

**PANCHANGAM**

**Tithi**  
Krishna Paksha Thadiya  
Upto : Jan 06 08:01 AM  
Krishna Paksha Chavithi  
Upto : Jan 07 06:52 AM

**Nakshatra**  
Ashlesha  
Upto : Jan 06 12:17 PM  
Magha  
Upto : Jan 07 11:56 AM

**Rahukalam**  
3:06 PM - 4:29 PM

**Yamagandam**  
9:36 AM - 10:59 AM

**Gulika**  
12:21 PM - 1:44 PM

**Dur Muhurat**  
09:03 AM - 09:47 AM,  
11:03 PM - 11:55 PM

**Varjyam**  
12:06 AM - 01:41 AM

**WEATHER**

**Forecast : Sunny**  
**Temperature : 27° / 16°**  
**Humidity : 42 %**  
**Sunrise : 6:51 AM**  
**Sunset : 5:51 PM**

## Record placement as IIT-Hyderabad student gets Rs 2.5 crore package

**Sangareddy:** A fourth year computer science engineering (CSE) student of Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IITH) Edward Nathan Varghese was offered a highest ever package to an IITH student by Netherland based firm Optiver. Edward was interviewed by the only firm after his two months of internship with the company. He was offered Rs 2.5 crore per annum package by the multinational company. No student had got more than one crore package in 17 years of IITH's history so far. Edward will start his career as software engineer in July this year after completing his graduation. Two other students were offered Rs 1.1 crore per annum by other firms while four students of the institute were offered Rs 75 lakhs to Rs one crore per placement offers during the first phase of placement drive in the institute.

## Sridhar Babu raises objection over BRS MLAs comments on Speaker

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Amidst the political speculations and debates, Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu said as on date there was no official plan to divide Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

The State government was expanding the GHMC area by merging 27 ULBSs into the corporation. This had triggered a political storm and speculations over GHMC likely to be divided into three corporations.

However, during question hour in the Assembly on Monday, the Minister clarified that there were no such plans.

The total outstanding debt of GHMC as on December 31, 2025 was Rs.4,717.81 crore. No debt has been accrued in the last 12 months, he said. Re-



plying to a question posed by BRS Floor Leader T Harish Rao, he said Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) was raising Rs.5,000

crore loans from debt market and nationalized banks.

The Minister found fault with the BRS Members for skipping the Assembly session and

said it reflected their commitment towards the people's issues. If the BRS Members had any objections over the River Krishna waters presentation, they should have raised the same in the House. Instead, they made presentations outside and was it correct, he asked.

"As the Speaker you had only asked the Members to refrain from making personal abuses. However, they are making objectionable comments on the Chair and this needs to be taken up seriously," Sridhar Babu said. The BRS Members behaviour towards the Speaker and casting aspersions on the Chair was incorrect. This had to be viewed seriously, the Legislative Affairs Minister appealed to the Speaker.



Ministers Konda Surekha, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and temple priests met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and extended the invitation to the Medaram Sammakka-Sarakka Maha Jatara. The CM unveiled the Medaram Maha Jatara poster on the occasion.



Ministers Konda Surekha and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and extended an invitation to the Brahmotsavam of Ainavol Mallikarjuna Swamy. Temple priests offered blessings to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

## KCR's Single Press Meet Sparks Water War Debate Across States

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** A single press conference by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) has triggered intense political ripples from the streets to the national capital, bringing the contentious inter-State water issue back into sharp focus.

For nearly two years, the ruling dispensation claimed achievements, but remained silent even as neighbouring States allegedly diverted water. It was only after KCR raised pointed questions that the issue resurfaced in public discourse, with critics alleging deliberate inaction earlier.

Since assuming power, government leaders have repeatedly invoked KCR's name, often stating that "KCR must return," a refrain that continued

until he finally addressed the media. In his press meet, KCR laid bare what he termed as

control. Matters escalated further when an Assembly session was convened, during which statements made by the government reportedly invited sharp reactions from leaders and officials of neighbouring States.

Political observers note that with just one press meet, KCR managed to set the agenda, igniting a heated debate that resonated from the grassroots to New Delhi. The fallout has led to renewed tensions over water sharing, with discussions intensifying in both States involved.

The episode, supporters claim, underscores KCR's ability to dictate the narrative, asserting that agenda-setting is not the government's prerogative alone, but something KCR continues to command.



failures and false claims of the present government regarding water management.

