

PANCHANGAM
Tithi
 Krishna Paksha Chaturdasi
 Jan 16 10:22 PM –
 Jan 18 12:04 AM
Nakshatra
 Moola
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 Purva Ashadha -
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Rahukalam
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Yamagandam
 1:49 PM – 3:12 PM
Gulika
 6:53 AM – 8:16 AM
Dur Muhurat
 08:22 AM – 09:06 AM
Varjyam
 06:25 AM – 08:11 AM,
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WEATHER
Forecast : Sunny
Temperature : 29° / 18°
Humidity : 38%
Sunrise : 6:53 AM
Sunset : 5:58 PM

PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate New Rail Line project and flag off 4 trains on Jan 18

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate Maynapur-Barogopinathpur-Jayrambati New Rail Line project and flag off 4 trains including 3 Amrit Bharat trains from Hooghly, West Bengal. Date: 18th January 2026 Time: 14:30 Inauguration. Jayrambati-Maynapur New Rail Line Flagging off 1. Jayrambati Maynapur New Train 2. Kolkata (Santragachi) – Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express 3. Kolkata (Howrah) – Anand Vihar Terminal Amrit Bharat Express 4. Kolkata (Sealdah) – Banaras Amrit Bharat Express.



CM Inaugurated Chanaka-Korata Barrage Pump House in Adilabad

(Capital Information)
Adilabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurated the Chanaka-Korata barrage pump house at Hathighat in Boraj mandal of Adilabad district. The Chief Minister also released water into the main canal of the Lower Penganga project, marking a significant step towards strengthening irrigation facilities in the region.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Revanth Reddy said the project would play a crucial role in providing assured irrigation



to farmers and boosting agricultural productivity in the border areas of the district. He reiterated the government's commitment to completing irrigation projects on priority to ensure water reaches every acre.

Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, Government Adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy, Lok Sabha member Godam Nagesh, MLA Payal Shankar and other public representatives attended the programme. Senior officials were also present during the inauguration.

Telangana Cabinet to Meet at Medaram on January 18

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : The Telangana Cabinet will meet at Medaram in Mulugu district on January 18 as part of the government's outreach initiative. According to an official note issued by the General Administration (Cabinet) Department on Friday, the meeting of the Council of Ministers is scheduled to be held at 5 pm at Haritha Hotel, Medaram.

The Cabinet meeting, to be chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is expected to deliberate on key policy matters and important administrative decisions. The venue assumes significance as Medaram is internationally known for hosting the Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara, one of the largest tribal congregations in the world.

Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, in the official communication, requested all Ministers to make it convenient to attend the meeting. Necessary arrangements are being coordinated by the district administration under the supervision of senior officials.

The decision to hold the Cabinet meeting outside Hyderabad is seen as part of the government's effort to take governance closer to the people and highlight the cultural and regional importance of Medaram.

CM Inaugurated Sadarmat Barrage, Releases Water for Rabi Crops

(Capital Information)
Nirmal : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday inaugurated the Sadarmat Barrage at Ponkal village in Mamda mandal of Nirmal district and formally released water for the ongoing Yasangi (Rabi) crop season, bringing cheer to farmers in the region.

Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, the Chief Minister said the State government was committed to strengthening irrigation infrastructure to ensure assured water supply to farmers and enhance agricultural productivity. The release of water from the Sadarmat Barrage would provide timely irrigation to thousands of acres during the Rabi season, he said.



Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, Government Adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy, MP G. Nagesh, along with several public representatives and senior officials, participated in the inauguration ceremony.

Officials briefed the Chief Minister on the technical features of the barrage and its irrigation potential. Local farmers expressed satisfaction over the commencement of water release, stating that it would significantly benefit crop cultivation in the area.

CM Revanth Reddy to visit Paleru on Jan 18; projects worth Rs. 362 crore to be launched

(Capital Information)
Khammam : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will visit the Paleru Assembly constituency in the erstwhile Khammam district on January 18 as part of his tour of the old unified districts, Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Friday.



Addressing the media at Maddulapalli in the limits of Edulapuram municipality, the Minister said the Chief Minister would lay foundation stones and inaugurate a slew of development works with an estimated outlay of ₹362 crore during the visit.

Describing it as a "development festival on Paleru soil," Mr. Ponguleti said the CM would lay the foundation stone for a JNTU college at Maddulapalli, inaugurate a nursing college and formally

launch the works of the Munneru-Paleru link canal. The Maddulapalli agricultural market yard will also be inaugurated, while a foundation stone will be laid for a 100-bed hospital at Kusumanchi.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarasimha, Vakiti Srihari and others are expected to attend the

programme. On the same occasion, Mr. Revanth Reddy will also hold a meeting with key party functionaries of the united district to give directions on preparations for the forthcoming municipal and corporation elections, the Minister added.

Highlighting another major development, Mr. Ponguleti announced that a State Cabinet meeting would be held at Medaram

on January 18, calling it a historic first as no Cabinet meeting has ever been conducted outside Hyderabad, even during the undivided State. "Unlike the previous government, which made promises only during elections, this government works continuously among the people," he said.

The Minister further stated that extensive arrangements were being made to conduct the Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara on a scale surpassing the Kumbh Mela. He said stone structures built at Medaram, reflecting the grandeur of the Kakatiya era, would be inaugurated by the Chief Minister on the morning of January 19. He also reiterated that elections to municipalities and corporations whose terms have expired would be held soon.



Gau Puja performed with religious fervor at SV Go samrakshanasala

(Capital Information)
Tirupati : Gau Mahotsavam celebrations were held on a grand scale at Sri Venkateswara Gosamrakshanasala in Tirupati on Friday, marking the occasion of Kanuma festival. TTD EO Anil Kumar Singhal and Board Member G. Bhanu Prakash Reddy participated in the event.

As part of the festivities, special rituals were performed at the Sri Venugopala Swamy temple located within the Gosala premises. This was followed by Gauri Puja and Tulasi Puja. Later, traditional prayers and Karpooa Harathi were offered to the elephant, horses, bulls, and cows. Special fodder was also provided to the animals on this occasion. Bhajans and Kolatam performances organized under the aegis of the Dasa Sahitya Project added a spiritual touch to the celebrations. Gosala In-charge Director Dr Shiva Kumar, other officials, and a large number of devotees were present.



How sad it is exceptionally brilliant Jaipal Reddy is no longer with us : Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the late great leader and former Union Minister S. Jaipal Reddy, Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy paid tributes at Jaipal Reddy Ghat at Spoorthi Sthal in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the late leader Jaipal Reddy had done immense service to the people. He stated that Jaipal Reddy played a key role in achieving the state of Telangana.

Gutta Sukhender Reddy said that it is very sad that the exceptionally brilliant Jaipal Reddy is no longer with us.

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Telangana to redefine Global AI Innovation at Davos 2026 with launch of India's first 'Global AI Proving Ground'

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : As global leaders gather for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting to navigate the future of the digital economy, the Government of Telangana is preparing to unveil a game-changing asset for the global technology ecosystem. On January 20, 2026, in a landmark step toward positioning Telangana as a global leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI), the state will formally launch Telangana AI Innovation Hub (TAIH). A purpose-built, autonomous institution designed to build and accelerate AI adoption, innovation and impact, TAIH will serve as the world's first "Global AI Proving Ground" for enterprise and population-

scale solutions. "Telangana has successfully evolved from India's technology hub to world's innovation capital" said A. Revanth Reddy, Honorable Chief Minister of Telangana. "At Davos, we are not just asking for investments; we are offering collaboration. We are inviting the world to build the future of AI in Telangana, where innovation meets talent." **A sandbox for the world** While much of the AI discourse is focused on theoretical potential, TAIH is designed as a catalyst for innovation across deep tech domains like AI, quantum computing, chip design, and other frontier technologies.

Anchored in Telangana's progressive AI strategy, TAIH marks a decisive shift from policy intent to large-scale execution. TAIH functions as a unified execution engine - it is first in the country to bring together talent, infrastructure, datasets, acceleration, startups, enterprise innovation, capital, applied research, product design and testing and other capacity-building initiatives within a single, unified platform.

"The world does not need another incubator; it needs an innovation sandbox," explained D. Srihar Babu, Honorable Minister for ITE&C, and Industries. "With the launch of TAIH, we are providing a live, cutting-edge innovation plat-

form across deep-tech domains, supported by world-class infrastructure. With the launch of TAIH, we are positioning Telangana as a global innovation engine where the world's safest, enterprise-grade products are engineered for the world."

Where innovation meets global scale

TAIH represents a new institutional model built to match the speed of innovation while operating at scale with trust and global collaboration. By reimagining how public institutions are designed and governed, TAIH enables rapid experimentation, accelerated execution, and deeper private-sector collaboration.

Highlighting the institu-

tional vision, Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, ITE&C Department, said, "TAIH's distinct strength lies in its design - an institution engineered for speed, scale and impact. By blending startup agility, enterprise capability, and government credibility and scale, it enables rapid innovation, accelerates product-market fit, attracts venture capital and ensures solutions and products move beyond pilots into large-scale commercial deployments across sectors."

The new era of innovation

The launch event will showcase Telangana's innovation-first approach to shaping the future of deep-tech through a real-world gover-

nance model designed to evolve with rapidly advancing technologies.

"We are entering the next era of innovation defined by disruptive AI models, autonomous agents, quantum technologies, advanced sensor platforms and superhuman intelligence. We are launching TAIH at this pivotal moment to drive Telangana's economic transformation and position Telangana as one of the top 20 global innovation hubs," said Mr. Phani Nagarjuna, CEO of TAIH.

Event Details : The official launch of the Telangana AI Innovation Hub will take place on January 20, 2026, from 7PM- 8:30PM at the Mountain Plaza Hotel, Davos,

attended by global policymakers, dignitaries, tech ethicists, and industry titans.

About Telangana AI Innovation Hub (TAIH)

TAIH is an autonomous entity established by the Government of Telangana to foster innovation, research, and deployment of Artificial Intelligence. It serves as a bridge between government, industry, and academia to solve global challenges at population scale. TAIH operates across four strategic pillars - Talent Foundry, Innovation Engine, Capital Flywheel and Impact Labs ensuring a seamless journey from skills and research to startups, capital and real-world deployment.

AP Hosts World's Largest Green Ammonia Project: India's First Green Energy Exports to Germany, Japan & Singapore Begin from Kakinada

\$10 Billion Investment | 8,000 Jobs | India's First Green Ammonia Project takes shape in Kakinada

(Capital Information)
Amaravati : The Government of Andhra Pradesh today announced a major global milestone in India's clean-energy journey with the First Major Equipment Erection Ceremony of AM Green's Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia Complex at Kakinada, scheduled for January 17, 2026.

The landmark event will be attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu and Deputy Chief Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan Garu, marking a defining moment for Andhra Pradesh and for India's position in the global green-energy value chain.

With a total investment of USD 10 billion, the AM Green project represents one of the largest clean-energy investments ever made in India. The project will generate up to 8,000 jobs during the construction phase, besides creating large-scale, high-skill employment during opera-

tions and across allied industries such as renewables, logistics, storage, and port services.

