Focus on Value-Based Education and Healthcare Systems

(Capital Information)

Tirumala : Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal convened a detailed review meeting on Thursday regarding the operations of the Sri Venkateswara Sarvasreya Trust, Sri Venkateswara Vidya Daanam Trust, and Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust. Addressing senior officials at the TTD Administrative Building, the EO emphasized the need for a holistic approach in TTD educational institutions. He stated that alongside regular academics, students must be taught Sanatana Dharma, moral values, devotion, personality development, and skill development to mold them into exemplary citizens. He suggested or-



ganizing frequent field trips to enhance practical knowledge and directed officials to establish laboratories that encourage creative thinking, while providing necessary infrastructure and expert training.

Focusing on academic performance, the Executive Officer instructed officials to arrange expert coaching to improve pass percentages for students in TTD Bala Mandir and other associated schools. Regarding the

Shravanam Project, he directed that arrangements be made to distribute hearing aids to children immediately upon the completion of their training. Turning to healthcare services, he stressed the importance of a robust monitoring system to track medicine inventory and identify shortages across all TTD hospitals in real-time.

The EO further advised utilizing funds from the Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust to provide treatment for

severe and special medical cases. To ensure efficiency in medical administration, he ordered the constitution of a nine-member committee to submit a comprehensive report on the drug supply chain, procurement processes, and infrastructure requirements. Additionally, he directed the appointment of necessary medical staff to provide services at the PAC-5 facility in Tirumala.

The meeting was attended by Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, JEO V. Veerabrahmam, FA&CAO Balaji, SVIMS Director Dr. RV Kumar, BIRRD Director Dr. G. Jagadish, CMO Dr. Kusuma Kumari, Sri Padmavati Children's Hospital Director Dr. Srinath Reddy, and DEO Venkata Sunil.

Today's Horoscope

ARIES Neglecting your parents could mar your future prospects. Good times never last too long. Man's deeds are like the waves of sound. These rebound to produce a melody or a jarring noise. They are the seeds-we reap only what we sow. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Control your temper to avoid hurting the feelings of your family members. It Your beloved today would like to say his/her mind rather than listening to you. This can make you upset. Your aptitude to learn new things would be remarkable.

TAURUS It is right time for the heart patients to quit coffee. Any further use would put unnecessary pressure on your heart. People of this zodiac sign who carry out business from abroad are likely to benefit financially today. Evening at the movie-theatre or dinner with your spouse seems to keep you in a relaxed and wonderful mood. Those who stay away from their lover can miss them deeply today. Because of this, you can talk to your beloved on the phone for hours during the night. Today you will have the stamina and the know-how to raise your earning power.

GEMINI Take complete rest to regain your energy. If you work or study by staying away from home, then learn to stay away from such people who waste your money and time. Health of your spouse may cause worry and need some medical attention. Handle things properly as mood of your spouse does not sound very good. Despite overburdened with work, you can remain energetic at your workplace. Today, you can complete all your tasks before the given scheduled time. Dedicate your time and energy in helping others- but don't get involved in matters that doesn't concern you at all.

CANCER Some family members could irritate you by their envious behaviour. But no need to lose your temper otherwise situation could go out of control. Remember what can't be cured must be endured. Today instead of just sitting around-why not get involved in something- which will improve your earning power. Be a luminary and perfectionist in your approach towards life and work. Nice human values with a warm heart and an innate urge to guide and help others. This would automatically bring harmony in your family life. Past happy memories will keep you busy.

LEO The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Visit to a religious place or to a relative seems likely on your cards. Music of love is heard by those who are into it all the time. Today you will hear that music, which will forget you all the songs of this world. Your partner will be hard to deal with. Today, you will have free time on your hands, and you can use it to meditate. Therefore, you'll remain mentally at peace today. You will have a stressful relationship with your spouse and there might be serious discord that will last longer than it should.

VIRGO Your generous attitude would be a blessing in disguise as you are likely to be liberated from many vices like doubt, disloyalty, depression, lack of faith, greed, attachment, egoism, and jealousy. Real estate investment would be lucrative. Do not behave rigid with your family- as it may mar the peace. Love pangs will unable you to sleep today. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Travel undertaken for business purpose will prove to be beneficial in the long run. You will have a beautiful romantic day, but some health issues might trouble.

LIBRA Take special care while working at home. Any careless handling of domestic utilities could cause you some problem. If you work or study by staying away from home, then learn to stay away from such people who waste your money and time. Share your happiness with your parents. Let them feel worthwhile as feeling of loneliness and depression are erased. What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for eachother. Your presence makes this world a worthy place to be for your beloved. Your internal strength will equally support you in making the day awesome at work.

SCORPIO Be careful not to neglect yourself when it comes to health matters. You need to accumulate your money and know when and where to spend wisely, otherwise you will have to repent in the coming time. Excellent day to plan out things for your progeny. Your dreams and reality will get mixed in the ecstasy of love today. Concentrate on your work and your priorities. The natives of this zodiac sign can try to find a reliable solution to a problem today in their free time. If you and your spouse are not feeling very happy these days, you are going to have mad fun today.

SAGITTARIUS Dormant problems will surface bringing mental pressures. Today, you can take your family members out for a get-together and spend a lot of money on them. People you live with will not be very happy with you- regardless of what you do to please them. Exciting day as you receive gifts/presents from your beloved. Promotion or monetary benefits for deserving employees. You can spend your free time at the house of someone close to you in the evening. But during this time, you can feel bad about something said by them and come back earlier than expected.

CAPRICORN Outdoor sports will attract you-Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Use your innovative idea to make some extra money. Help your brother to keep the things under control. Do not give unnecessary air to a conflict rather try to solve them amicably. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. Be honest and to the point in your approach-Your determination will get noticed and so will your skills. It is okay to complete every task on time, as it gives you a room for yourself at the end of the day.

AQUARIUS Remain calm-tension free today. Today you can easily raise capital- collect outstanding debts- or ask for funds to work on new projects. You can remain disturbed due to the behavior of any member of the family. You need to talk to them. You will get to taste the rich chocolate of love today. Defer new project and expenses. Understand the value of your time. It is useless to remain among people who are difficult to understand. Doing so will just give birth to more troubles. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.

PISCES Your family expects a lot from you which could irritate you. Not a very beneficial day- so check your money situation and limit your expenses. Domestic issues need immediate attention. Your devoted and unquestioned love has a magic creative power. The one who was least compatible with you at work will have a good talk with you today. Some of you will undertake a distant journey-which will be hectic-but highly rewarding. You will cherish the old beautiful romantic days today again with your spouse. Health will be good by giving flag/banner at any religious place.



DSP Venkat Reddy visited inter-state check posts and polling stations

(Capital Information)

Sangareddy : DSP Venkat Reddy said that he inspected the Narayanekhd Karnataka border check post and polling stations.