For the past 15 days, the government has been struggling to counter the allegations, attempting damage

## Supreme Court Dismisses Phone Tapping Petitions Against Harish Rao

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Supreme Court on Monday made it clear that no investigation is required in the alleged phone tapping case involving senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao, dismissing two petitions filed in this regard.

The apex court refused to interfere with the Telangana High Court's earlier verdict that quashed the FIR registered against Harish Rao, stating that there was no material evidence to justify further probe. The bench observed that the allegations were not supported by any technical or documentary proof and were largely based on media reports.

While dismissing the petitions, the Supreme Court reiter-

ated that mere media leaks cannot be treated as evidence in a criminal case. It held that without technical evidence, courts cannot permit a fishing or roving inquiry

phone tapping allegations with other cases, a move the court found unconvincing in the absence of concrete proof.

The apex court noted that despite repeated opportunities, the government failed to place any credible evidence on record to substantiate its claims. Calling the arguments speculative, the court dismissed both petitions together, putting a clear end to the attempt to re-

open the issue.

With this, the Supreme Court has once again underlined that allegations of phone tapping must be backed by solid technical evidence, and cannot be pursued solely on assumptions or media reports.



## Kondagattu Development: BRS Slams BJP, Cautions Against 'Political PR' Over TTD Funds

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has strongly refuted allegations surrounding the development of the Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy temple, asserting that it was the BJP leadership that repeatedly obstructed former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's efforts to develop the shrine, even on matters related to religious sentiments.

BRS leaders recalled that in 2018, the KCR government handed over 333 acres of revenue land to the Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy temple for enhancing temple revenue and facilitating large-scale development. Further strengthening its commitment, the state government announced Rs 100 crore for Kondagattu in December 2022. In February 2023, KCR personally visited the temple along with renowned architect Anand Sai and his team, and announced an additional Rs 500 crore. The government decided to prepare and



implement a master plan on the lines of Yadadri, strictly in accordance with Agama Shastra norms.

"These were official announcements made from the state exchequer. Government is a continuous process, and successive governments are expected to carry forward such decisions," BRS leaders said.

Responding to recent criticism over Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) releasing Rs

35.11 crore for amenities at Kondagattu, the party clarified that such funding support by TTD is neither new nor unprecedented. In 2023, a Venkateswara Swamy temple in Siddipet was inaugurated with Rs 30 crore from TTD funds, while in the same year, a Venkateswara Swamy temple in Karimnagar saw bhoomi puja with Rs 20 crore from TTD support.

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## Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh Inaugurates India's First Integrated RAS Trout Farm in Hyderabad

### Government of India Committed to Supporting Innovation in Fisheries Through various Schemes specifically designed for Fisheries : Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, on Monday inaugurated SmartGreen Aquaculture's India's first Integrated Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) trout farm at Ranga Reddy district, Hyderabad.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Minister described the project as a path-breaking milestone for the fisheries sector, stating that it "goes beyond imagination" and demonstrates the transformative power of technology in aquaculture.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that the successful cultivation of trout a cold-water species in Hyderabad proves that any fish species can be produced anywhere in India with



the adoption of the right technology.

He emphasized that temperature-controlled aquaculture systems can overcome traditional geographical and climatic limitations, opening new possibilities for fisheries development

various schemes and funding mechanisms. He assured that full support would be extended for the promotion of RAS and other advanced aquaculture technologies, noting that entrepreneurs adopting these systems are playing a crucial role in strengthening both the fisheries and agriculture sectors.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines; S. P. Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj; George Kurian, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Minority Affairs; and V. K. Srihari, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Sports & Youth Services, Government of Telangana.

## Telangana to Raise Rs. 10,600 Cr Fresh Loans in Three Months

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Telangana government has proposed to raise fresh loans worth ₹10,600 crore during the final quarter of the current financial year (2025-26) to meet mounting debt servicing obligations and key expenditure commitments.

According to finance department sources, the state has informed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that it plans to mobilise the loans between January 1 and March 31. The borrowing plan includes ₹2,600 crore in January, ₹4,000 crore in February and another ₹4,000 crore in March.

Officials said fresh borrowing has become unavoidable as the government is required to make substantial monthly payments towards interest and principal on earlier loans. The RBI conducts weekly auctions of government bonds every Tuesday to facilitate borrowing by states, for which proposals are sought nearly three months in advance.