For the first time in India's history, green energy molecules produced domestically will be exported to global markets, including Germany, Japan, and Singapore, firmly positioning India—and Andhra Pradesh—as a clean-energy exporter on the world stage.

World's Largest Green Ammonia Complex at Kakinada

AM Green is setting up India's first and the world's largest green ammonia complex, with a planned capacity of 1.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. The project is being developed through the brownfield conversion of an existing ammonia-urea complex, representing one of the country's most significant industrial revival stories.

The project will be commissioned in phases:



- 0.5 MTPA by 2027
- 1.0 MTPA by 2028
- 1.5 MTPA by 2030

Andhra Pradesh: India's First End-to-End Green Energy Value Chain

This project uniquely demonstrates Andhra Pradesh's capability to offer the entire clean-energy value chain from a single state, a first for India:

Large-scale renewable energy generation (solar & wind)

Round-the-clock power enabled by pumped hydro

storage

Green hydrogen production- Green ammonia manufacturing

Port-based export infrastructure for global markets

The integrated system includes 7.5 GW of solar and wind energy, 1,950 MW of electrolyser capacity, and 2 GW of round-the-clock renewable power, supported by pumped hydro storage, including India's first such project at Pinnapuram, Andhra Pradesh.

First-of-Its-Kind Global Export Linkages

AM Green has already entered into long-term supply agreements with leading global players, including Uniper (Germany), and is engaged with major companies in Japan and Singapore, making this the first instance of green energy exports from India to Europe and advanced Asian markets.

Green ammonia from Kakinada will be used globally for clean shipping fuel,

power generation, and as a pathway to green hydrogen, supporting international decarbonisation goals.

A Defining Moment for Andhra Pradesh and India

Aligned with the Integrated Clean Energy Policy, 2024, this project cements Andhra Pradesh's leadership in India's clean-energy transition and establishes the state as the country's primary hub for green hydrogen and green ammonia.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh reaffirmed its commitment to providing policy support, infrastructure, and fast-track clearances to ensure that projects of global significance continue to choose the state as their preferred destination.

"This project is not just an industrial investment—it is a statement of intent. Andhra Pradesh is leading India into the era of clean-energy exports and global climate leadership," the government stated.



Sankranti celebrations held on a grand scale in vedanthapuram

(Capital Information)

Tirupati Rural : Sankranti festivities were celebrated with great enthusiasm in Vedanthapuram panchayat of Tirupati rural mandal. As part of the celebrations, rangoli competitions were organized at the village secretariat, which saw active participation from the locals. Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani spouse Pulivarthi Sudha Reddy attended the event as the chief guest. Upon her arrival at Vedanthapuram, she was accorded a warm welcome by local women and leaders of the alliance government.

Pulivarthi sudha reddy participates in rangoli competition Participating personally in the rangoli competitions held at the village secretariat, Pulivarthi Sudha Reddy encouraged the local women. She inspected the colourful rangolis designed by the participants. Speaking on the occasion, she expressed her joy in participating in the event and mentioned that it brought back fond memories of the past.

Later, she distributed prizes to all the women who participated in the competition and appreciated their talent.

The program saw the participation of alliance government leaders, party activists, and a large number of local women.

The efforts of Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah have borne fruit - Wellness center established at Akashvani quarters in Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah worked tirelessly for the establishment of the wellness center in Warangal

I will develop the CGHS wellness center at a corporate level with MP funds : Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah

(Capital Information)

Hanamkonda : With the aim of providing better health services to the people of Warangal city, the relentless efforts of Warangal Parliament member Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah over the past one and a half years have achieved a key success. Initially, the MP personally inspected four suitable government offices for the establishment of the wellness center in Warangal district along with the officials. The central government has granted permission to set up a new wellness center in the staff quarters under the Akashvani jurisdiction in Warangal. Accordingly, the Ministry of Health and Family

Welfare has issued official orders.

The wellness center, which had been pending for a long time, was approved as a result of the continuous consultations and efforts made by Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah in Parliament sessions and with officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

On this occasion, Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah stated...

Out of approximately 22 centers across the country, full approvals have been granted only to Warangal district, the MP clarified. The MP stated that she will develop



the wellness center at a corporate level through her MP funds. This wellness center will greatly benefit over 15,000 central government employees, pensioners, and their families residing in the 54 major towns within the

Warangal jurisdiction by providing health service facilities, said MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavyah.

The MP mentioned that the availability of medical treatments, disease diagnosis, and other facilities through the wellness center will provide medical and health-related conveniences to employees, pensioners, and their families. The MP expressed gratitude to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare for positively responding to her requests and granting approval for the wellness center. The MP urged CGHS

We will develop Rudrangi into a model village: Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas

(Capital Information)

Rudrangi/Rajanna Sircilla Bureau : Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas promised to develop Rudrangi into a model village. A Mandal Resource Centre (MRC) building, constructed with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan funds amounting to Rs. 48.60 lakhs in Rudrangi mandal headquarters, was inaugurated on Friday by Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, along with In-charge Collector Garima Agarwal. Later, they distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to 21 beneficiaries in the Gram Panchayat office premises.

Speaking on this occasion, Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas assured that an integrated building for various government offices would soon be constructed in Rudrangi. He said that a playground would be established for sports activities as per the request of the locals. He informed that the government has sanctioned Rs. 42 crores for an Advanced Tech-

nology Centre to provide training for skill development and employment to the youth and students of the district, and that the tenders have been completed and the work will begin soon.

He explained that a total of six courses will be available at this centre with the cooperation and partnership of Tata Company. He said that they are identifying land for the construction of a godown under the auspices of Mark- under and that the work will begin soon. He stated that Rudrangi is the second largest village in the Vemulawada constituency. He said that wide roads and drainage systems are being constructed. He stated that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the ministers are providing all-round support for the development of the constituency.

He announced that compensation would soon be distributed to those displaced by the Kalikota-Suramma project. He clarified that govern-



ment lands would be used for government development works and that lands belonging to eligible, landless poor people that are currently under encroachment would not be taken. He said that he would ensure that irrigation water from the Yellampalli project is released to the constituency soon. He assured that the 132/33 substation works would be started soon and that power problems would be resolved. He stated that CC roads have been constructed with funds exceeding 5 crore rupees.

He explained that funds of Rs. 4.57 crore have been sanctioned for the construction of a BT road from Indira Chowk to Kukkula Gandhi,

and Rs. 2.50 crore for the Rudrangi to Dasara Nayak Thanda approach CC road and high-level bridge, and that the works would begin soon. He said that a 30-bed hospital is being constructed with Rs. 1.50 crore, a project that the villagers of Rudrangi had been waiting for for 50 years.

He mentioned that people faced many difficulties traveling from Rudrangi to Ramakrishna Pur Pale, and that he completed the construction of a culvert with Rs. 62 lakhs within 6 months of his election. The officials announced that a ring road is being constructed from Ambedkar Chowrasta to Indira Chowk at a cost of ₹1.5 crore, and drainage systems are being built on both sides of the main road in Rudrangi village at a cost of ₹2 crore.

They also revealed that the government has sanctioned ₹2.5 crore for the construction of a new police station. They clarified that if

the farmers agree, they will be compensated, and Acharya Kunta and Nagaram Lake will be filled with water.

Building useful for meetings

In-charge Collector Garima Agarwal stated that the availability of the Mandal Resource Centre (MRC) building in Rudrangi will be very useful for educational development meetings.

She also explained that teachers, students, and parents can hold meetings there. She said that proposals will be sent to the government for the construction of an integrated building for various government offices. She assured that all facilities will be provided for the convenience of the public.

Sarpanch Narayana, Deputy Sarpanch Madishetti Abhilash, Market Committee Chairman Chelukala Tirupati, Vemulawada RDO Radhabai, DEO Vinod Kumar, TG EW IDC EE Ashok Kumar, DE Satyanarayana, Tahsildar Pushpalatha, MPDO Nataraj, and others participated in the program.



Make CPI Centenary Public Meeting a SUCCESS : Dandu Adinarayana

(Capital Information)

Sathupalli : Communist Party of India (CPI) District Executive Committee member Dandu Adinarayana called upon people to participate in large numbers and make the CPI centenary public meeting, scheduled on January 18 in Khammam, a grand success.

He stated that the meeting is being organized to mark the completion of 100 years of the CPI and will be addressed by CPI National Secretary B Raja, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and representatives of Communist Parties from 45 countries, along with senior leaders. He recalled that the CPI has consistently fought for the rights of farmers, workers, and the poor.

MGNREGS mate workers Pullamma, Padma, Ramana, Jyothi, Venkatamma, Ramulamma, Ramana, and others were present at the meeting.

Telangana NPDC has received the prestigious 'IPPAI Power Award-2026'

**Recognition for technological innovations and customer services
Reduced power interruptions with AI models, RTFMS, and FPI technologies
The award was presented to CMD Mr. Karnati Varun Reddy by the officials**

(Capital Information) **Hanamkonda** : Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited has achieved another international recognition. NPDC has won the 'Innovation Award' at the 'IPPAI Power Awards 2026' announced by the Independent Power Producers Association of India (IPPAI).

The award was received by CE (Projects) Surrender at the 26th 'Regulators & Policymakers Retreat' held on the 10th of this month in Belgaum, Karnataka.

On Friday, CE (Projects) Surrender presented the award to CMD Mr. Karnati Varun



Reddy at the corporate office in Hanamkonda, Nakkala-gutta. On this occasion, CMD Karnati Varun Reddy stated that this award was achieved due to the innovative technological methods introduced in NPDC.

In particular: AI Risk Prediction Model: Identifying po-

tential threats in power supply in advance through artificial intelligence.

Real-Time Feeder Monitoring System (RTFMS): He mentioned that this has been implemented in 17 circles of the organization, allowing for real-time monitoring of feeder performance

and immediate rectification of interruptions. Fault Passage Indicators (FPIs): By installing these in 33KV and 11KV long-distance lines, we are able to quickly identify where the problem is without having to search the entire line and initiate power restoration.

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SISF-2026 should be coordinated for success : Collector Praveenya

(Capital Information) **Sangareddy** : The South India Science Fair (SISF)-2026 is crucial for the prestige of the state and the District, and all the officials should work in coordination to make the science fair a success, District Collector Praveenya has asked.

The District Collector visited the Gadiam International School on Friday to inspect the arrangements for the South India Science Fair (SISF)-2026 to be held at the Gadiam International School in Kollur, Ramachandrapuram mandal, from 19th to 23rd of this month.

On this occasion, she inspected the entrance and exit routes, signage arrangement, number of exhibits, electricity connections, security arrangements and other aspects.



He also inquired about the accommodation, food and transport arrangements required for the students, teachers and guests participating in the science fair.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that in view of the large number of students, teachers and guests from all over South

India who are going to attend, all arrangements should be made in advance without any shortcomings.