Speaking on the occasion, the DSP said that keeping in mind the local bodies and conducting elections in a peaceful atmosphere, the DSP visited the inter-state border check posts and problematic polling stations under the Narayanekhd sub-division on the instructions of District SP Paritosh Pankaj and learned about the situation there. He advised that every vehicle should be thoroughly checked to ensure that there is no illegal supply of liquor or money that could affect the elections, and that motorists should cooperate with the police for that.

The officials were instructed to visit problematic polling stations and counsel those who had created riots in the previous elections, history sheeters, and ask for good behavior. They were instructed to conduct pre-bound overs and visit the respective villages every day to ensure that there is no room for riots.

ELECTIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE : ALLADURG CI RENUK

(Capital Information)

Medak : Medak District Alladurg CI Renuka suggested that elections should be held in a peaceful environment. While visiting the villages of R Itikyal, Dosapalli, Gajawada and Regodu of Regodu Mandal under Alladurga circle on Thursday, the CI spoke to the villagers and suggested that



the elections should be held in a peaceful atmosphere.

A voter has been warned that legal action will be taken against anyone who threatens to vote for him. She said that cases will be registered if anyone causes panic among the voters. The rules of the Election Code should be followed by everyone.

Police station personnel were present in this program.

Follow traffic rules and travel safely.. : SI Sujith

(Capital Information)

Sangareddy : The SI Sujith noted that due to unseasonal rains, motorists are facing difficulties due to potholes formed on the roads in the vicinity of Hadnur Police Station and there is a possibility of accidents. Concrete has been poured in such potholes. Similarly, to prevent road accidents, motorists should follow traffic rules and wear helmets and seat belts. He said that vehicles should not be driven after consuming alcohol and strict



legal action will be taken if caught drunk and driving.

National Karate Competitions

- Kota College Student Rishika Wins Silver and Bronze

(Capital Information)

Karimnagar, December 04 : Kota College student Rishika won silver and bronze medals in national karate competitions in Visakhapatnam. She secured second place in junior kumite (fight) and bronze in kata category. The college management praised her achievement, crediting her discipline and hard work. Dr. D. Anji Reddy, Chairman of Kota Junior Colleges, congratulated Rishika, saying they're committed to providing necessary facilities and training to students like her.



Collector unveils posters on corruption



(Capital Information)

Karimnagar, December 04 : On the occasion of Anti-Corruption Week, Nizamabad District Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy on Thursday unveiled a poster on corruption. Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, District Education Officer Ashok, Nizamabad, Pawan, District Youth Sports Officer, G. Shekhar Goud, ACB DSP, Nizamabad, ACB Inspector Nagesh Nizamabad and others participated in the program. The poster unveiling program was held at the Collectorate.

Fraud in Thailand-Myanmar border areas in the name of fake jobs

- Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharmapuri raised in Parliament



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Buearu, December 04 : Nizamabad Member of Parliament and Bharatiya Janata Party leader Arvind Dharmapuri raised an urgent issue in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377 on Thursday on the very serious issue of youth being taken abroad in the name of fake jobs and being made hostages to cyber crime gangs. He said that agents are charging lakhs of rupees to recruit youth, especially from Telugu states, in Thailand, and immediately after reaching there, their passports are seized and sold to cyber crime camps in insurgency-affected areas like Mayawati in Myanmar. He said that the victims are facing severe torture, lack of food, and confinement in dark rooms, and the families have informed him. Shri Arvind Dharmapuri expressed concern that the rescue efforts are becoming more difficult as some local militias and army personnel are cooperating in these crimes by taking bribes. He said that many youths from Nizamabad constituency have also fallen victim to this gang and are currently trapped there. He urged the central government to consider this situation as an emergency and take steps to rescue and repatriate the trapped Indians; to conduct awareness programs on foreign job scams, especially in backward districts; and to take strict action against Indian agents and recruiters who are cooperating in these crimes.

Election duties should be carried out with vigilance

- Nizamabad District Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Buearu, December 04 : Nizamabad District Election Officer, Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy has advised the officers and staff responsible for conducting Gram Panchayat elections to be vigilant about the duties assigned to them. The Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Edapalli Mandal Parishad office on Thursday. While the first phase of polling will be held on the 11th of this month for this mandal, the Collector reviewed with the MPDO, Tehsildar and other officials whether the processes completed so far, starting from the receipt of nominations, were carried out in accordance with the rules, the steps to be taken for the conduct of polling, and the precautions to be taken. He said that the elections should be conducted transparently without any room for mistakes. He wanted the election materials required for voting to be ready. He inquired about the details of the arrangements such as printing of ballot papers, material, election staff, appointment of zonal officers, etc. He ordered that arrangements should be made in accordance with the rules so that those participating in election duties and those



serving in the security forces can exercise their right to vote. He said that those who neglect their election duties will face strict action. Keeping this in mind, the Collector suggested that they should have a complete understanding of the guidelines of the Election Commission and perform their election duties properly in accordance with the rules. MPDO Shankar, Tehsildar Dattadri and others participated in the review.

National Level Jamboree Camp Scouts and Guides Paramita Students Awarded Merit Certificates

(Capital Information)

Karimnagar, December 04 : Paramita High School Scouts and Guides in the Local City10 Scouts and Guides students participated in the 19th National Level Jamboree Camp organized in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from November 23 to 29, said Prashant, Principal of Paramita School. As part of the National Level Jamboree Camp, 18 students from Karimnagar district were selected for the Jamboree Camp organized in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in November under the slogan "Vikasit Yuva - Vikasit Bharat" and out of them, P. Srinika, P. Srijai, A. Divija, P. Varnika, K. Srihita, M. Sanvika, K. Kirti Chaitanya, M. Tanushree, C.H. Samardh, K. Rajesh were selected for the Jamboree Camp held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, under the leadership of Guide Captain Rajitha. As part of the camp,



they participated in competitions such as march fast, folk dances, B. P. Exercise, Camp Craft, Rangavalli, Drawing, Physical Ability Tests, etc., which were held for a week. The students who participated in these competitions and achieved success were felicitated by the school principal Dr. E. Prasada Rao in a felicitation meeting held at

the school and were presented with merit certificates. Directors Prasuna, Rashmita, Anukar Rao, Vinod Rao, V. U.M. Prasad, Hanumantha Rao, Principals Prashanth, Balaji, Poetry Coordinator Srinath, Guide Captain Rajitha, Teacher's Teachers Scouts and Guides congratulated the students.

MANY TEMPLES IN NIZAMABAD CITY CELEBRATE LORD DATTA JAYANTHI

- Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta participated in the celebrations

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Beareu, December 04 : Lord Sri Datta Jayanti celebrations were held on Thursday in many temples in Nizamabad city on the occasion of the full moon of Margashir month. Indore Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana participated as the chief guest in these programs. The MLA performed special pujas, archanas during the celebrations and had divine darshan of Datta Swami along with the devotees. Speaking on the occasion,

MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta said, With the determination that the spirit of service of Sri Datta Swami should continue in every human being, I will take the lead in taking the welfare of the common people, development of the society and religious inspiration as our main duty. Providing facilities, security and basic amenities to all devotees is our priority in every program. The love, faith and spiritual power of the devotees show a new direction to the so-



ciety. On this occasion, I was very happy to get the opportunity to meet the people and share moments with them, he said. BJP leaders Illandula

Prabhakar Math, Pawan, Mundada. Pawan, Bobby Singh, temple committee members, local devotees, others participated in the program.