**Interest burden mounts**

Finance department officials revealed that the state is currently paying up to ₹5,500 crore every month towards interest and principal repayments. During the ongoing financial year alone, the interest outgo is estimated to touch nearly ₹25,000 crore.

In an effort to ease the burden, the state government has recently approached the Centre seeking permission to refinance about ₹87,000 crore of loans taken earlier at interest rates of 10 to 11 per cent, replacing them with borrowings at lower rates of 7 to 8 per cent. If approval is granted, the state's borrowing programme could expand further, though the funds would be used strictly for servicing existing debt.

At the same time, the government needs to mobilise resources for welfare commitments, including the Rythu Bharosa scheme, under which financial assistance is to be credited to farmers' bank accounts. The scheme is expected to require up to ₹9,000 crore, for which funds must be released by the finance department to the agriculture department.

Officials also pointed out that growth in tax revenues has remained below expectations, hovering at under 10 per cent compared to last year, making additional borrowing inevitable to bridge the fiscal gap.

## GHMC Commissioner Urges New Officers to Gain Holistic Understanding of Departmental Functions

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan has advised newly appointed Additional Commissioners and Zonal Commissioners to develop a comprehensive understanding of the functioning and core responsibilities of various GHMC departments to ensure effective and coordinated civic administration.

with the operational structure and performance of different wings of the civic body.

Officials from key departments — Engineering and Infrastructure, Health and Sanitation, Revenue and Planning, Administration and Support, and Urban Services and Development — made detailed PowerPoint presentations to the Additional Commissioners and Zonal Commissioners. The sessions provided an

overview of departmental roles, responsibilities and performance parameters, while queries raised by the officers were addressed by the respective departmental heads.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Karnan said that structured presentations on departmental overviews and core functions would enable officers to discharge their du-



ties with clarity and efficiency. He informed that a series of focused presentations would be conducted over the coming days — on Projects on January 6, Sanitation on January 7, Town Planning on January 8, and Maintenance on January 9.

The Commissioner also directed senior officials to prepare comprehensive, zone-wise PowerPoint presentations highlighting departmental performance and core functions, and urged officers to make optimal use of these orientation programmes to gain a holistic understanding of GHMC's functioning and resolve operational issues.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioners G. Srijana, Vinay Krishna Reddy, Hemant Keshavapatil, Raghu Prasad, Pankaja, Manga Thayaru and Satyanarayana; Zonal Commissioners G. Mukunda Reddy, Apoorv Chauhan, K. Chandrakala, Radhika Gupta, Priyanka Ala, Sanchit Gangwar, Hemant Borkade, Ravi Kiran, Sahadev Rao, Chief Engineers Sahadev Ratnakar and Jyothi and other senior officials.



## Collector Reviews Preparations for Mahabubnagar Municipal Elections

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar :** As part of the arrangements for the forthcoming second general municipal elections, a review meeting was held with municipal officials at the Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation office. The Collector reviewed the election preparedness, particularly the process related to the voters' lists.

Officials informed that the draft voters' list, prepared polling station-wise, was published on January 1. Objections and claims on the draft list are being received till January 8. After resolving the objections, the final voters' list will be published on January 10.

During the review, the Collector examined the objections and complaints received from voters and the general public. Officials stated that so far 135 complaints and objections have been received. The Collector directed the officials to carefully scrutinise all the representations and ensure that the final voters' list is prepared accurately without any scope for errors.

The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Mahabubnagar Municipal Commissioner Praveen Kumar Reddy, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Rajanna, Assistant City Planner Karnakar Goud, Joshna Devi, Revenue Officer Khaja, Yadaiah, Manager Venkateswara Rao and other officials.

# Pranaya Kalahotsavam Celebrated with Religious Fervor

•TTD Facilitates Smooth Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirumala :** The unique festival, Pranaya Kalahotsavam was celebrated in a grand manner at Tirumala on Sunday evening.

It is a traditional practice to conduct the Pranaya Kalahotsavam in Tirumala every year on the sixth day of Vaikuntha Ekadasi and the 17th day of the Adhyayanotsavam.

As part of the festivities, at around 4 PM, Sri Malayappa Swamy mounted the palanquin proceeded along the Maha Pradakshina path to the Swami Pushkarini. Meanwhile, His two consorts arrived on separate palanquins, moving in the opposite direction, and



stood facing Sri Malayappa Swamy.

During the recitation of the Puranas, the Jeeyangars, on behalf of the goddesses, gently showered flower garlands on Sri Malayappa Swamy three times.