He advised to be especially vigilant in the matter of electricity connections and backup arrangements. He directed the committees for accommodation, food, transport, security, sanitation, medical

facilities, electricity, drinking water etc. formed for the management of the science fair to carry out their duties effectively.

He advised that each committee should work in coordination from time to time and take steps to prevent any problems from arising. He said that special attention should be paid to every issue so that the students and guests do not face any difficulties. The Collector ordered the officials to be vigilant at all times.

The District Collector was accompanied by the District Registrar, Revenue Divisional Officer Rajender, District Science Officer Siddha Reddy, Nodal Officer Limbaji, MEJ Nageshwar Nayak, Vijay Kumar, Patancheru Tehsildar, members of various committees and others.

Online Admissions Open for Minority Gurukuls

(Capital Information) **Kothagudem** : Online registrations for admissions into Telangana State Minority Gurukul Schools and Colleges for the academic year 2026-27 were formally launched on Friday by District Collector Jitesh V. Patil at the IDOC Camp Office in Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector appealed to Muslim minority parents to enrol their children in Class V Gurukul Schools and Intermediate First Year Gurukul Colleges, and to make full use of the free, quality education facilities provided by the Telangana Government for minority students.

He informed that admissions are available separately



for boys and girls in Minority Gurukuls located at Kothagudem (boys and girls), Burgampadu (girls), Bhadrachalam (boys), Aswaraopeta (girls), and Illandu (girls) for Class V

and Intermediate First Year. The programme was attended by District Minority Welfare Development Officer K. Sanjeeva Rao, Unified Khammam District RLCM J.

Arun Kumari, Vigilance Officers K. Seetharamulu and M.A. Ravoo, Principals of Minority Gurukul Schools and Colleges, and departmental staff.



"Sankranthi festivities at Kakani's residence"

(Capital Information) **Nellore** : Former Minister and District Party President Dr. Sri Kakani Govardhan Reddy participated in the Sankranthi celebrations in his native village Thoderu, Podalakuru Mandal, along with family members, relatives, friends, villagers, and YSRCP leaders and activists.

YSRCP State Women's Working President Pujithamma extended a warm welcome to everyone who came to convey Sankranthi greetings.

Kakani Govardhan Reddy, along with other family members, paid tributes at the tomb of his late father, Kakani Ramana Reddy.

Kakani performed rituals and offered oblations to his ancestors according to tradition.

Local people recalled that the services of the late Kakani Ramana Reddy as the Podalakuru Samithi President can never be forgotten.

Pujithamma and Govardhan Reddy stated that they are extending Sankranthi greetings to the people of the district and the people of Sarvepalli, who are like their family members, individually.



Follow traffic rules and travel safely : SP Paritosh Pankaj

(Capital Information) **Sangareddy** : "Arrive Alive - 2026" is a special movement jointly organized by the police, transport and health departments in Sangareddy District with the aim of reducing road accidents and saving people's lives, and various awareness programs on road safety will be organized across the District for 10 days, said District SP Paritosh Pankaj.

Speaking on the occasion, the District SP said in a statement that to prevent road accidents, everyone should strictly follow traffic rules, wear helmets and seat belts, help save the lives of others along with themselves, and travel safely by driving vehicles.

As per the instructions of the District SP, awareness programs about traffic rules were organized at various police stations across the District and people were made to pledge to follow traffic rules.

Sangareddy Traffic Inspector Ramakrishna Reddy organized the Arrive Alive program at the District Police Office and made the office staff pledge to follow traffic rules.

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Divisional Electrical Engineer/M Guntur

Open Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-36-2025-26 dt:13.01.2026

Tender No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-36-2025-26. Name of the Work: Vijayawada Division- Replacement of worn-out, failure prone NICO/veekay make contact wire to improve safety and reliability across BZA Division **Approx.value: (₹) 2,22,58,707.34**
Completion period: 12 Months Bid Security (EMD) (₹) 2,61,300/- Date of closing: 06.02.2026 Cost of Tender form: Nil
For full details and conditions visit our site at "www.ireps.gov.in"
Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, TRD/Vijayawada

TENDER NOTICE No: LGDL/16/2025-26-OT Dated : 16.01.2026

Dy.CEE/LGDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No **LGDL/16/2025-26/OT-E-TENDER**-closing date 09.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money (Bid Security) shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Annexure-VIA and shall be valid for a period of 60 days beyond the bid validity period. The original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the official nominated as indicated in the tender document within 5 working days of deadline of submission of bids. Non submission of scanned copy of B.G. with the bid on e-tendering portal (IREPS) and/or non-submission of original B.G. within the specified period shall lead to summarily rejection of bid.

1. Tender No. : LGDL/16/2025-26/OT Description of work: Provision of Cable transit entry sealing and rooftop protection system to rodent entry in HT Compartment of SBC of LHB type AC coaches at Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda **Advertised value : (₹) 4655688.77/-** (Forty six Lakhs fifty five thousand six hundred Eighty eight rupees and seventy seven paise only.) **Bid Security : 93,100/-** **Period of Completion : 24 Months** from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. **Date of Closing : 09.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs**
Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in
Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad-500017.

For further Tender conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website <https://www.ireps.gov.in/>.
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, CWS, Lallaguda, Secunderabad

Open e-Tender Notice No. B/E EGS/18/2025-26 Dt. 12.01.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites e-Tender for the following works up to 15-00 hours on the date mentioned below:

Tender No: B/E 29/IEGS/30/25-26 Dt. 12.01.2026 **Name of work:** Vijayawada Division - Electrical Power Supply Arrangements for 29 No's of Additional lifts at Amrit Station. **Period of completion:** 06 months **Tender value : (₹) 2,80,66,142/- E.M.D./Bid Security : (₹) 2,90,300 Cost of Tender document : Nil Date of closing : 03.02.2026**

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

TENDER NOTICE NO: 55/2025 Dt.16.01.2026 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website www.ireps.gov.in And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On www.ireps.gov.in."

Tender No.	Brief Description
LH257455	Supply & installation of FRP Modular Toilet
25254500A	Set of pins for brake Riggering
38255023	Modified Elastomeric Pad(Design-B)
29261125	Thermoplastic polyurethane spring
LH257446	One coach set of air spring Assemblies
LH257450	Bogie frame Assemblies
25253210A	Room temperature Vulcanising
67255005A	Supply Installation and commissioning of Hydraulic Re-Railing Equipment
25254496	Metalized Carbon strips for Pantographs
82255032	HQMED GTE fully Automated Integrated clinical Chemistry and Immunoassay Analyser (CLIA)

Note: Due dates of tender opening
SL.No.01 on dt.23.01.2026.SL.No. 02&3 on dt.30.01.2026. SL.No. 04 on dt.04.02.2026 SL.No.05 to 09 on 06.02.2026. SL.No. 10 on dt.23.02.2026

CORRIGENDUM

1) Tender Notice No.54/2025 dt. 09.01.2026 may be read as below

Tender No.	Brief Description
52255010B	Ip Based VSS for Electric locos
LN256561B	Air spring 140 KN
33251513A	Brake Cylinder
33251514A	Higher Capacity Air spring Assembly
54255007B	Routers with WAN ports for Tier-2 and tier 3 locations of SCR
66259683	Procurement of valves etc. for Track Machine.
LN256561C	Higher capacity Air spring 180KN
66259544	Track Machine spares of plasser make
66259542	Procurement of Valve etc for Track Machine.
38252363	NON-Asbestos "L" type
LN265039	Road shunting vehicle of 135T
60258788	PSC Guard rail Sleepers to T-8970
82255015	HQ MED GTE LAPROSCOPE SET
82255007A	HQ MED Modular Operation Theaters

SL.No.01 on dt..23.01.2026. SL.No.02 03 on dt.27.01.2026 SL.No.04 on 29.01.2026. SL.No. 05 on dt 30.01.2026 SL.No. 06 to 10 on dt.02.02.2026 SL.No. 11 on dt.05.02.2026 SL.No.12 to 14 on dt.09.02.2026

2) Tender Notice No.49/2025 dt. 05.12.2025 Tender No.29255033 due on 05.01.2026 Brieff Supply erection, Commissioning may be read as Due date 23.01.2026 instead of existing

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above Rs.50 Lakhs.
For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.
Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scri.indianrailways.gov.in



Officials must issue permits to industries on time, in accordance with the regulations : Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar

(Capital Information) **Suryapet** : A meeting of the "District Investment Promotion Committee and T-GIPASS Committee" was held on Friday at the VC Hall in the Integrated District Offices Complex, chaired by the District Collector. During this meeting, the permits related to various industries were reviewed.

The Collector instructed that out of 49 industries, 119 approvals have been received from various departments, and officials should inspect them at the field level and the concerned authorities should approve them according to the regulations. In this meeting, it was stated that subsidies have been sanctioned to 143 beneficiaries under the T-PRIDE scheme.

The Collector also directed that a meeting should be held soon with the officials and management of rice mills, pharma, and cement industries in the district to discuss safety regulations and the precautions being taken.

Industries Department General Manager T. Seetharam, Commercial Tax Officer B. Yadagiri, DPO K. Yadagiri, RTO Jayaprakash Reddy, SC Development Officer Dayananda Rani, ST Department Officer K. Shankar, and other officials participated in this meeting.



Road safety instructions for RTC drivers : Suryapet Traffic SI Sairam

(Capital Information) **Suryapet** : As part of the 'Arrive Alive' road safety program, Suryapet traffic police, at the local RTC bus stand, educated drivers on safe travel, reaching their destination safely, and road rules and regulations.

They urged drivers to drive their vehicles on one side of the road and avoid causing inconvenience to vehicles in front of and behind them.

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1. Tender No. : LGDL/17/2025-26/OT Description of work: Replacement of isolation switch for starting battery in Power cars **Advertised value : (₹)16334350.69/-** (One Crore Sixty Three Lakhs thirty four thousand three hundred fifty rupees and sixty nine paise only.) **Bid Security : 2,31,700/-** **Period of Completion : 24 Months** from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. **Date of Closing : 10.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs**
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Editorial "Women's Contribution to India's Three-Tier System of Governance"

The Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha today addressed the Lightning Round Session of the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC), held in New Delhi, on the theme "Women's Contribution to India's Three-Tier System of Governance".

Addressing the distinguished delegates, the Deputy Chairman shared India's lived experience of women's participation in governance across its three-tier democratic framework comprising Parliament at the Union level, State Legislatures and Local Self-Government institutions. He noted that this framework is based on vertical power-sharing among the Centre, States and grassroots

institutions and has acquired global significance due to the constitutional and institutional inclusion of women, particularly at the local level.

The Deputy Chairman observed that India's experience demonstrates how women's participation strengthens democratic legitimacy and improves governance outcomes. He stated that India's journey of women's political participation is deeply rooted in its civilisational ethos, where deliberative assemblies and collective decision-making have historically witnessed meaningful participation by women.

Referring to India's constitutional evolution, the Deputy Chairman noted that women were enfranchised in several

provinces as early as the 1920s, much before Independence. With the adoption of universal adult franchise in 1950, India took a bold and progressive step by ensuring political equality from the very inception of the Republic.