DGP B. Shivdhar Reddy held a review meeting with the joint district police officers in the wake of the Gram Panchayat elections



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Beareu, December 04 : In the wake of the Gram Panchayat elections, Telangana State DGP B. Shivdhar Reddy, today held a review meeting with the joint district police officers of Nizamabad and Kamareddy at the Kamareddy District Police Office. In this meeting, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya and Kamareddy District S.P. M. Rajesh Chandra welcomed them warmly with bouquets. Later, they received a police salute. In the next review meeting, the arrangements for the conduct of the elections were explained in detail through power point presentations. On this occasion, special security plans for problematic polling stations, bindover measures, and check posts. The performance of the enforcement teams, details seized, polling day security arrangements, mobile teams, quick response teams, etc. were explained in detail. The DGP personally spoke to the ACPs of Nizamabad, Armur and Bodhan divisions in the district and got to know the security arrangements, problems and personnel utilization in their areas in detail. Speaking on this occasion, the state DGP said that the election time is the most crucial time in democracy and everyone, especially the local elections, is taken seriously. Therefore, he advised the officers that it is the main responsibility of the police department to create an environment where everyone can freely exercise their right to vote without any temptation or fear. He



asked for details of the sensitive polling stations in the district and informed them about the precautions to be taken there. The DGP ordered to immediately identify false propaganda, hate posts or activities that affect the election process on social media and take strict action against them. Since the election code is in force, everyone should strictly follow the election rules and regulations. He said that no one should organize rallies on the same day after the election as there are chances of disputes arising in victory rallies. He said that since there are 30 police acts in the district, prior permissions are mandatory. He advised the officials to take strict action against those who violate these orders. He said that legal action will be taken against those who bind over anyone and violate such rules and regulations. He said that public safety and protection is the main objective of the police. In this review meeting, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, Kamareddy District SP Sri M. Rajesh Chandra, Nizamabad Additional DCP (Admin) Baswareddy, Kamareddy Additional SP (Admin) Narasimha Reddy, Kamareddy ASP, Chaitanya Reddy, Nizamabad, Armur, Bodhan ACPs Raja Venkat Reddy, Venkat Reddy, Sri Srinivas, Kamareddy DSPs, Nizamabad Special Branch Inspector Srisaillam, Election Cell In-charge Inspector Veeraiah, Nizamabad, Kamareddy CIs and IT Core staff participated.

51.6 percent reservation for BCs in Nizamabad Rural

- Rural MLA Bhupathi Reddy Dr. Bhupathi Reddy



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, December 04 : MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy said that 51.6 percent reservation has been provided to BCs in the Gram Panchayat elections. He held a press conference at his camp office on the outskirts of the city on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that there are 126 non-scheduled Gram Panchayats in the constituency, out of which 64 general seats have been allocated to BCs, 32 seats. He said that social justice has been implemented by increasing the reservation for BCs to 51.6 percent. Kamareddy said that the Congress party and the state government are working to provide 42 percent reservation as mentioned in the BC declaration. He criticized that the BJP and BRS are jointly preventing BCs from getting 42 percent reservation. BJP MPs were furious that they were playing political dramas on the BC Bill in Parliament. They called on the people to pay attention to what justice is being done to the BCs. They expressed confidence that the Congress will win the local body elections. Incentive for unanimous GPs/MLA Bhupathi Reddy announced that Rs. 20 lakhs will be given from special funds to major gram panchayats that are unanimous in the constituency and Rs. 10 lakhs to minor GPs. He reminded that the government has already announced Rs. 10 lakh for unanimous GPs. He said that so far 33 GPs have been unanimous and that more are likely to be unanimous in the next two days. AMC Chairman Muppa Gangareddy, PCC Delegate Badii Shekhar Goud, DCC General Secretary Gadkol Bhaskar Reddy, ST Cell District President Kethavath Yadagiri, leaders Munipalli Sai Reddy, Bagareddy, Amritapur Gangadhar, Naveen Goud and others participated in this meeting.

Additional Collector B. Raja Goud Inspects MCC, Control Room, and MCMC Center



(Capital Information)

Jagtial, December 04 : Jagtial District Additional Collector B. Raja Goud inspected the MCMC (Media Certification and Monitoring Committee), Electronic Media Monitoring Room, MCC Control Room, and Complaint Center set up at the District Collectorate Office. He emphasized the need for immediate response to all complaints related to the gram panchayat elections and strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) to ensure a free, fair, and peaceful election process. The Additional Collector reviewed the complaint registers, documentation, and real-time monitoring systems, expressing satisfaction with their performance and prompt redressal of complaints. MCC, Control Room, and MCMC members explained that they are taking immediate action on all complaints received through the 24x7 Control Room and alerting authorities for necessary action. The inspection was attended by DPO Raghuvaran, MCMC Nodal Officer P. Naresh, and other officials.

Dattatreya Navarathri Celebrations



(Capital Information)

Jagtial / Dharmapuri, December 04 : As part of the Dattatreya Navarathri celebrations, the Dattatreya Jayanthi saw the performance of Rudrabhishekam at the affiliated temple of Sri Ramalingeswara Swami, as well as at the Dattatreya Swami temple within the temple complex. The rituals included recitation of Purushasuktam and Lakshmi Suktam, followed by Harati and Mantrapushpam, all conducted with great pomp and devotion. The event was attended by Temple chairman Jakku Ravinder, Devasthanam Superintendent Kiran, Veda Pandit Palepu Praveen Kumar Sharma, Senior Assistant Alwal Srinivas, Archakas Vishwanath Sharma, Saikumar, temple staff, and devotees.

CP REVIEWS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GRAM PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS



(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, December 04 : Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt directed police officials to closely monitor the Gram Panchayat elections at the field level to ensure they are conducted peacefully without any untoward incidents. He reviewed the election security arrangements through a video conference with Sector Officers and Station House Officers from the Police Commissionerate office.

Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner said that the police machinery should work in perfect coordination to prevent violence, allegations and disturbances during the elections, and ensure that voters are able to exercise their franchise freely and fearlessly in a peaceful atmosphere.

He instructed the officials to bind over habitual offenders and take strict legal action against elements likely to disturb peace. He also ordered stringent enforcement against illegal liquor sales and directed special focus on sensitive and vulnerable villages during the election process.

Addl DCP (Law & Order) Prasad Rao, Special Branch ACP Mahesh, Inspector Raji Reddy and other officials participated in the review meeting.