Sri Malayappa Swamy enacted a gesture of fear and

pleaded innocence before the consorts.

Subsequently, the Consorts Sridevi and Bhudevi were pacified and joined their beloved on His either side and proceeded back to the temple. This was followed by the Asthanam ceremony.

A special feature of this

festival is the recitation of paurams from the Divya Prabandham composed by Sri Nammalwar, rendered by the archakas in the Nindastuti style.

The event was attended by Pedda Jeeyar Swamy, Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, TTD Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, Deputy Sri Lokanatham, other officials, and devotees.

Later, addressing the media, TTD Additional EO said that the Pranaya Kalahotsavam was conducted strictly as per scriptures. He also informed that the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan on the sixth day has been progressing smoothly.

He highlighted that on the

fifth day (Saturday), a record number of nearly 89,000 devotees were provided darshan.

He added that, with the support of AI technology, common devotees who entered the queue lines for Sarva Darshan were able to have darshan within 12 hours.

He further stated that all departments are working in close coordination, continuously monitoring queue management on the ground to significantly reduce waiting time for devotees.

He assured that till January 8, all officials are making concerted efforts to continue providing hassle free darshan to the devotees.



## Sanaya Homes to Invest SAR 100 Million in Madina and Riyadh Real Estate Projects

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad :** Ms. Santoshi Roopa, Founder and Managing Director of Hayat Homes, Saudi Arabia, based in Riyadh, recently visited Hyderabad along with a delegation representing the design fit-out and e-commerce sectors from Riyadh. Hayat Homes is a leading design and fit-out solutions provider for hospitality, commercial, and luxury residential projects, including high-end homes and palaces across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

During the visit, an exclusive high-level meeting was held in Hyderabad with Mr. Ilyas Khan, Chairman of Sanaya Group, in the presence of Mr. Mohammad Shamsuddin, Principal Advisor to Sanaya Homes.

The discussions focused on upcoming real estate opportunities in Madina and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where a strategic joint venture between Sanaya Group and Hayat Homes is set to take shape. As part of this collaboration, Sanaya Homes will invest SAR 100 million in the proposed developments.

The projects will include premium high-end apartment complexes and luxury villas offered at affordable price points, with the first phase expected to commence by mid-2026. The initiative aligns with Saudi Arabia's progressive real estate reforms, which allow foreign investors to purchase properties with full ownership and without the requirement of a local partnership. *Picture courtesy, by Snaps India.*

## Kondagattu Development: BRS Slams BJP, Cautions Against 'Political PR' Over TTD Funds

*(Cont. from Pg 1)* "In both these instances, apart from the TTD Executive Officer and board members, no Andhra Pradesh political leaders indulged in publicity or PR stunts," the BRS pointed out, alleging that the current controversy stems from attempts to politically exploit the Kondagattu platform for entry into Telangana politics.

The party also took a veiled dig at remarks made by Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, who had earlier referred to Kondagattu as a stage for political struggles that led to Revanth Reddy becoming Chief Minister. "What struggles and against whom?" BRS leaders questioned.

While welcoming development works at Kondagattu using TTD funds and extending congratulations to TTD and Pawan Kalyan for their cooperation, the BRS appealed to political leaders not to use the sacred shrine for political mileage. "Good initiatives should be appreciated, but there must also be the maturity to criticise those who misuse such initiatives for political gain," the party said.

## Collector Unveils TGO New Year Calendar

**(Capital Information)**

**Mahabubnagar :** District Collector Viziendira Boyi on Monday unveiled the New Year calendar of the Telangana Gazetted Officers Association (TGO) at the Collectorate conference hall.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector extended New Year greetings to gazetted officers and urged them to continue delivering efficient and people-centric services in the coming year.

The event was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudhan Naik, TGO State Vice-President Ramakrishna Goud, TGO District President Vijay, Secretary Varaprasad, Treasurer K. Titus Paul, Zilla Parishad CEO Venkata Reddy, Revenue Divisional Officer Naveen, District Public Relations Officer Srinivas, and members of the Telangana Gazetted Officers' district executive committee.

## All pending Prajavani grievances must be resolved within a week : Collector B. Chandrasekhar

**(Capital Information)**

**Nalgonda :** District Collector B. Chandrasekhar instructed district officials to resolve all pending Prajavani grievances within a week. On Monday, during the Prajavani program, he received complaints from the public in the meeting hall of the Collector's office. After receiving the complaints, the Collector said that endorsements for resolved complaints should be given online, and if any complaint remains unresolved, it should be examined, a report obtained from the field level, and resolved immediately.