The Deputy Chairman further stated that the commitment to gender equality was deepened through the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments in the early 1990s, which mandated one-third reservation for women in rural and urban local bodies. He observed that this provision has since been enhanced to 50 per cent reservation in rural local bodies by over two-thirds of States, and by nearly half the States in urban local bodies.

Highlighting the scale of women's participation, the Deputy Chairman referred to the observations made by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and noted that nearly 1.5 million women currently serve as elected representatives in local self-governing bodies. He described this as the largest experiment in women's political representation anywhere in the world.

The Deputy Chairman observed that for many women, particularly from rural and marginalised sections of society, local bodies serve as the first point of entry into public life. This unprecedented scale of participation, he noted, has begun translating into tangible

improvements in the quality of local governance.

The Deputy Chairman highlighted that studies and field experience indicate that women-led local bodies demonstrate higher levels of transparency, closer monitoring and stronger accountability. He noted that due to their close engagement with communities, leakages are often reduced and the benefits of government programmes and schemes reach intended beneficiaries more effectively.

Referring to governance priorities, the Deputy Chairman stated that women leaders have consistently focused on issues such as safe drinking water, sanitation, primary healthcare, education, nutrition

and social welfare delivery. He observed that with increasing participation of women across all three tiers of governance, the emphasis has gradually shifted from women's development to women-led development.

The Deputy Chairman further noted that women's participation in local governance has challenged traditional gender roles and created a large pool of experienced women leaders who move on to State Legislatures and the national Parliament. He observed that many such leaders have gone on to serve as Ministers, Speakers, Chief Ministers and Presiding Officers, including in the highest constitutional offices of the country.

CIC Winner Suresh Eriyat Brings Global Glory to Indian Animation with 'Desi Oon'

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Renowned animation filmmaker and Create in India Challenge (CIC) winner Suresh Eriyat made India proud with his film Desi Oon, which won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2025 in France.

A gold winner at the WAVES Awards of Excellence 2025 under the Create in India Challenge, the film

Desi Oon beautifully blends Indian ethos with world-class storytelling and animation. Set against the backdrop of rural India, the film captures the lives of shepherds with authenticity and emotional depth, weaving a powerful narrative about tradition, resilience, and identity.

Reflecting on the achievement, Suresh Eriyat shared, "It's a huge honor to win at Annecy. It's a rare achievement for an Indian film, and we are very happy to bring this award home to India. Desi Oon was one of the gold winners at WAVES, and it really inspired the whole moment of the Create an India challenge."

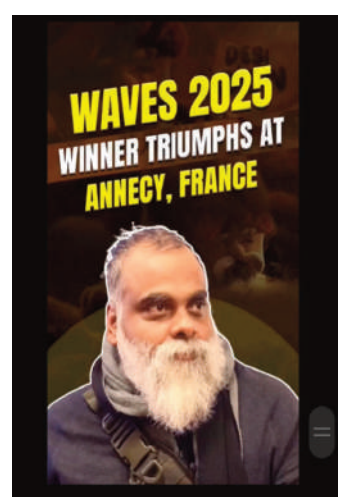
Eriyat and his team spent a good time studying the lives of shepherds to authentically portray their story on

screen. "We wanted to truly understand their world, their landscapes, rhythms, and way of life, to ensure that every frame felt real," he added.

The win at Annecy follows a series of recognitions for Desi Oon, including a shortlisting at Cannes Lions 2025 and awards at Good Ads Matter, AICP Show, and Kyooruis Creative Awards.

Eriyat's journey is a shining example of how the Create in India Challenge, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's WAVES Initiative, is empowering Indian creators to take their stories to the world, proving that when homegrown stories are told with heart and creativity, they can resonate far beyond borders.

Oon" means wool, and Desi Oon refers to the traditional wool obtained from indigenous Deccani black sheep found mainly in Karnataka and southern Maha-



rashtra, as well as in parts of Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The film has been created by Suresh Eriyat's Studio Eeksaurus.

As Eriyat notes, "These awards and accolades really help the message garner more momentum. I hope more Indian filmmakers make their presence felt on global platforms with films created in this country and for this country."



Free Assistive Devices Distributed in Jagtial

(Capital Information) Jagtial : A distribution event at the Collectorate provided 135 persons with disabilities assistive devices (scooters, battery walkers, battery cycles) worth ₹1.14 crore.

State social welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar (SC/ST/Disabled/Senior Citizens/Transgender Empowerment) said the government prioritizes dignity, self-reliance, and rural inclusion.

State Disabled Corporation Chairman Muthi-



neniVeeraiah noted Jagtial is



the first district after Hyderabad to host this program. MLA Sanjay Kumar pledged continued support and more advanced aids. Collector B. Satya Prasad ensured transparent, medical-based distribution.

Attendees included Additional Collector B. Raja Goud, RDOs Madhusudan and Srinivas, District Welfare Officer B. Nares, and other officials. Beneficiaries thanked the government and CM Revanth Reddy.

Vande Bharat Express: Modernising Inter-City Rail Mobility in India

New Delhi (PIB) : As India advances towards its vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, mobility has emerged as a central pillar of national development. Modern transport systems today extend beyond basic connectivity and serve as critical enablers of economic integration, regional development, and social inclusion. Vande Bharat Express stands out as a prominent initiative of the Indian Railways providing faster, safer, more reliable, and passenger-centric rail travel across the country. Vande Bharat Express, India's first indigenously designed and manufactured semi-high-speed trainset has been developed to strengthen inter-city rail services by combining modern technology, improved passenger comfort, and reduced journey times.

Vande Bharat Express: Reimagining Premium Train Travel

Vande Bharat represents a new phase in India's premium passenger rail services. Introduced as an indigenously developed, self-propelled semi-high-speed trainset, it marks a shift from conventional locomotive-hauled trains to integrated train systems optimised for efficiency, safety, and reliability.

The requirement for Vande Bharat emerged from growing demand for reduced travel time and enhanced onboard comfort on inter-city routes, particularly on medium-distance corridors. Earlier premium services such as the Rajdhani Express (introduced in 1969) and the Shatabdi Express (introduced in 1988) significantly upgraded rail travel in their time by providing high-quality overnight and daytime connectivity. Vande Bharat trains are architecturally aligned with present and future mobility requirements, forming the foundation for the next phase of passenger rail modernisation in India.

Key Features include: Semi-permanent jerk-free couplers and improved suspension systems contribute to bet-

ter ride comfort, while regenerative braking systems enhance energy efficiency during operations.

KAVACH is India's indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, certified to Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4). Implemented through a combination of on-board and trackside equipment, it continuously monitors train movement and signal status. The system automatically applies brakes to prevent collisions, overspeeding, and signal passing at danger, thereby strengthening preventive safety in train operations.

Provision for the indigenously developed Train Collision Avoidance System (KAVACH).

Centrally controlled automatic plug doors and fully sealed wider gangways.

Modern air-conditioning systems with indigenously developed UV-C lamp-based disinfection systems.

CCTV cameras, emergency alarm push buttons, and passenger-crew talk-back units in all coaches.

Coach condition monitoring System (CCMS) display with remote monitoring.

Bio-vacuum toilets and Divyangjan-friendly lavatories in the driving coaches at both ends of the train.

GPS-based passenger information systems, ergonomically designed seating, and improved ride comfort contribute to an enhanced overall travel experience on Vande Bharat trains.

The Vande Bharat trainsets, manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) with around 90% localisation, are in line with the Make in India initiative. Indigenous capability is reflected in the domestic design and integration of key systems. In 2024, ICF received the National Energy Conservation Award (NECA) for the manufacturing of Vande Bharat trainsets, underscoring the emphasis on energy efficiency and sustainable manufacturing practices.

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Vande Bharat Cuisine:

From December 2025, Indian Railways has introduced regional cuisines on select Vande Bharat trains to further enhance passenger experience by offering authentic local flavours reflective of India's diverse culinary heritage. This initiative enables passengers to enjoy traditional dishes associated with the regions through which the trains operate, adding a cultural dimension to rail travel.

Delicacies on Board:

The onboard menus feature a wide range of regional specialities, including Maharashtra's Kanda Poha and Masala Upma, Andhra Pradesh's Kodi Kura, Gujarat's Methi Thepla, Odisha's Aloo Phulkopli, and West Bengal's Kosha Paaneer and Murgir Jhol. Southern delicacies such as Kerala meals with Appam and Palada Payasam, along with Bihar's Champaran Paaneer and Chicken, further enrich the offering. Select services also feature Dogri and Kashmiri dishes, including Ambal Kaddu and Kesar Phirni.

Seven Years of Vande Bharat Express

Launched on 15 February 2019, the Vande Bharat Express commenced service on the New Delhi-Kanpur-Prayagraj-Varanasi corridor. The 16-coach, fully air-conditioned trainset is designed for a maximum speed of 160 kmph. It incorporates modern passenger amenities such as automatic doors, GPS-based passenger information systems, and on-board infotainment, along with regenerative braking to improve energy efficiency and operational sustainability.

Vande Bharat services have expanded rapidly across the national rail network. By December 2025, 164 Vande Bharat services had been operationalised in 274 districts, carrying more than 7.5 crore passengers.

These trains are designed for faster acceleration and deceleration, enabling a reduction

in journey time up to 45 percent on several corridors. For reference, the scheduled travel time between New Delhi and Varanasi is approximately eight hours, making it around 40 to 50 percent faster than earlier services on the route.

High occupancy of Vande Bharat reflects strong passenger demand for these services. Occupancy stood at 102.01 percent in 2024-25 and increased further to 105.03 per-



cent in 2025-26 (up to June 2025) demonstrating that faster, cleaner, and more reliable rail travel is not confined to metropolitan corridors but reflects a broader structural change in passenger preferences.

Vande Bharat 2.0: The Vande Bharat Express 2.0 has been introduced as an upgraded version of the original trainset to enhance performance, safety, and energy efficiency. The first Vande Bharat 2.0 trainset was flagged off on 30 September 2022 on the Gandhinagar-Mumbai Central route. The new version is lighter, with a reduced weight of about 392 tonnes compared to 430 tonnes in the earlier model, enabling faster acceleration. It is equipped with the indigenously developed Train Collision Avoidance System (KAVACH), improved regenerative braking, and air-conditioning systems that are approximately 15 percent more energy-efficient. All these trains have a design for a maximum speed of 180 kmph and an op-

erating speed of 160 kmph, subject to route readiness.

Vande Bharat 3.0: The semi-high-speed version 3.0 of the Vande Bharat trainset in operation demonstrates enhanced performance parameters, including faster acceleration and improved ride quality, contributing to smoother and more comfortable journeys. It is capable of accelerating from 0 to 100 kmph in about 52 seconds, a performance parameter that compares favourably with semi-high-speed trains operating in countries such as Japan and several European nations, while running on existing rail infrastructure. The current-generation trainsets also incorporate modern on-board systems aligned with contemporary passenger service standards. Features include low noise and vibration levels, along with onboard Wi-Fi and charging ports for passenger convenience.