Demand for National Status to Sammakka - Sarakka Medaram Jathara



(Capital Information)
Sathupalli, December 04 : The Khammam District President of the SC & ST Rights Protection Development Society, Sriram Venkateswara Rao, has demanded that national status be accorded to the Sammakka- Sarakka Medaram Jathara. He stated that Medaram Jathara is the largest tribal festival in the country and urged the Central Government to grant national recognition and allocate higher funds for its grand organization. He also appealed to the Telangana State Government to officially recognize the Sammakka- Sarakka Jathara as a state festival and give it a special status. Suggala Babu Rao, Dr. Janardhan Babu, Vandanapu Venkateswara Rao and others participated in the programme.

Madhira Arya Vysyas Pay Tributes to Late Konijeti Rosaiah



(Capital Information)
Madhira, December 04 : The birth anniversary of late Konijeti Rosaiah, former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh and former Governor, was observed at Sri Vasavi Arya Vysya Kalyana Mandapam, Madhira, on Wednesday. Members of the Arya Vysya community paid floral tributes to his portrait and remembered his distinguished services to the state as Finance Minister, Chief Minister and Governor.

Speaking on the occasion, Kalyana Mandapam General Secretary Nalla Srinivas Rao said Rosaiah stood as a symbol of financial discipline, administrative excellence and integrity. A two-minute silence was observed and youth were urged to follow his ideals of honesty and public service.

Among the participants were Vice President Mailavarapu Veerabhadram, Madhira Mandal Arya Vysya Association President Charugundla Narasimha Murthy, Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Temple President Kapilavai Jagannmohan Rao, BJP district leaders Kuncham Krishna Rao and Pallapothu Prasad Rao, former temple president Gondela Muthaiah, Satyanarayana, Narasimha Rao, along with other community members and devotees.

FORMER CM KONIJETI ROSAIAH REMEMBERED AT KHAMMAM IDOC

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, December 04 : District Collector Anudeep Durishetty said that the life and services of veteran leader Konijeti Rosaiah will continue to remain a source of inspiration for generations.

The District Collector, along with Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy and District Forest Officer Siddharth Vikram Singh, attended the death anniversary programme of Konijeti Rosaiah held at the Collectorate. Floral tributes were paid to his portrait as a mark of respect.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector said that Rosaiah had served in several key portfolios including Finance, Transport, Housing, Commercial Taxes, Education and Health in the united Andhra Pradesh. He also briefly served as the Chief Minister of the united state and later as the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. His dedication to public service and clean administration made him a respected figure across the country.



Several senior officials including Irrigation SE M. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Director of Tribal Welfare Vijaya lakshmi, District Fisheries Officer Sivaprasad, Collectorate Administrative Officer K. Srinivasa Rao, Tahsildars, FROs and officials from various departments participated in the programme.

Collector Cracks Down on Forest Encroachments, Orders Strict Vigil

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 04 : District Collector Anudeep Durishetty has warned that encroachment on forest lands will not be tolerated under any circumstances and instructed officials to maintain strict vigil across the district. He was speaking at the Forest Conservation Committee meeting held at the Collectorate, attended by Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy and District Forest Officer Siddharth Vikram Singh.

The Collector expressed displeasure over delays in transferring 100 acres of land through the Tribal Cooperative Society for compensatory afforestation related to the Seetharama Lift Irrigation Project. He directed officials to appoint special surveyors and complete the transfer process within the stipulated time. He cautioned that some podu patta holders were attempting to encroach upon nearby forest lands and warned that strict legal action, including cancellation of pattas, would be initiated against violators.



Stressing the importance of wildlife protection, the Collector said heavy penalties ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh would be imposed for poaching. He ordered priority proposals for insulation of 11 KV power lines in podu areas to prevent wildlife deaths. He also instructed officials to increase the height of compound walls at Neeladri Urban Park to prevent deer from straying onto roads during Singareni blasting operations and to develop Neeladri, Velugumatla and Puligundala parks as tourism hubs.

District Forest Officer Siddharth Vikram Singh said podu pattas cannot be extended under any circumstances and warned against encroachment on adjacent forest lands. He informed that wetlands are being identified across the district for protection through Government notification and that major Central assistance is available for tourism development near wetlands. Senior officials from Irrigation, Tribal Welfare, Fisheries, Survey and Land Records and other departments attended the meeting.

DMHO Dr. D. Ramarao Conducts Surprise Inspection of Palliative Care Centre

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 04 : District Medical and Health Officer Dr. D. Ramarao, along with Medical Superintendent Dr. Narender, conducted a surprise inspection of the Palliative Care Centre at the Government General Hospital, Khammam on Thursday. He interacted with in-patients undergoing treatment and enquired about the medical services being provided and the behaviour of the staff. He stated that palliative care centres play a vital role in providing not only physical relief but also mental comfort to patients.

During the inspection, he reviewed the duties and attendance registers of Dr. Rishita, Nursing Officer Sujatha, Lab Technician Ratnam, Pharmacy Officer Manmadha Rao, and Counsellor Makbool Pasha.



He also inspected the NCD Clinic and the Chemotherapy Ward and interacted with patients undergoing treatment. Later, he discussed the OP services and facilities with Dr. Anusha. He visited the Telangana Diagnostic Hub and examined sample collection, testing process, lab results, records, registers, and reports.

Dr. D. Ramarao instructed the staff to ensure timely delivery of laboratory

test results without delay, strictly follow discipline and punctuality, and mandatorily mark Aadhaar-based attendance. He also directed that cleanliness must be maintained in the hospital premises and patient waiting halls at all times. He emphasized that all departments must work in coordination to provide better healthcare services to the public. NCD District Coordinators Satyanarayana and Puli Murali were also present.

15 Families Switch from Congress to BRS in Dammeepeta

(Capital Information)

Dammeepeta, December 04 : As many as 15 families from Malkaram and Rachurupalli villages of Dammeepeta mandal formally joined the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) on Tuesday in the presence of former Aswaraopeta MLA and BRS in-charge Mecha Nageswara Rao. The new entrants were received into the party by Mr. Mecha by draping BRS scarves and welcoming them at a brief joining programme. Addressing the gathering, Mecha Nageswara Rao said that public confidence in the Congress party is steadily declining and urged the new members to work with dedication for the victory of the BRS candidate in the coming elections. Mandal BRS President Doddla Ramesh, Malkaram Sarpanch candidate Mechu Lalitha, Ankatha Uma Maheswara Rao, Jalgam Vasu, Roop Singh, Ravula Srinu, Nallapu Nagendra,



Balaji, Mechu Prasad, Sunnam Satyanarayana, Madivi Babu, Kondru Nagesh, Battula Murali, Nallapu Mohan Rao, Potta Venkatesh, Malladi Vamsi, Kursam Mahesh, Thiruveedhula Danraj, Thiruveedhula Vamsi, Veeraswamy, Baburao, Anand, Govinda Rao, Balakrishna and Mohan were among those present.