He said that district officials, RDOs, and Sub-Collectors should focus special attention on Prajavani complaints and review them regularly. Since many complaints are being received regarding pensions, Indiramma houses, and other issues, he instructed the DRDO and Housing Department Project Directors to



assign a person with a laptop to the Prajavani program to provide information to the complainants immediately.

He said that every Monday, after the Prajavani program, a coordination meeting of district officials would be held to review important issues, reports, and the implementation of schemes, and that district officials should be prepared with the relevant information. He stated that two venues have been identified in the

district headquarters for training the Sarpanches, and that training programs will also be conducted for ward members.

He instructed the special officers of the respective municipal mandals to review the draft voter list published in the municipalities and submit a report to him. He directed the Mandal special officers to visit the hostels, submit a report in the prescribed proforma, and inquire about and ad-

dress all the problems related to the students.

He said that the tenth-grade examination results should improve this year compared to last year. He urged the Mandal special officers to play a special role at the Mandal level. He stated that important government schemes would be reviewed regularly, and separate meetings would be held with Tahsildars and MPDOs once a month. He requested all officers to attend the Prajavani (public grievance redressal) program.

Additional Collector J. Srinivas, Miryalaguda Sub-Collector Narayana Amit, In-charge Additional Collector for Local Bodies, RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, Devarakonda RDO Ramanareddy, Chandur RDO Sridevi, and other district officials received complaints from the public. This Monday, 118 complaints were received, with 65 complaints going to district officials and 53 to revenue officials.

## Purchase Unreserved Railway Tickets in RailOne Mobile App and Avail 3% discount

- Indian Railways introduces discount of 3% on purchase of unreserved tickets in RailOne App through all digital means except R-Wallet.
- The facility will come into effect from 14th January up to 14th July, 2026

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad :** RailOne App which has been launched by Indian Railways recently is a comprehensive, all-in-one application with a user-friendly interface. The app is available for download on Android PlayStore and IOS App Store. It integrates all the passenger services such as Unreserved, platform tickets, reserved tickets, Live train tracking, Grievance Redressal and E-catering etc. RailOne App is focused on improving passenger interface with railways. It also supports existing UTS App credentials.

Purchase of unreserved tickets through this APP has been made easy and in simple terms, the passengers can book their tickets (both Journey/Platform tickets) from their home itself and board the train without standing in long queues for purchasing the Unreserved Tickets.

In line with the digital India initiative, the app enables cashless transactions and passengers can make the payment through different digital modes such as R- Wallet, Paytm, PhonePe, Google pay, UPI Apps or through internet banking etc.

Now, Ministry of Railways has decided to provide 3% discount on the purchase of unreserved tickets through RailOne APP by utilizing all digital payment platforms. The provision of 3% discount while booking unreserved tickets through digital means will be in force during the period from 14th January to 14th July, 2026. However, the existing system of giving 3% cash back continues for the purchase of unreserved tickets through R-Wallet.



## Capital Information Calendar Unveiled at Narayana Dental College

**(Capital Information)**

**Nellore :** The Year Calendar of Capital Information was inaugurated at Narayana Dental College and Hospital here on Monday. The calendar was unveiled in the presence of Principal of Narayana Dental College and Hospital, Dr. Ajay Reginald, Academic Dean Dr. Nuvvula Sivakumar, Professor and Head of the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology Dr. N. Kannan, and APUWJ State Secretary Jayaprakash Anumula.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries appreciated the role of Capital Information in upholding journalistic values and disseminating credible news. They extended their best wishes to the team for the New Year and hoped that the publication would continue to serve the public with responsible and unbiased reporting.

## Centre's New Scheme Depriving Rural Labour of Employment: Nuthi Srikanth Goud

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad :** Telangana BC State Finance Corporation Chairman Nuthi Srikanth Goud has alleged that the Centre has begun efforts to gradually weaken and eventually dismantle the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), which has been a lifeline for the rural poor by providing employment.

In a media statement issued on Monday, Goud said the Centre has renamed MGNREGS as "Viksit Bharat Ziraam Jee" and pushed through a related Bill in Parliament. The Bill was introduced on December 16 and passed on December 18 amid protests, without any detailed discussion, he alleged.