Vande Bharat 4.0 is envisaged to incorporate Kavach 5.0, the next evolution of India's indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection system, as part of its advanced safety and technology framework.

Vande Bharat 4.0 is the upcoming next-generation model of the Vande Bharat platform, aimed at setting higher global benchmarks in performance, passenger comfort, and overall build quality. The focus is on delivering a superior passenger experience, including improved seating, upgraded toilet facilities, finer coach workmanship, and enhanced interior finish.

The next-generation trainsets are being positioned not only to meet India's future mobility needs but also to demonstrate export potential, reflecting the growing maturity of indigenous rail technology. In terms of performance, Vande Bharat 4.0 aims to establish new benchmarks, with future plans linked to dedicated high-speed corridors capable of supporting speeds of up to 350

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kmph.

Vande Bharat 4.0 is expected within 18 months from late 2025, reinforcing continued efforts towards future-ready, high-performance passenger rail systems.

Vande Bharat Sleeper: Expanding To Long Distance Travel

Further adding momentum to the expansion of the services, the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train is scheduled for introduction in January 2026, extending the platform to long-distance overnight travel. The first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train will operate between Howrah in West Bengal and Guwahati in Assam, strengthening inter-regional connectivity. This corridor connects Eastern and North-Eastern India and is used daily by thousands of passengers, including students, workers, traders, and families.

Travel Time Comparison: Howrah-Guwahati Corridor

Saraighat Express (12345/12346): ~17 hours

Vande Bharat Sleeper (expected): ~14 hours

Estimated Time Saving: Nearly 3 hours

The sleeper trainset consists of 16 air-conditioned coaches, including one AC First Class, four AC Two-Tier, and eleven AC Three-Tier. It is designed to provide safe and comfortable overnight travel, with a total capacity of around 823 passengers.

The indigenously designed Vande Bharat Sleeper Trainset has completed trial runs, testing, and certification, marking a significant milestone towards its operational deployment. High-speed trials conducted on the Kota-Nagda section demonstrated stable operations at speeds of up to 180 kmph. Long-distance performance trials carried out by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor validated endurance, ride comfort, and system reliability. The train also offers well-planned luggage spaces, including overhead racks, under-berth

storage, and dedicated areas near coach entrances for larger suitcases, ensuring uncluttered interiors during long journeys.

Staff Support and Seamless Operations: The Vande Bharat Sleeper also introduces significant improvements for railway staff, supporting safer and more efficient operations. Loco Pilots benefited from ergonomically designed driver cabins that reduce strain and fatigue during long duty hours, along with dedicated and well-equipped toilets to ensure hygiene and convenience.

For onboard staff, including TTEs and pantry personnel, the train provides dedicated cabins and compartments, improved berths, and better onboard amenities. These provisions enable adequate rest during duty hours, contributing to higher alertness, improved efficiency, and enhanced overall service quality.

Looking Ahead: Scaling the Vande Bharat Express

Vande Bharat is envisioned as a key pillar of India's passenger rail modernisation in the coming decades. By 2047, the Vande Bharat fleet is envisioned to scale to around 4,500 trainsets, aligned with India's long-term development goals. In the medium term, the focus is on scaling up services, operating about 800 Vande Bharat trainsets by 2030, subject to infrastructure readiness and manufacturing capacity.

The Vande Bharat trains reflect Indian Railways' strategic shift towards modern, efficient, and passenger-centric rail services, supported by continuous infrastructure upgradation and indigenous manufacturing capability. Through the expansion of new-generation trainsets, diversified variants, and improved onboard services, Vande Bharat is strengthening regional connectivity and improving the quality of inter-city travel. These trains underscore the role of rail infrastructure as a critical enabler of economic integration, sustainable mobility, and inclusive national development.

The movie "Oke Okaka Lokam" is getting ready for release

(Capital Information)

Nellore : The trailer and poster of "Oke Okaka Lokam", produced by Koritala Saichowdhury under the banner of Prakasambuls Arts Productions and presented by Koritala Rohini and directed by Y. Vishnu Narayana, were recently released at the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce in the presence of the producer, director, hero, heroine and chief guests.

The chief guests of the event were Telugu Film Producers Vice Chairman Lion Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud and Lion Saivenkat, who participated in the trailer launch and wished the movie to become a success. Producer Koritala Sai said that we have worked very hard and should support it.

Director Vishnu Narayana said that after completing all



the preparations, the film will be released in February. He said that it is a college background love story and that it has been done very well. Although the artists in the film are new, they have all cooperated a lot. The songs in the film will be amazing. It will be a big musical hit and the audience wants it to be a success. He said that all the actors in the film are new.

The hero and heroine are Mani Kumar, Rajitha Shande,

Subbu Kondeti, Sai Chowdhury, Y. Brahmaya, Sumareddy, Sai Sri, Anji, Vijay, Chitti, Sravani, Srivalli, etc. The camera of this film is by Domala Bhaskar, E. Prakash, C.H. Nagendra Babu, choreography by Rajaboya Mahesh, production manager Koritala Sambalaih, co-directors Bandaru Ajay Ram, Y. Supraj Chidvilas, producer Koritala Saichowdhury, story, screenplay, dialogues, songs, music, direction by Y. Vishnunarayana.



VIOLATION OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN FINE AND CANCELLATION OF LICENSE : SP. D.V. SRINIVASA RAO

(Capital Information) **Medak** : Medak SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao said that personnel coming to the district police office and people not wearing helmets will not be allowed to enter the office premises.

On Friday, the District Police Office launched the "No Helmet - No Entry" program to increase public awareness

on the use of helmets as part of the District Arrive Alive road safety program.

Speaking on the occasion, he made it clear that everyone riding two-wheelers must wear a helmet. Also, motorists coming on two-wheelers must wear helmets at all police stations across the district.

This provision will be

strictly enforced. He said that if he is caught for the first time, he will be fined. It has been clarified that if the same mistake is made again, the case will be written to the Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) and action will be taken to cancel the driving license.

Finally, along with the District SP staff, I, as a

citizen of India, pledged to follow the road traffic road safety rules as enshrined in the Motor Vehicle Act.

Medak Additional SP. Mahender, AR DSP Ranganayak, CIs Sandeep Reddy, Krishna Murthy, ASIs, police office staff and police personnel participated in this program.

The process of reserving wards for municipal elections must be conducted transparently and without any errors : Collector B. Chandrasekhar

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar stated that the process of reserving wards for municipal elections must be conducted transparently and without any errors.

On Friday, he held a meeting with RDOs and Municipal Commissioners at the Collectorate meeting hall regarding the reservation of municipal wards.

The Collector said that all necessary measures should be taken for the implementation of reservations in the context of the municipal elections, as per the government order (GO). He stated that the GO issued by the government must be strictly followed when finalizing ward reservations in the municipalities.

He emphasized that the reservations allocated to women, SCs, STs, and BCs should be implemented according to the rules



and in a transparent manner.

He instructed that all aspects, such as previous election reservation data, population statistics, and the rotation system, should be thoroughly examined to ensure that there is no scope for any mistakes.

He directed the Municipal Commissioners to prepare the details of the wards under their jurisdiction and the reservation tables in advance and submit them to the district administration, and to contact them immediately for clarification wherever necessary. The Collector instructed the officials to work in coordination to ensure that the election process proceeds smoothly.

Additional Revenue Collector J. Srinivas, Miryalaguda Sub-Collector Narayana Amit, RDOs, and Municipal Commissioners were present at the meeting.

HEALTH THROUGH WALKING, NO ILLNESS FROM WALKING

Nallabolu Balaramaiah Naidu, 203 Walkers International Governor

(Capital information)

Nellore : 203 Walkers

International Governor N. Balarama Naidu said that one can live a long and healthy life through walking. Speaking at a felicitation program organized by the Community Paramedics and Primary Health Care Providers Welfare Association (PMP Association of India) on Friday at Balaramaiah Naidu Garden in Netaji Nagar, Podalakuru Road, he said that many diseases are caused by a lack of awareness, and walking is the only way to prevent them. He said that while many international clubs have come to this country from other countries, it is our good fortune that Walkers International was started in our own country.



He said that walking for half an hour in the morning and evening gives everyone the opportunity to keep many diseases at bay. He stated that walking together increases camaraderie and creates a family atmosphere.

Jayaprakash, Ruds Charitable Trust Chairman Sheik Rasool, PMP District President Sakavarapu Venugopal, retired ASI Sheik Mahboob Basha, SC ST BC Minority Cell State President Kudumula Subbarao, and others participated in this program.

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Agriculture crippled under the coalition government : Kakani

(Capital Information)

Nellore : Former Minister and District Party President Dr. Sri Kakani Govardhan Reddy spoke to the media in his native village, Thoderu.

Sankranthi is a festival celebrated by farmers, but under the coalition government, the festive atmosphere is nowhere to be seen in the villages...

When the YSR Congress Party was in power and Jagan Mohan Reddy was the Chief Minister, the festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Now, people are saying that the festival is a burden...

Under the coalition government, people have no money, and the welfare schemes that were previously available to the poor are gone...

The free crop insurance scheme for farmers has been abolished, and compensation is not being given for losses

caused by rains and floods. The condition of the people is also deplorable...

In an unprecedented move in the history of the country, in Andhra Pradesh, farmers are being given cards for urea like ration cards, and only three bags per acre are being given, which is atrocious...

The people of Andhra Pradesh are suffering losses in all respects due to fake fertilizers and fake seeds...

Even after buying urea in the black market and cultivating crops with great difficulty, farmers are suffering huge losses due to the lack of remunerative prices...

Whenever Chandrababu Naidu is in power, he has a disdain and neglectful attitude towards farmers and believes that agriculture is a burden...

The farmers of this state and this region will never forget those who provided them



with water. In our region, farmers are cultivating crops by bringing water through the Kandaleru High-Level Canal...

Recently, some TDP members... The leaders went to Kandaleru and boasted as if they were the ones who did it, even before Sir Arthur Cotton...

The TDP people are very much in the habit of taking credit for work done by others, from Chandrababu Naidu

down to the lowest level functionaries...

The Kandaleru High-Level Canal was the dream of the people of Podalakuru, a drought-prone area...

In the past, the then Chief Minister, the late YS Rajasekhara Reddy, assured the farmers with irrigation rights that they would take only the surplus water without causing any inconvenience to them,

and then he ordered a survey...Through the High-Level Canal, approximately 30,000 acres of land became cultivable...

Water could be supplied through the High-Level Canal only if there were more than 36 TMC of water in Kandaleru. Crops could be cultivated only if there were 50 TMC of water in Kandaleru. When the water level in Kandaleru fell, the farmers would be very worried.

When the farmers requested a lift irrigation scheme, Rajasekhara Reddy approved it and immediately called for tenders. Since only one tender was received, the officials cancelled the tender due to technical reasons...

From the hydrological clearance to the estimation, everything was completed during Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure. Unfortunately, he

passed away...

After Rajasekhara Reddy's death, nobody paid attention to it. It should be noted that while Chandrababu Naidu provided the lift irrigation scheme after becoming Chief Minister, he did not do everything...