TUMBURU DAYAKAR REDDY DISTRIBUTED KABADDI KITS TO KHAMMAM JUNIOR TEAM

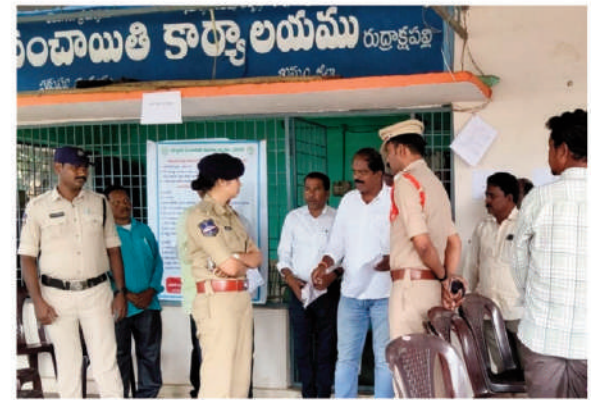


(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, December 04 : With the Telangana State-Level Junior Boys Kabaddi Championships set to begin in Mahabub nagar on December 5, the Khammam district team has received a major boost with the distribution of sports kits.

The kits were formally handed over to the players by Thumbaru Dayakar Reddy. Addressing the team, he called upon the players to give their best performance at the state level and bring recognition to Khammam district.

He motivated the youngsters to aim for excellence and work towards higher achievements in the sport. Assuring full support for their preparation, he announced that a practice mat would also be arranged to help the team train effectively for the championship.

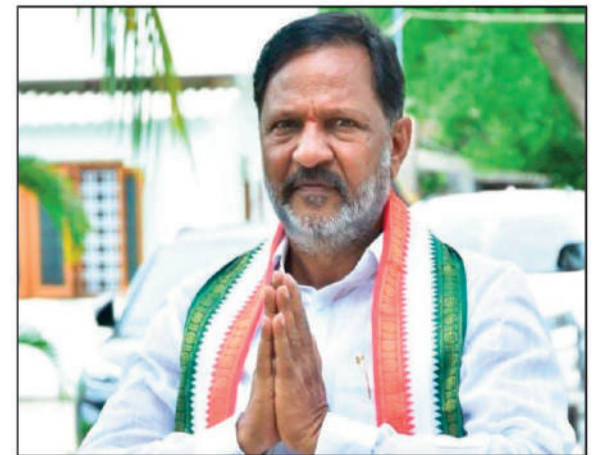
ACP Vasundhara Yadav Inspects Nomination Centres



(Capital Information)
Sathupalli, December 04 : Kallur ACP Vasundhara Yadav inspected the nomination centres located under the jurisdiction of the Sathupalli Police Station as part of the ongoing Gram Panchayat election process. She visited the nomination centres at Rudraksha palli, Gangaram and Bethupalli villages and reviewed the arrangements. Later, she interacted with the election staff deployed at the centres and briefed them on the rules and safety measures to be strictly followed while on duty. Sathupalli Police Station SHO Thummalapalli Srihari and Sector SI Veeraprasad were also present during the inspection.

People's Unanimous Support Reflects Trust in Congress Welfare Agenda

- DCC President Nuthi Sathyanarayana



(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, December 04 : District Congress Committee President Nuthi Sathyanarayana has stated that the unanimous support being extended to Congress Sarapanch candidates in several villages of the district clearly reflects the people's strong trust in the welfare-oriented governance of the Congress government. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the success of unanimous panchayats.

He said that the public is witnessing visible development and benefiting from welfare schemes such as new ration cards, Indiramma housing, Gruha Jyothi, Maha lakshmi, and distribution of Indiramma Sarees, which have now become symbols of progress. He pointed out that no new ration cards were issued during the previous government's tenure, whereas the present government is actively implementing people-friendly schemes across the state.

Despite financial challenges, the State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and with the efforts of Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, is ensuring that welfare and development programmes reach the grassroots, he said. He emphasized that the further development of villages is possible only through the victory of Congress candidates.

Calling upon party leaders and workers to effectively communicate government welfare schemes to the people, he said that in case of any issues related to polling or law and order, the public may approach the Mandal Congress Presidents, concerned MLAs, or Ministers. He also requested people to contact the District Congress Office at 9133140013 for any assistance.

Telangana State Backward Classes Employment, Skill Development & Training Centre (BC Study Circle)

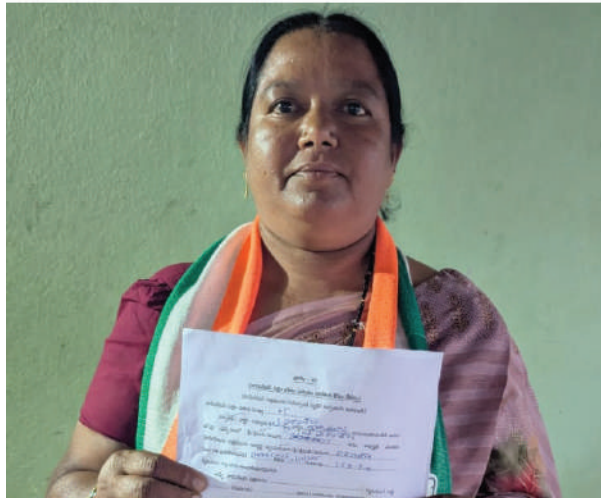
(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : Free IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Training Announced

The Telangana BC Study Circle, Hanumakonda, has announced free awareness sessions and training for the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), aimed at helping aspiring students secure international scholarships and pursue higher education in top universities abroad. This was stated by Study Circle In-charge Director, Sri M. Narsimha Swamy, in an official release.

Graduates (both professional and non-professional) who are interested in attending the awareness programmes and training classes may submit their applications online from 01.12.2025 to 21.12.2025 through the TG BC Study Circle website: www.tgbcstudycircle.cgg.gov.in.

"MAKE THE CPI CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ON JANUARY 18 A GRAND SUCCESS" - NEDUNOORI JYOTHISTATE GENERAL SECRETARY, ALL INDIA WOMEN'S FEDERATION



Mulugu, December 04 : Three Congress Aspirants Refuse to Withdraw in Kasin Devipet — Intense Contest for Sarpanch Post; Minister Seethakka Steps In

A dramatic political tussle has unfolded in Kasin Devipet Gram Panchayat of Mulugu Mandal after the Sarpanch seat was declared a General Category position. Three aspirants from the ruling Congress Party have filed nominations—two belonging to the BC community and one from the OC category—refusing to withdraw despite directions from party leadership. Their stand has turned the local body election into a high-voltage contest.

From the Congress Party, MD Hasina, wife of Mandal Congress President MD Chand Pasha, Razia Begum, wife of former Sarpanch MD Ahmed Basha, and

Devaraneni Rama, wife of Devaraneni Sudhakar Rao (from the Velama community), filed their nominations along with their respective supporters.