He stated that while employment works under MGNREGS were earlier implemented through gram

panchayats, the new law introduces several changes. These include increasing the permissible work period to 125 days, temporarily suspending works for up to 60 days during the agricultural season, and planning works at State, district and block levels in line with "Viksit Bharat" goals. Weekly wage payments, division of works based on parameters fixed by village-level centres, and state-wise allocation of works were also part of the new framework, he said.

Goud expressed concern that the new law shifts a greater financial burden onto States, with funding now structured at 60 per cent by the Centre and 40 per cent by States. Any additional expenditure beyond allocations would have to be borne entirely by the States, he



added.

Recalling the origins of the scheme, Goud said the UPA government introduced the rural employment guarantee programme to curb migration of rural poor to cities and to address growing discontent among villagers. Launched in 2005 with the objective of providing sustainable livelihoods and improving productivity of rural assets, the scheme was renamed MGNREGS in 2009,

with a promise of 100 days of work per job card-holding family.

As of 2024, he noted, over 9.02 crore families across the country possess job cards. However, successive governments have failed to ensure 100 days of employment to every eligible family, he said, expressing anguish over the dilution of the scheme.

### Employment Is a Right, Not Charity

Goud said that despite irregularities and corruption in implementation, MGNREGS has provided some relief to rural poor, including tribal communities. "Employment is a right of the people, not charity," he asserted, alleging that the NDA government's new law aims to take away even this limited support.

### Pillar of Economic Stability

Highlighting the role of

MGNREGS during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Goud said the scheme acted as a crucial safety net for rural farmers and labourers and served as an important pillar in stabilising the Indian economy. He warned that the new law would impose additional financial stress on States like Telangana.

To address the situation, Goud suggested that Telangana constitute an advisory council and focus on community-based initiatives. He proposed large-scale community plantations, fruit orchards and vegetable cultivation in common village lands to enable collective employment. He also recommended construction of water bodies and promotion of fish farming, which could provide economic support to small gram panchayats and generate sustained rural employment.

## TTD EO Directs Officials to Submit Comprehensive Report on Maintenance of TTD Kalyan Mandapams

**(Capital Information)**

**Tirumala :** The TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singh, has directed officials concerned to prepare a comprehensive report on the management of TTD Kalyana Mandapams constructed across various parts of the country for the convenience of the devotees.

He reviewed the matter during an Internal Audit meeting held on Monday at the meeting hall of the TTD Administrative Building in Tirupati.

Speaking on the occasion, the EO instructed the Tirupati JEO to prepare a detailed status report covering aspects such as the number of Kalyana Mandapams that are well-utilized, underutilized, modernised, and other related details, and to formulate a comprehensive policy to facilitate convenient usage by devotees



and submit the same to the TTD Board.

The EO also directed that the Tiruvabharanam registers in TTD temples be digitized and proper documentation be prepared.

He further emphasized that tools and planning related to infrastructure across all TTD departments should be updated regularly.

With regard to accommodation facilities in Tirumala and Tirupati, the EO instructed that the existing Facility Management System (FMS) app be made more ac-

cessible to devotees.

He suggested the installation of QR codes to enable easy downloading of the app and to allow devotees to directly record their feedback.

The EO also directed officials to further strengthen facility management services in TTD accommodation complexes to ensure that devotees' issues are resolved promptly without any inconvenience.

The EO advised seeking expert assistance to prepare stable and accurate records pertaining to

TTD lands, sites, and other properties.

He also instructed that ticket scanning facilities be provided in TTD affiliated temples for issuing darshan tickets and for distributing Bahumanam to devotees participating in Arjitha Sevass.

Further, he directed the Engineering Department to ensure timely payments to contractors, to fill teaching staff vacancies in TTD Veda Patasalas, and to complete pending works in the Forest Department within stipulated timelines.

He also suggested implementing a biometric attendance system for sanitation workers working in TTD temples and at various accommodation.

TTD JEO Veerabrahmam, CVSO Muralikrishna, FA & CAO Balaji, CE Satyanarayana, and other officials were present.



## Collector participates in review meeting as official PIC of NDCC Bank

**(Capital Information)**

**Nizamabad Bureau :** NizamabadAfter assuming charge as official PIC on Monday, Nizamabad District Collector, Magistrate Ila Tripathi, visited the bank headquarters for the first time, was welcomed by the bank's Chief Executive Officer Nagabhushanam Vande. He then held a review meeting with the officials, inquired about the bank's details.