It is unfortunate that after everything was prepared, Chandrababu served it and claimed that he did everything...

8 TMC of water is being illegally diverted from the Srisailem reservoir to Telangana every day. They are taking it away. Jagan Mohan Reddy tried to bring 3 TMC of water for the farmers of our state through the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation project.

If the crops in this district fail due to lack of water for the last two or three irrigations, then supplying water from the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation

project would even one day would ensure a successful harvest.

As Jagan Mohan Reddy said, the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation project is like an insurance policy for Nellore district.

As Revanth Reddy said, Chandrababu deliberately shelved the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation project works.

The Royalaseema Lift Irrigation project is as essential for the people of Nellore district as it is for the people of Royalaseema.

The coalition government is deceiving the farmers in every way. The reason for the lack of festive spirit during Sankranthi is Chandrababu's anti-farmer decisions.

We will fight until we achieve the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation project, which will solve the irrigation problems of the farmers of Nellore.

BJP takes to the streets over public issues

Police prevent the protest and siege of the Municipal Commissioner's Office

BJP leaders express outrage over the MLA's performance

(Capital Information)

Mancherial : The BJP launched a protest program over public issues. On Friday, they staged a demonstration by besieging the Municipal Corporation office. BJP State Vice President Verabelli Raghunath Rao and District Party President Venkateswara Goud alleged that the MLA is neglecting development and public welfare. They stated that the people in the district center are facing difficulties due to a lack of

proper basic amenities. They said that the MLA is not paying attention even after roads have been ruined in the name of development. They ridiculed the MLA, saying he had boasted that he would relocate the Pandalam Colony dump yard within 100 days of winning the election.

They criticized the MLA, saying that while he promised to construct a fly-



over at the Lakshmi Talkies junction, he hasn't even constructed the road in front of his own house. They expressed anger, stating that although the MLA promised to show development within six months, three years have passed and the situation remains unchanged.

They also alleged that the MLA is neglecting the problems of Singareni. They questioned why the officials, who are collecting taxes from the

public in the name of the Municipal Corporation, are neglecting development.

They stated that innocent people are being troubled by merging villages into the commissionerate limits. They submitted a memorandum to the Corporation Manager, urging the administration to respond and resolve the public issues.

In this program, BJP leaders Gajula Mukesh Goud, Peddapalli Purushottam, and Jayarama Rao participated.

Rangoli Competitions Grandly Held in Palke Pahad

Giving prominence to women's power

(Capital Information)

Gopalpet : In Palke Pahad village of the mandal, rangoli competitions were organized by the village governing body to mark the Sankranthi festival, filling the village with a festive atmosphere.

Approximately 38 women enthusiastically participated in these competitions, showcasing their skills by creating colorful rangolis. Under the supervision of two female judges, the best rangolis

were selected, and prizes were awarded to the winners. The first prize went to Boddupalli Yadamma, the second prize to Mitta Kadapa Prasanna, and the third prize to Gauragalla Revathi. In addition, encouragement prizes were given to all the participants in the rangoli competition.

Speaking about the rangoli competitions, the village Sarpanch, Nakka Bangaraiyah, said, "Women's power is

important for every household, and such cultural programs bring out the talent in women. In the future too, women should be at the forefront of village development and every program," he urged.

He expressed his special gratitude to Shyam Sundar, an RTC driver from the village, for his cooperation in organizing this event. The participation of children along with adults in these

competitions and their display of skill impressed everyone. The rangolis they created added a special charm to the village.

Deputy Sarpanch Jampanna, ward members, and villagers Praveen Kumar Goud, Waddeman Venkateswamy, Bodi Ramulu, Chennaiah, Rennaiah, Balakishiti, Sivakumar, Pulender, Yadi, Seenu, Karnakar, and others participated in this program.



Fraudulent promise of higher education and jobs abroad

Inter-state accused arrested by Chintapalli police : Additional SP G. Ramesh

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : Chintapalli police have revealed that they have arrested an inter-state accused who was cheating unemployed youth by promising them higher education and jobs abroad and collecting huge sums of money.

An incident of targeting unemployed youth in the district and defrauding them by showing them the lure of "higher education and good jobs abroad" has come to light in the Chintapalli police station limits.

According to the details, based on a complaint filed by Karunabhai from Polepalli Ramnagar in Nalgonda district, Chintapalli police registered an FIR on the allegations that she was cheated after money was taken from her with the promise of sending her son abroad for higher studies and securing a job for him.

During a thorough investigation of this case, a person named Muppalla Leela Krishna was taken into custody



and interrogated. It was revealed that he had committed similar frauds by taking large sums of money from several students in Nalgonda and Warangal districts.

During the interrogation, it was revealed that the arrested accused had previously worked abroad and, after returning to India, became addicted to bad habits. He resorted to these frauds with the intention of earning money easily by using his contacts from abroad. It was found that the accused had deceived a total of eight students and their parents who were interested in going abroad, collecting approximately Rs. 85 lakhs from

them. The accused spent some of the money earned through this fraud on luxuries and extravagant activities. This morning, at around 11 AM, Chintapalli police spotted the accused behaving suspiciously on the Mall village - Marriguda road, took him into custody, and interrogated him.

During the interrogation, they seized three cell phones and a laptop from him. It was also confirmed that cheating cases had already been registered against the accused at Madugulapalli Police Station and Warangal Police Station.

The District SP specially congratulated and announced rewards for Nampally CI D. Raju, Chintapalli SI M. Ramamurthy, and the Chintapalli police staff for their skillful and commendable work in apprehending the culprit in this case.



On this occasion, the Additional SP stated that fraudsters are targeting young people, promising them jobs and appointments in government/private sectors. He warned that they are deceiving innocent people by asking for money in advance in the name of jobs, showing fake appointment letters, and giving false promises through WhatsApp or phone calls.

He advised that information regarding government or private jobs should only be obtained through official notifications, recognized institutions, and government websites. He urged people to be vigilant and immediately inform the nearest police station if anyone asks for money in the name of providing a job.

Warning that strict action will be taken against those who commit such frauds, cases will be registered, and arrests will be made according to the law, the District SP appealed to the people of the district, especially the youth, to be careful, avoid falling victim to such scams, and cooperate with the police department.

Society Must Progress in a Moral and Healthy Manner : Neerudu Ashok Kumar Mudiraj

(Special Correspondent)

Hyderabad : On the occasion of the Bhogi, Makar Sankranti and Kanuma festivals, Neerudu Ashok Kumar Mudiraj, State General Secretary of the Janata Congress Party and Telangana State Chairman of the National Human Rights and Social Justice Commission, extended his heartfelt festival greetings to the people.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Sankranti festivals are not merely celebrations but carry a strong message of moral values and righteous living for society. He explained that Bhogi symbolizes giving up old habits and adopting positive change, Makar Sankranti represents hope, hard work and the fruits of labor, while Kanuma highlights respect for livestock and the close relationship between humans and nature.



He expressed his wish that every family should remain healthy and prosperous, and called upon the youth to stay away from harmful habits and actively participate in the development of society. He particularly emphasized that the protection of human rights and the promotion of social justice are collective responsibilities of all citizens.

Stating that true progress can be achieved only when unity and ethical values are strengthened beyond political differences, Ashok Kumar Mudiraj expressed hope that this Sankranti festival would bring peace, happiness and prosperity into the lives of the people.

THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADDITIONAL SP UNFORGETTABLE : SP D.V. SRINIVASARA

(Capital Information)
Medak : Medak SP Srinivasa Rao stated that Medak Additional SP Mahender has rendered a lot of services to the police department for the past 37 years. Additional SP in Dis-

trict Police Office. A special program was held on the occasion of Mahender completing 37 years of joining the police department in 1989.

On this occasion, the office staff congratulated him heartily. Additional S.P.S

who has served the police department tirelessly for a long time and has set an example in discipline, commitment and public service. Mahender's services were praised by sp.

On this occasion, he was reminded of his efforts in the development of the police department, public safety and peace and security. As part of the program, the staff cut a cake with the Additional SP and felicitated him for his service journey.

Additional SP Mahender thanked his superiors, colleagues and staff who supported him in his journey of service. I am feeling proud working in police department.

DSPs, CIs, SIs and Police personnel of the district along with Home Guard participated in this programme.



Bhogi-Makar Sankranti-Kanuma Festivals Should Bring Prosperity to Every Family : Thandra Vishala Sravan Reddy, Former ZPTC, Keshampet Mandal

(Special Correspondent)

Keshampet : Former ZPTC of Keshampet Mandal, Thandra Vishala Sravan Reddy, expressed her hope that the three-day Sankranti festival celebrations—Bhogi, Makar Sankranti and Kanuma—would fill the lives of people with happiness, peace and prosperity.

Extending festival greetings to the public on the occasion of Sankranti, she said that Sankranti symbolizes rural culture and carries special spiritual and social values as it marks the reward for the hard work of farmers. She explained that Bhogi signifies discarding the old and welcoming the new, Makar Sankranti represents hope and optimism,



while Kanuma reflects respect for livestock.

She wished that every household would be blessed with abundance and prosperity, strengthening unity and mutual affection among family members. She especially advised the youth to celebrate festivals with cultural values without forgetting traditions.

Stating that village development, farmers' welfare and women's empowerment are the driving forces of her political journey, Vishala Sravan Reddy said that festivals serve as powerful platforms to unite society. She expressed hope that this Sankranti would bring health, happiness and positive outcomes to every family.

SP inspects Police Control Room

(Capital Information)
Suryapet : District SP Narasimha stated that the functions of the Police Control Room are crucial in coordinating the staff. He inspected the functioning of the Police Central Control Room and the Police Command and Control Center located at the District Police Office and provided instructions and suggestions to the staff.

On this occasion, the SP said that Dial 100, patrol cars, night patrolling, highway patrolling, Blue Coats, and beat duties should be continuously monitored and the personnel should be kept alert. He said that a large number of complaints are being received directly through Dial 100



whenever accidents or problems occur, and ordered the staff to respond quickly to the complaints and provide police services to the victims.

He said that the Command and Control Center should constantly monitor the situation in

the district, observe suspicious movements, and provide information to the concerned police personnel to work towards crime prevention.

He suggested that every aspect is being monitored at the state level through the Central Command and Control Center, and that providing services quickly will bring recognition to the district police department. He said that the staff should work diligently by constantly alerting and coordinating from the District Police Control Center.

Special Branch Inspector Rama Rao, Police Information Technology Center RSI Rajasekhar, Police Control Room SI, and staff participated along with the SP.



Police station muggu makes a unique memory

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy : Sankranti Muggu program was organized in the premises of Zaheerabad Rural Police Station in Sangareddy District to celebrate the Sankranti festival.

On this occasion, the police station premises were beautifully decorated with beautiful colorful muggu. Zaheerabad Rural Police Station female constable Vanaja beautifully decorated this muggu to enhance Telugu culture with pictures reflecting issues such as traffic rules, the threat to lives of Chinese manja,



and not driving after drinking alcohol.