With all three candidates asserting that they will remain in the race, the Congress camp is facing an unexpected headache. Minister Seethakka and Mulugu District Congress Committee President Paidakula Ashok Patel have directed two of them to withdraw their nominations in adherence to the party's decision. However, none of the aspirants have shown willingness to step aside.

The final date for withdrawal is December 6, prompting urgent internal discussions. On Thursday, Minister Seethakka and DCC President Ashok Patel reportedly held a closed-door meeting at the Minister's camp office to resolve the issue. Sources indicate that the official candidate of the Congress Party will be announced on Friday, with the expectation that the other two aspirants will abide by the party command.

Speculation is rife that Minister Seethakka may extend support to Devaraneni Rama, as her son Kunja Suriya is known to be a close friend of Nepal Rao, son of Devaraneni Sudhakar Rao.

Political observers warn that if two of the three Congress aspirants do not withdraw, the split in votes may ultimately benefit the BRS candidate Amar Singh, who is contesting from the Opposition and could gain from the division in the ruling party's vote bank.



Tribal Farmers Allege Forced Crop Destruction in Medaram; Seek Action Against Revenue Officials - Siddaboina Lakshman Rao

(Capital Information)

Eturnagar (Mulugu), December 04 : A tribal family from Medaram village in SS Tadvai mandal has alleged that revenue officials forcibly harvested and destroyed their standing paddy crop without issuing any notice or following due legal procedure. The complaint has been submitted to the Project Officer of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Eturnagar.

Smt. Sidda Boyina Lakshmi (57), along with her son Anand Rao (32), both belonging to the ST Koya community, stated that they have been cultivating their patta land in Survey No. 190, measuring 1 acre and 37 guntas. According to them, the paddy crop on this land was still immature and required 10-15 more days to reach harvest stage.

However, on the morning of December 2 at around 9:30 AM, the family alleges that SS Tadvai Tahsildar Suresh Babu and RDO N. Venkatesh, accompanied by a revenue team, entered their farmland, claiming they were acting on the Collector's orders. The complainants allege that they were threatened,

intimidated, and prevented from resisting the operation.

The family claims that despite having valid land records, no notice, intimation, or land acquisition notification was issued as required by law. The officials allegedly deployed tractors and harvesters and forcibly cut down the standing crop, causing an estimated financial loss running into several lakhs of rupees.

The complainants further stated that when they objected, they were verbally abused and threatened. They have requested the Project Officer to initiate departmental and legal action against the officials involved, and to ensure protection and justice for their family.

As evidence, they have submitted their patta passbook, Dharani/Webland copies, along with video footage and photographs of the forced harvesting. Witness details have also been attached.

The family has requested that an FIR be registered immediately against the concerned officials and team members.

Services of Former Chief Minister Konijeti Rosaiah Remembered with Reverence - District Collector Divakar T.S.

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : The distinguished services rendered by Konijeti Rosaiah—as the Chief Minister of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and as Governor of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka—remain unforgettable, said Mulugu District Collector Sri Divakar T.S.

The Collector, along with Additional Collectors C.H. Mahender G. and Sampath Rao, and other officials, paid rich floral tributes to the portrait of Rosaiah during his death anniversary programme held at the Collectorate on Thursday. The event was organised formally to honour the late statesman's contributions.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector noted that Rosaiah had presented the state budget multiple times as Finance Minister, showcasing his deep expertise in public finance. He further stated that Rosaiah, as Chief Minister of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, introduced progressive reforms and steered the state towards development.

Collector Divakar added that Rosaiah continued his exemplary public service as Governor of



Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, earning widespread respect as a dignified and principled political leader. Remembering his legacy is meaningful, the Collector said, adding that everyone must strive to uphold the ideals and values that great leaders like Rosaiah stood for.

Collectorate AO Raj Kumar, supervisors Mahesh Babu and Manjula, along with several staff members, participated in the programme.

"Let's Elect the BJP-Backed Candidates and Strengthen Our Villages" - Dr Pagadala Kali Prasad Rao

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : As part of the third phase of the nomination process for Sarpanch and Ward Member positions in Parkal Constituency, BJP candidates from Damara Mandal filed their nominations on Thursday.

From Ladelapally village, Pittala Ramesh Mudiraj submitted his nomination for Sarpanch, while Kotte Srivani Ramesh filed her nomination from Pasargonda village.

Addressing the gathering, Kali Prasad Rao emphasized that village development is primarily driven by funds provided by the Central Government. He appealed to the public to support BJP candidates for Sarpanch and Ward Member posts to ensure the effective utilization of these funds. He also stated that the BJP aims to contest all positions in the local body elections—from Ward Member to ZPTC.

He further noted that although the Central Government provides substantial financial assistance for rural development, the State Government is allegedly failing to utilize these funds properly. BJP leaders resolved to highlight this issue widely during the campaign and expose what they described as governance failures of the State Government.

Kali Prasad Rao also criticized the current Congress Government, alleging that it is following the same path of corruption as the previous BRS regime and lacking transparency. He pointed to serious internal conflicts among Ministers and leaders within the ruling party, claiming that these divisions are affecting governance. The BJP, he said, is preparing for strong public movements to address un-



resolved civic issues.

The programme was attended by Mandal President Velpula Raj Kumar, District Vice President Gurijala Sriram Reddy, Constituency Co-Convenor Madarapu Ratan Kumar, senior leaders Mandha Ailaya and former Sarpanch Manda Ramesh, District Secretary Kuthuru Raju, booth presidents, local leaders, activists, and others.

"Ensure Grand Success of CPI's Historic Centenary Celebrations on January 18"

- Nedunoori Jyothi State General Secretary, All India Women's Federation

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : The Communist Party of India (CPI)—founded in 1925 with the objective of achieving complete self-rule and ending colonial oppression—remains the only political party in the nation with a century-long revolutionary legacy, said Nedunoori Jyothi. She addressed the Medchal district key activists' meeting of the All India Women's Federation held at ECIL on Thursday, presided over by M. Rajeswari.

Speaking as the chief guest, Jyothi recalled that after Independence, the CPI led historic struggles that dismantled feudal structures and secured land rights for the landless, resulting in the distribution of lakhs of acres to the poorest families. She highlighted the party's role in achieving significant reforms, including tenancy laws, equal wages for equal work, and numerous labour welfare legislations.

Jyothi strongly criticised the Modi government for amending labour-friendly laws and introducing four labour codes, which she alleged were designed to benefit industrialists at the cost of workers' rights. Just as united farmers successfully resisted anti-

farmer laws in the past, she called upon workers in both organised and unorganised sectors to rise and fight collectively to protect their rights.

She accused capitalist ruling classes of misleading the public under the guise of democracy and using state power to crush people's movements. Jyothi stressed that it is time for democratic, secular, and progressive forces to unite to protect constitutional values, civil liberties, and the right to live with dignity.