Police said that this program was organized with the aim of informing the people about the importance of traditional festivals and promoting cultural values in the society.

SI Kashinath appealed to the people to celebrate the Sankranti festival with joy and happiness, follow traffic rules during the festival, and stay away from the use of Chinese manja.

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Employees should influence citizens regarding road safety : DSP Prasanna Kumar

(Capital Information) Suryapet : Suryapet Sub-division. As part of the road safety celebrations introduced by the state government and the 'Arrive Alive' program conducted under the auspices of the police, an awareness program on road safety and 'Arrive Alive' was organized at the Suryapet Municipal office under the supervision of Suryapet Town and Suryapet Traffic Police, as per the orders of Suryapet District SP Narasimha. Speaking at the event, DSP Prasanna Kumar said that currently, most deaths are occurring due to road accidents, and government employees should be responsible in reducing road accidents and fatalities. He urged government employees to influence the general public, citizens, and youth regarding road safety. He said that it is our responsibility to explain to the public the precautions to be taken while traveling. He advised people to wear helmets while traveling, not to drive vehicles under the influence of alcohol, and not to drive vehicles at high speed. He suggested that children should not be given vehicles under any circumstances. He requested that employees and citizens participate in the road safety awareness programs conducted by the police department as a movement. Those who participated in the program were made to take a pledge to follow the rules and regulations regarding road safety and drive vehicles without causing accidents. DSP Prasanna Kumar, MEO Srinivas, RMO Lakshman, Traffic SI Sairam, Town SIs Mahendra Nath, Shiva Teja, and Ailayya, AMVI Vikram, AMVI Sampath, and other employees participated in this program.

Special prayers on the third day at the Mariyagiri pilgrimage site on the hill; Under the leadership of Father Dhanaraj Reddy

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : The Mariya Rani shrine resonated with devotional songs and chants of praise. Christian brothers and sisters from various regions Rani festival, held on the famous Mariyagiri hill in Nalgonda town, were celebrated grandly with devotion and reverence. On this occasion, Bishop Karanam and Dhaman Kumar conducted special prayers, and Rector Father Linga Reddy Dhanaraj Reddy and thousands of devotees participated, immersing themselves in a spiritual atmosphere. From morning till afternoon and from afternoon till evening, the influx of devotees to the hill increased from dawn. Special Holy Mass, prayers, and blessing ceremonies captivated the devotees. The entire Mariya Rani shrine resonated with devotional songs and chants of praise. Christian brothers and sisters from various regions show casing spiritual enthusiasm. Food was served to the devotees who attended. Reverend Father Pasala Bala Karthik, Reverend Father Gopu Joseph, and Most Rev. also participated in this program. Karnam Dhaman Kumar, MSFS, Reverend Father Paul Raj, SHS, Reverend Father Anish Olsen, Rev. Lingareddy Dhanaraj Reddy (Rector), and committee members Dasari Shouri Raju, Ramineni Kiran, Tanam Shouri Reddy Mareddy, Nama Marayya, Konka Kiran Arogyam, Rajasekhar, Rajinikanth, Prem, and others participated. The organizers managed the arrangements meticulously during the festival, ensuring that no inconveniences attended the event and offered their prayers. The Holy Mass, prayers, and blessing ceremonies captivated the devotees.



The wedding of Goddess Goda Devi was celebrated with great splendor

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : In several temples across Nalgonda district, the grand wedding ceremony of Sri Goda and Ranganatha was conducted with great pomp and gaiety by Vedic scholars. On this occasion, the scholars explained the significance of the vow observed by Goddess Goda during Dhanurmasam to marry Lord Ranganatha. A large number of devotees participated in the ceremony, witnessing the wedding and experiencing immense joy. At the Sri Seetharamachandra Swamy temple in Ramagiri, the district headquarters, the wedding was celebrated with great grandeur under the guidance of Sri Tridandi Ramachandra Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamy. Following the ceremony, the Lord's repose service was performed at the Sri Seetharamachandra Swamy temple. Former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy, Chaitanya, Gummala Mohan Reddy and his wife, Executive Officer Jayaramaiah, Chakiliam Venugopal Rao, Sandhya Rani, Vangala Anil Reddy, and other devotees participated in the event.



Good Deeds Are True Worship – Ashok Manchi Revula Sets an Example

(Special Correspondent) Shadnagar : Practicing the principle that "service to humanity is service to God," Mr. Ashok Manchi Revula, a local public representative of Ward No. 7, has initiated yet another humanitarian service. On Wednesday at 11:00 AM, a Free Drinking Water (Filtered Water Plant) was formally inaugurated at the Manchi Revula Ashok Office, located behind Chaitanya School in Ayyappa Colony, Ward No. 7, within the limits of Shadnagar Municipality. Residents from Ayyappa Colony, Eshwar Colony, and surrounding colonies, including elders, youth, and women, participated in large numbers and made the programme a grand success. On the occasion of the inauguration, free water cans were distributed to all attendees, which became a major highlight of the event. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ashok Manchi Revula said, "Quenching the thirst of every human being is true humanitarian duty. Anyone can earn money, but spending it for public welfare reflects a great and compassionate heart. There is no satisfaction greater than serving society." Always at the forefront of addressing developmental needs and basic amenities of Ward No. 7, Mr. Ashok Manchi Revula has earned a special place in the hearts of the people through this free drinking water initiative. Keeping the approaching summer in mind, this programme is expected to be highly beneficial to the local residents. By continuously understanding public issues and offering practical solutions with a spirit of service, Mr. Ashok Manchi Revula stated that many more developmental and welfare programmes would be undertaken in the coming days. Local residents expressed their happiness over his initiatives and wished for the continuation of such meaningful services in the future.



The importance of Media Literacy

After Uttar Pradesh in the country, newspapers have been made compulsory for students in schools even in Rajasthan. This initiative is no doubt to be commended and other states should follow suit. But only with letter knowledge, children do not understand the material published in a newspaper; media literacy is essential to understanding the meaning of news and thought in life. In many parts of the world today, there is an emphasis on teaching media literacy as a serious subject like mathematics, while India's educational thinking is still far from it. With this good start of newspaper reading if media literacy in schools is also necessary, only then will the initiative be able to make its purpose worthwhile. The individual has been considered "literate" for years, but in the 21st century that norm has changed. There is widespread agreement in the world today that a true literate is someone who is 'media literate'. Without receiving its training, one cannot use the media correctly, let alone understand the reality of society. Without information conscious people, it is not possible to build a conscious society. The country immediately remembers this reality. The need to get it because for the first time, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have made it mandatory to read newspapers in schools. Earlier, Himachal Pradesh had taken a similar step. Real gains With the appreciation of this initiative, it is also important to remember that in India, children will not be able to read a newspaper correctly due to lack of media literacy. In other words, they won't be able to take real advantage of it. As much importance is given to teaching mathematics in courses, it will only be upon giving media literacy that an information conscious society can truly be built. In developed countries, more than teachers library people to media and information contribute to making literate. The Amrekin Presidential Library has even prepared the entire framework for students' convenience how to read news in a systematic way and understand its advantages and disadvantages. The importance of media literacy is being acknowledged in developing countries, even a small nation like Bhutan. In keeping with tradition The initiative to



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make the reading of newspapers compulsory in schools has given hope that effective steps will be taken towards media literacy also in time. Since India is already far behind in this area, it's not possible to adopt the global courses as they are. We need to develop our curriculum in line with the country's social experience and intellectual tradition. At the same time it is important to remember that This is the same India, which has thousands of teaching traditions on information and media literacy year old. Soon after the advent of the Vedas, powerful methods of information analysis and reasoning

were developed through texts such as Memansa and Justice. India already has a wealth of knowledge to teach media and information literacy. In the modern era, this topic was started by Canada's province of Ontario in 1978. Behind the opening is an interesting event. The Canadian government felt that its youth lived under the influence of America's culture. Upon searching, it turned out that this was due to the influence of US media. People there are not media literate, experts said, so it happened. After this, teachers came up with a strong course for this subject and its results were positive. Youth could understand how the messages are taken inactive we go away without thinking about them. On the other hand, UNESCO began extensive work on this and widened the blueprint of creating an information conscious society by combining library science's already ongoing information literacy with media literacy. Democracy and the news media it's more essential to understand some fundamental questions before diving into the complex technical concepts of media literacy, as



these are the initial steps in becoming a media literate. It is futile to expect a child or an adult to make perceptive media experiments if they are not systematically told why it is necessary for a citizen to understand the news correctly, what is the relationship between citizen's sense of news and democracy, what constitutes actual news. Uncontrolled and uninforming sources of digital media have made even many educated people forget what real news is like. In its teaching, how does the media work? How does one create messages? How does it operate? Their boundaries are also told along with the importance of news and other messages? Then there's the method of analyzing media messages and sorting out bias. The expansion of digital technology and the misleading information it provided forced the world to make digital literacy a separate branch. These days, with artificial mead dominating the scene, there is now a consensus for literacy in this subject. It seems that all the focus should not be on artificial medha literacy anymore. But its original base will come from media literacy itself, that is the subject now helping to understand the hidden meaning of artificial medha. Teachers of all subjects at the elementary level can develop a civic sense in children through news. Training can then be delivered to schools by having experts in media literacy prepare courses.

Stadium to Classrooms

India, in the present decade, has scripted huge victories in sports, especially women's sports, which have taken Bharat to several heights. The victories across different sporting disciplines have enabled and boosted India's economy and global position as well. Indian states have produced several significantly talented players across different spectrums of sports and fitness. In the 21st century, India is recognised as a nation of excellence in sports and fitness (Yoga) across the globe, in addition to massive growth in innovation and technology. India is the largest member state of

the Commonwealth and continues to contribute to sports, and is privileged to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030. Stadium to Classrooms Indian sports have redefined the spectrum of humanity through striking victories, thereby creating immense talent across different segments such as cricket, chess, and many more. Training in sports and fitness is part of the nation-building exercise and holds significant priority for the growth of the country. There is a need of the hour to enhance best practices in sports and fitness, thereby transforming the thinking

around skilling in sports and fitness from stadiums, school and college playgrounds to classrooms and conference rooms. The Government of India is planning to utilise the benefits of Digital Public Infrastructure by establishing hubs for different sports and fitness disciplines, thereby enabling India to shine and stand unique across the globe. Indian Sports: A Youth-Centric model Khelega India, Khilega India — the torchbearers and core mantra of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi-aim to make India march towards self-reliance in sports and fitness. This youth-

centric mantra builds holistic development and creates an inner spirit of sports and fitness ecosystems and culture in India. The launch of Fit India has promoted healthier lifestyles and has been integrated into daily life among the youth. Excellence in sports and fitness can be achieved by enabling sports and fitness trainers to undergo Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes, which will develop multiple skills and generate additional revenue for the youth as well. The tangible outcomes of reskilling and upskilling youth in sports and fitness include enhanced self-discipline, self-

confidence, empathy, compassion, and most importantly, improved mental and physical well-being, especially among women. The Government of India plans to train youth in yoga and self-defence, aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, the National Skill Qualification Framework, and the National Credit Framework, through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes. Skilling in Sports and Fitness The Government of India aims to introduce internship programmes in sports that will enable students to learn

sports administration, anti-doping testing, and event management. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, along with the Ministry of Sports, is formulating plans to train ITI students and engage them in skilling in sports, yoga, fitness, and self-defence-marking a first-of-its-kind life-skills and community-based learning initiative. Training in self-defence will develop inner strength, confidence, and effective safety mechanisms for young girls and women. NSS & NCC: Community-based learning Indian education systems have adopted effective fitness programmes through the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the National Service Scheme (NSS), which foster holistic youth development. NCC is offered as an elective or choice-based credit course across universities and higher educational institutions. NSS and NCC form the backbone of community-based learning. These home-grown initiatives build a strong talent pool and facilitate youth empowerment. Together, they strengthen the nation by nurturing youth and creating a trained talent pool that leads to excellence in sports.