Remembering the sacrifices of countless martyrs who endured imprisonments, repression, and hardships for the cause of people's struggles, she said these movements must serve as a guiding inspiration for younger generations. She announced that a massive public rally, expected to draw five lakh participants, will be held on January 18 in Khammam as part of the CPI's centenary celebrations. Jyothi appealed to women, students, youth, workers, and farmers to participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

The meeting was attended by Medchal district leaders J. Lakshmi, Jyothi, P. Sindhuri, N

Mulugu SP Kekan Sudheer Ramanath, IPS, Calls on District Judge



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : As part of a series of formal courtesy meetings following his assumption of charge as Superintendent of Police, Mulugu District SP Shri Sudheer Ramanath Kekan, IPS, called on the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Smt. SVP Surya Chandra Kala, and conveyed his greetings.

During the meeting, the SP and the District Judge discussed the importance of effective coordination between the police and the judiciary, particularly for the speedy disposal of cases. The SP emphasized that continued cooperation between the two institutions would play a vital role in strengthening law and order in the district.

Sessions Judge Smt. Surya Chandra Kala congratulated the newly appointed SP and noted that strong coordination between the judiciary and the police would help ensure better services and quicker justice for the public.

SCR Vigilance Department Conducts Lecture on "Vigilance Perspective in Tenders and Contracts" Under Fortify Lecture Series



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, December 04 : As part of the South Central Railway Vigilance Department's capacity-building initiative "Fortify Lecture Series," a special session on "Vigilance Perspective in Tenders & Contracts" was organized today, 4 December 2025, at the Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. This marks the fifth lecture conducted under the series during the year 2025.

The session was delivered by Shri Malladi Srinivas, Deputy General Manager (Coordination) & Secretary to General Manager, SCR, and former Director (Vigilance), Railway Board. The programme was attended by Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR, Shri S. Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, Shri Ashish Mehrotra, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer, senior officers, and staff. A large number of officials and employees across SCR zones also joined via video link.

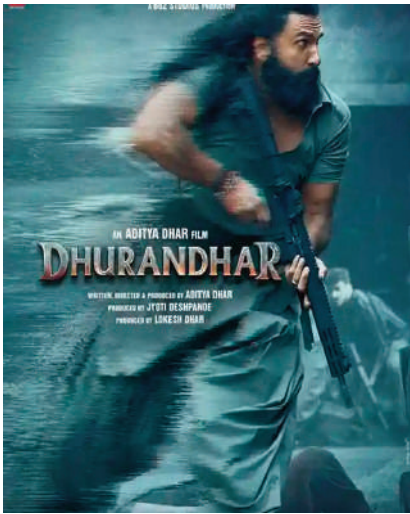
In his welcome address, CVO Shri Ashish Mehrotra highlighted the critical importance of strictly adhering to all prevailing rules and regulations while dealing with tenders and contracts. Emphasizing that vigilance is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders, he urged participants to apply the knowledge gained in their day-to-day functioning.

During the lecture, Shri Malladi Srinivas discussed several key aspects of handling tenders and contracts, including the roles and responsibilities of railway officials, tender committees, conveners, and tender-approving authorities. He elaborated on the relevant provisions from the Constitution of India, Indian Contract Act, Sale of Goods Act, GFR, Indian Railway Vigilance Manual, CVC Manual, and Railway Board circulars. He also covered crucial topics such as proposal formulation, tendering processes, committee procedures, rate reasonableness, withdrawal of offers, abnormally low bids, the principle of significant concurrence, contract management, and case studies. The primary objective of the session was to enhance participants' understanding of proper tender and contract management.

Addressing the gathering, GM Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava stressed that the intention and discretion of officials play a vital role in evaluating decisions. He advised officers to act responsibly and exercise sound judgment while taking decisions. Additional GM Shri S. Satya Prakash underlined the need for timely finalization of tenders to ensure that their intended purpose is met without delay.

Star hero film's first half alone to be 2 hours long?

The spy action thriller Dhurandhar, starring Ranveer Singh, is set to release tomorrow (December 5). As reported earlier, this Aditya Dhar's directorial will have a runtime of 3 hours and 32 minutes. Movie buffs are now wondering what Aditya Dhar has in store with such an excessive duration.



According to the latest report by Bollywood Hungama, the film's first half alone will be 2 hours and 4 minutes long. This itself is almost equal to the length of a feature film in recent times, and Aditya Dhar's screenplay needs to be highly gripping to keep the audience invested.

Will this daring attempt by Ranveer Singh turn out to be fruitful?

Let's wait and see. There is also a second part to Dhurandhar, which is scheduled to release next year. The film also stars Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, Madhavan, Arjun Rampal, Sara Arjun, and others in key roles. Jio Studios and B63 Studios have jointly produced this flick.

Tollywood Heroes Keep Repeating Directors Behind Their Massive Hits

Tollywood right now feels a bit amazing. Everyone is talking about big experiments, but most star heroes are quietly going back to the same directors who gave them their biggest hits. And honestly, who can blame them? After Waltair Veerayya turned into a massive money-maker for Megastar Chiranjeevi, he didn't bother searching around. Bobby gave him a hit once, so he handed him the keys again, and Daku Maharaj also clicked. So yeah, Chiru is just continuing that lucky streak without overthinking it.

Balayya too seems to have taken a U-turn. For a while, he was giving newcomers a chance and still scoring solid hits, which was interesting to watch. But now his lineup looks more like a



"repeat winners list". Gopichand Malineni, who made Veerashimha Reddy, is back. The movie is tentatively titled NBK111, and they held the pooja in a grand ceremony.

Anil Ravipudi is also doing his own juggling act.

After the whole F2, F3 run with Victory Venkatesh, he's sneaking Venky into Mana Shankara Vara Prasad for a cameo and then planning another Sankranti-style sequel. These combos keep coming back like festival specials.

Also Read - Flash: Akhanda 2 Premieres Cancelled!

Allu Arjun and Trivikram, that's a whole tradition by itself. These two already gave films like Julayi, Son of Satyamurthy, and Ala Vaikunthapuramlo. So that

pair sticking together again is not even news at this point.

And Ram Charan is finishing Peddi with Buchi Babu, but once that's out of the way, he's returning to Sukumar. Their Rangasthalam is still everyone's go-to reference, so obviously, expectations are floating high again.

Even the younger heroes are doing the same thing. Nani, fresh off the Dasara success, is back with Srikanth Odela for The Paradise. Vijay Deverakonda also circled back to Rahul Sankrityan after Taxiwaala.

Basically, everyone is recycling their lucky teams. Maybe it's comfort. Maybe it's strategy. Maybe they just don't want surprises right now. Tollywood seems to be saying, "If the combo works, don't touch it."

Bhagyashri Borse – A talent on the rise & a star in the making

In an industry that usually offers newcomers predictable, glamorous roles,

Bhagyashri owns every character with ease, making every role feel as if it were written

however, is coming from the audiences themselves. Social media is buzzing with praise for her back-to-back impressive performances. Telugu cinema has always celebrated actresses like Vijayashanthi and Samantha, who combine strong acting with style, and it looks like Bhagyashri will be joining that league soon.



Bhagyashri Borse is carving out a very different path for herself. With just a few films, the actress has quickly emerged as one of the most promising and reliable young talents in Telugu cinema.

With her stunning portrayals, she made people believe that she is the next big star in the making with a perfect mix of glamour, natural screen presence, and solid acting skills

One major reason Bhagyashri stands out is because of the diverse range of her movie choices. Whether it's Kaantha, Kingdom, or Andhra King Taluka,

The strongest validation,

Looking at her recent work, it's clear she's thinking long-term and choosing roles that matter. If she continues to be on this track, Tollywood may well have discovered its next major leading lady, one who is beautiful, dependable, and genuinely skilled at what she does.

Akhanda 2 Premieres Cancelled!

It is already known that Nandamuri Balakrishna is returning to the big screens with his latest film Akhanda 2. This film is releasing in theatres on December 5, and the paid premier were scheduled to be held in India today, December 4.

In this context, the latest development are suggesting that a few last-minute complications have resulted in the fact that the makers have had to cancel the premier shows for the film in India.

This is regarding the payment issues that the makers had with their earlier film, and it has become a topic of discussion now.

#Akhanda2 Premieres scheduled for today are canceled due to technical issues. We've tried our best, but a few things are beyond our control. Sorry for the inconvenience, the latest tweet from the makers of the Bal-



akrishna film stated.

This would essentially mean that the film will not have its premier in the Telugu states and across country, which was scheduled earlier.

This is due to the logistical and financial issues that

the makers face earlier, and we need to see if this would come back to haunt the overall revenues.

However, it is now being established that the United States premier will be going on as per schedule, and

there will be no delay or cancellation in the same. The makers have started to prepare the ground for the paid premiers abroad while the domestic shows remain cancelled at the last minute.



AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Arrives in Tirupati for District Tour

(Capital Information)
Tirupati : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan arrived at Renigunta Airport on Thursday at 10:30 AM for an official tour of the combined Chittoor and Tirupati districts. Upon his arrival, he was accorded a warm reception by district officials and elected representatives.

Following the welcome, the Deputy Chief Minister interacted with the public gathered outside the airport and accepted petitions regarding various grievances before proceeding to Chittoor district by road.

The dignitaries present to welcome the Deputy Chief Minister included District Col-

lector S. Venkateswar, Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu, and MLAs Arani Srinivasulu (Tirupati), Pulivarthi Nani (Chandragiri), Bojjala Sudheer Reddy (Srikalahasti), and Arava Sridhar (Railway Kodur). Other key officials and leaders in attendance were State Handloom Corporation

Chairman Hari Prasad, Srikalahasti Market Committee Chairman Chenchaiah Naidu, Additional SP Ravi Manoharachari, Srikalahasti Temple Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, Srikalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, DWAMA Project Director Srinivasa Rao, and Tahsildar Chandrasekhar Reddy.

Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsikrishna raises Singareni retired workers' pension issue again in Parliament

(Capital Information)

Jagtlal/New Delhi : Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsikrishna once again highlighted the long-pending issue of Singareni retired workers' pension in the Parliament today.

He recalled that he raised the same concern during the last session and mentioned that the pension scheme originally introduced by former Labour & Mines Minister Kaka Venkataswamy has remained unchanged for over 30-35 years.

Expressing deep concern that the pension amount still stands at only ₹500-₹1000, the MP said that even though ₹20 per ton was allocated to CMPF after his previous representation, the pension revision has not yet been implemented.



Stating that the cost of living for retired workers is currently around ₹8000-₹10,000 per month, MP Vamsikrishna demanded that the pension be increased to at least ₹10,000 urgently. He also informed that the retired workers have approached the

court seeking justice. The MP urged the Central Government through the Chair to take immediate action and ensure rightful pension benefits for Singareni retired employees by directing CMPF to implement the revision without delay.

Training on Postal Ballots Held in Mahabubnagar

(Capital Information)
Mahabubnagar : Ahead of the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled on December 11, District Collector Vijayendra Boi directed officials to strictly follow the State Election Commission guidelines in the issue and distribution of postal ballots.

structured officials to ensure utmost care and transparency in the handling of postal ballots. She directed that postal ballots meant for service voters working in the defence forces must be dispatched by Thursday evening.



Officials were also asked to obtain the list of service voters in advance, classify them Gram Panchayat-wise and ward-wise, collect their present working addresses and forward the details to the respective Stage-1 ROs.

The Collector clarified that election duty staff and preventive detention voters would be eligible for postal ballots only

after submitting Form-14 in advance. Only those who submit the form should be issued postal ballots, she stressed. She also instructed sub-tahsildars to set up facilitation centres in every mandal to enable employees on election duty to cast their votes conveniently.

Calling upon officials to avoid errors in the crucial process of postal ballot issuance, she advised them to thoroughly study the election handbook in case of doubts. She said that protecting the voting rights of those unable to vote in person was a collective responsibility of all officers.

Additional Collector Shiven-dra Pratap, District Postal Ballot Nodal Officer and Deputy Director of Horticulture Venu Gopal, Master Trainer Srikanth, Stage-1 Returning Officers and other election officials participated in the programme.

Karthika Parva Deepotsavam held at Srivari temple



(Capital Information)

Tirumala : The beauty of Tirumala temple enhanced in the vibrant glow of ghee-lit lamps on the auspicious occasion of the Salakatta Karthika Parva Deepotsavam held on Thursday evening.

It is an age-old tradition to observe Kartika Deepotsavam on the full moon day in Karthika month at the Tirumala every year.

Following this festival TTD has cancelled the Sa-

hasra Deepalankara Seva as well the Pournami Garuda Seva in the evening.

As part of this Kartika Parva Deepotsavam was observed from 5 pm to 8.30 pm. Initially the (broken mud pots)- Mookullu filled with wicks dipped in ghee were lit at placed at various places inside outside temple premises.

These traditional lamps were placed at Sri Yoga Narasimha Swamy and

later taken inside Garbhala-yam and offered prayers in front of Srivaru.

After that, the vimana pradakshina was performed as a procession and aarti is offered to Jaya Vijaya, Garuda, Potu Tayar, Ananda Nilayam, Varadaraja Swamy and all the important places within the temple complex.

Outside the temple the traditional ghee lamps were lit at Sri Bedi Anjaneya Swamy, Sri Varaha

Swamy Temple and Swami Pushkarini.

Devotees also cherished the festival of lights chanting Govinda... Govinda... with religious ecstasy.

Tirumala Pedda Jeeyar Swamy, TTD EO Anil Kumar Singhal, Board members Panabaka Lakshmi, Janaki devi, Bhanuprakash Reddy, Naresh, Additional EO Ch.Venkaiah Chowdhary, CV&SO murali Krishna, Dy EO Lokanatham and others were present.