We will develop municipalities to the fullest : Minister Gaddam Vivekananda

(Capital Information) Mancherla : State Minister for Labor, Employment Training, Factories, Mines and Geology Gaddam Vivekananda said that all the municipalities in the district will be developed to the fullest.

On Friday, District Collector Kumar Deepak, Kyatanapalli Municipal Commissioner Raju, Mandamarri Mandal Tehsildar Satish, DCC. President Raghunath Reddy laid the foundation stone for various development works within the limits of the Kyatanapalli Municipal in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the State Minister said that special steps will be taken for the development of municipalities and that internal roads connecting every village in Chennai constituency will be constructed and sewerage will be constructed as part of sanitation management.

He said that the welfare schemes undertaken by the government for the welfare of



the people will be provided to the eligible beneficiaries. He said that steps have been taken in coordination with the authorities to provide the fruits of the scheme to the eligible poor under the Indiramma Indla Scheme. He said that steps are being taken to provide continuous clean drinking water to every household through Nalla connection under the Amruth Scheme.

In the 1st ward of Kyatanapalli Municipality, 73 lakh 46 thousand rupees have been provided in Alluri-

nagar, 2nd ward Tilaknagar, 72 lakh 56 thousand rupees have been provided in the 7th ward, 72 lakh 56 thousand rupees have been provided in the 8th ward Chaitanya Colony, 1 crore 89 lakh rupees have been provided in the 9th ward R.R.

He said that the work will be undertaken with the estimated cost of TUFIDC, DMFT, CSR and city development funds at an estimated cost of Rs. 46 lakh in Nagar, Rs. 52 lakh 50 thousand in New Thimmapur, Rs. 44 lakh 50 thousand in Old

Thimmapur, Rs. 6 lakh 17 thousand in Gandhinagar area of Ward 12, Rs. 6 lakh 17 thousand in Amnagar area of Ward 13, Rs. 27 lakh 22 thousand in Mallikarjuna Nagar area of Ward 14, and Rs. 34 lakh 64 thousand in Ganga Colony in Ward 16. He said that he will work to fully develop every area under the Chennai constituency in the district and provide facilities to the people without any problems.

The District Collector said that steps will be taken to complete the work quickly by

utilizing the funds sanctioned for development works in the municipal limits in a planned manner.

He said that water tanks and other ancillary works will be undertaken and continued under the Amruth scheme to provide continuous drinking water to every house next summer.

He said that development works will be undertaken to meet the minimum needs of the people. Officers of the concerned departments and public representatives participated in this program.

With the aim of fostering sportsmanship among the youth, the CM's Cup is being organized prestigiously : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

(Capital Information) Nakrekal : Nakrekal MLA Sri Vemula Veeresham lit the sports torch and flagged off the rally in Nakrekal town for the "CM Cup 2026" sports competitions, which the government has undertaken prestigiously with the aim of unearthing the hidden sporting talent among the youth in rural areas.

On this occasion, the Nakrekal MLA said that the objective of the CM Cup is to identify talented sportspersons from the village level to the state level and provide them with opportunities. The sports torch rally stands as a symbol of promoting health awareness, interest in sports, and a sense of unity among



the youth. Sports develop physical fitness, as well as mental strength, discipline, patience, and leadership qualities. The people's government is moving forward by focusing special attention on strengthening the sports sector.

The CM Cup sports competitions are contributing to bringing out the talent of sportspersons from rural areas. The Chief Minister is paying special attention to sports and taking measures for the development of the sports sector. The government's primary objective is for athletes

from Telangana to excel at the national and international levels.

The Telangana state government is giving utmost importance to sports and is conducting the prestigious Chief Minister's Cup with the aim of fostering a sporting spirit among the youth. These competitions are being organized with the goal of identifying talented athletes from the village level to the state level and providing them with suitable opportunities.

The Sports Torch Rally is not just an event, but a symbol that promotes health awareness, interest in sports, and a sense of unity among the youth.



CM Revanth Reddy Pays Floral Tribute to Former Union Minister S. Jaipal Reddy

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday paid rich floral tributes to former Union Minister late S. Jaipal Reddy on the occasion of his 84th birth anniversary. The Chief Minister visited Spurthi Sthal, the memorial of Jaipal Reddy, located on PV Marg (Necklace Road) in Hyderabad, and offered flowers, recalling the services of the veteran leader to the nation and the state.

Several dignitaries joined the Chief Minister in paying homage. Among those present were Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, Chief Minister's Advisor Vem Narendar Reddy, along with public representatives, family members and admirers of Jaipal Reddy.

Leaders remembered S. Jaipal Reddy as a principled politician, an intellectual statesman and a committed advocate of democratic values, whose contributions to public life continue to inspire future generations.



Meru Cricket League (MCL) Season 4

(Capital Information) Jagtial/Hyderabad : Meru MKVSS State Vice President Kothapally Vinod Kumar announced a total prize money of ₹25,000 for the upcoming MCL Season 4 cricket tournament, to be held on January 17-18, 2026, at Babu Rao Sagar Cricket Grounds, Uppal.

The prize distribution includes ₹15,000 for the winning team and ₹10,000 for the runner-up. This announcement was made in loving memory of his late parents, Smt. Kothapally Sakkubai and Kothapally Pandu Raj, aiming to encourage young Meru players and foster community spirit.

The event will feature participants from various districts and twin cities, with live streaming on YouTube, and food and accommodation provided for players over two days. The tournament's slogan is "All are Welcome" and "MERA CRICKET LEAGUE LET'S UNITE," with a unique logo featuring a cricket ball and a sewing machine, symbolizing the Meru community's traditional occupation.

MKVSS president Vodapalli Madhav Meru expressed gratitude to all donors and supporters, especially Vinod Kumar, for his inspiration and generosity.

Physical Fitness and Discipline Are Achieved Through Sports : United Palamuru MLC Naveen Reddy

MPL Premier League Season-10 Concludes Successfully; Prizes Distributed to Players by MLC Naveen Reddy

(Special Correspondent) Shadnagar : United Palamuru MLC Naveen Reddy stated that sports not only keep the body strong but also enhance immunity, help prevent several diseases, and play a vital role in inculcating discipline and moral values among players.

He attended the valedictory ceremony of MPL League Season-10, held at Mamidipally village in Nandigama Mandal, as the chief guest and distributed prizes to the players.

In the tournament, Modalagudda Team emerged as the winners, while Majid Mamidipally Team secured the runner-up position. Speaking on the occasion, MLC Naveen Reddy emphasized the importance of encouraging youth to actively participate in

sports for their physical and mental well-being.

The event was attended by Mamidipally Sarpanch Motkuri



Hanumanth Reddy, Veerlapally Sarpanch Chindam Pandu, Mamidipally Deputy Sarpanch Mamilapally Raju, former Mamidipally Sarpanch Kavitha Srinivas, former Veerlapally Sarpanch Sudhakar Goud, BRS leaders Raghupathi Reddy, Satya Satyanarayana, Venkateswar Reddy, Sangaiah Goud, ward members Sameera Ashraf, Prabhu, Alluri Sripral Reddy, Srikanth, Usha Maheshwari Reddy, Prabhakar, Anita Ashok, Mamatha Kiran Goud, along with village elders, organizers, youth leaders, and players.



Advertisement for Kathram Foundation featuring a portrait of a man and text in Telugu. Text includes: 'ద్వాదశ దిన కర్క', 'కాత్త పాండురంగారావు', 'సంవత్సరం: 9-1-2026', 'సేవ: 17-1-2026', 'ద్వాదశ దిన కర్క తేది: 19-1-2026 సోమవారం', 'జయగుణని తెలియజేయుటకు చింతిస్తున్నాము కావున బంధువులు, మిత్రులు పాల్గొని వారి పవిత్ర ఆత్మకు శాంతి చేకూర్చగలరని మనవి.', 'కార్యకర్తలు: మా స్వగ్రామం, విభాగవారీ గ్రామం, ఉమ్మడిపాలెం మం. నాగోరకపూర్ జిల్లా. ఇట్లు కుమారులు, కాడపల్లి, కూతుర్లు, అల్లులు, మనమండ్రు, మనమరాళ్లు', 'సెల్ : 9490984797, 9391110288, 9553004852, 9440124825.'

DO NOT GO TO DANGEROUS PLACES IN MANJEERA RIVER : ADDITIONAL SP S. MAHENDER

(Capital Information) Medak : Medak District Additional SP S. Mahender examined Manjeera river Edupayala temple area. On the occasion of Magha Amavasya, lakhs of devotees bathe in the holy Manjira river on Sunday. After vent to Vanadurga temple.

On this occasion, the management of barricading, parking spaces and queues used by devotees were reviewed. He said that the entire Bandobast has been set up with around 250 personnel.



He said that devotees should not go to areas with high flow of water and to unknown low-lying places. It has been clarified that bathing should be done only in the safe places indicated by the police.

Similarly, the queues where the devotees visit the temple premises were

observed. The concerned officials were directed to set up signs indicating the dangerous areas where the devotees take bath and to take steps to avoid any trouble to the devotees.

The Additional SP advised the officials to carefully implement all the arrangements keeping in mind the safety and comfort of the people.

On this occasion, Additional SP was accompanied by Medak Rural CI George and Kulcharam SI Ahmed Mohinuddin.

Prizes presented to winners under the auspices of the Kathram Foundation

(Capital Information) Kodad : On Friday evening, at the prize distribution ceremony held at Vantipuli Gopayya Ground in Kodad, marking the conclusion of the Kathram Premier League cricket competitions.

Big Boss contestant Sohail, former Kodad MLA Venepalli Chandarao, Kodad DSP Srinivasa Reddy, Nizamabad Division Excise Dy. Commissioner Somireddy, Mutthavarapu Pantharanga Rao, Ravella Seetharamaiah, Market Chairman Mahboob Jani, MEO Saleem Sharif, Baddam Kr-



ishnareddy, Mutthavarapu Ramarao, and members of the Kathram Foundation family participated as chief guests and presented the prizes. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ramanjaneyulu. Members of the Kathram Foundation committee also participated in this program.