Later, collector participated in a district-level technical meeting and finalized the crop-wise loans to be given per acre for the upcoming Rabi and Kharif seasons. District agriculture department officials, bank officials, farmers participated in this meeting.

Mandal Education Department officials must visit the schools under their jurisdiction in a month : Collector B.Chandrasekhar

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar ordered that the officers of Mandal Education Department must visit the schools under their jurisdiction during the month. He ordered that teachers and MEOs should not go on leave without prior permission, that there should not be a school without toilet in the district and that regular reviews should be conducted with the headmasters as part of providing quality education to the students.

prehensively reviewed. Do not compromise on girls' hygiene and sanitation health, maths and science circles encourage students to in-

should be of quality. All the material granted to the pre-primary schools should be checked and all the schools in the district who have not yet brought the material should be brought within the tenth of this month and should be registered in the stock register.

He said that it would be indirectly useful to promote women's education through programs such as Self Mock Parliament, management of safety clubs, seminars should be organized for the students by inviting experts on the respective topics, a wall should be set up in every school to bring out the hidden talents of school students and they should be seen to be decorated as they like. He said that parent meetings should be held meaningfully.

Additional Collector of Revenue J. Srinivas, District Education Officer Bikshapati, MEOs and others attended this meeting.



On Monday, PM Shri conducted a review of the implementation of schools, toilets, etc. by the education department in the meeting hall of the Collector's office. Girls' health, sanitation, science, maths, maintenance of circles, exposure visits, sports material, scouts and guides, spell defense, management of mock parliament, formation of safety clubs, teacher-parent meetings, etc. were com-

novate. To prepare, conduct exposure visits for the students to gain awareness about the society by visiting famous places and places, and these should be completed in the month of 17th and 18th. Sports material, scouts and game material



Discussion on village development and infrastructure

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Madgulapally : Madgulapally Sarpanch Arroori Naresh held the first meeting with the secretary, deputy sarpanch, and ward members at the Madgulapally Gram Panchayat office and discussed village development and infrastructure.

Police officers and staff must respond immediately to Prajavani complaints : SP Sunitha Reddy

Orders issued to officers over the phone immediately after hearing the problems; 10 complaints received at Prajavani

(Capital Information) Wananparthy : As part of the Prajavani program conducted at the Wananparthy District Police Office, 10 complainants from various parts of the district submit-

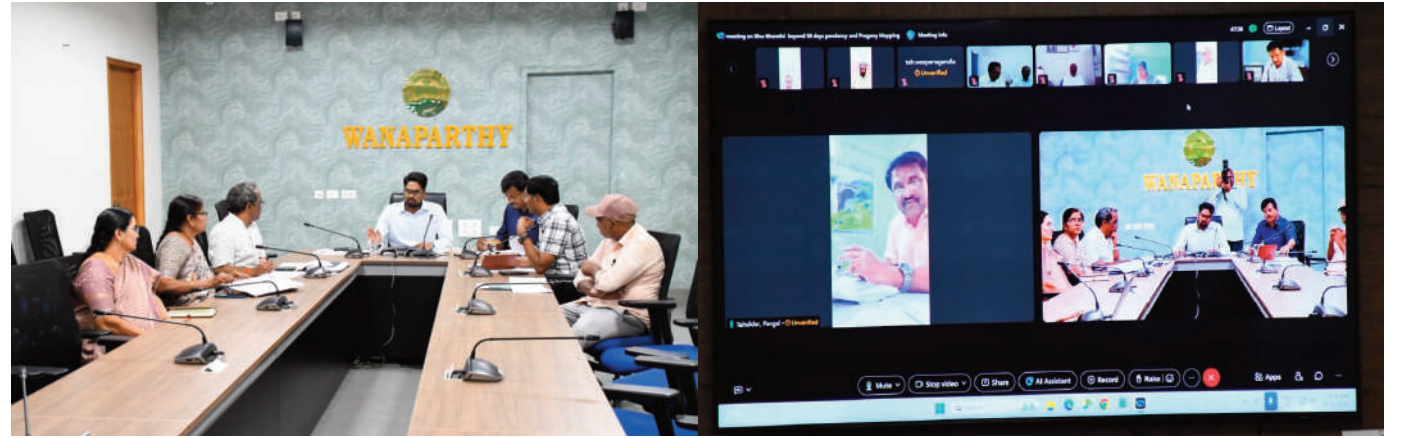
ted complaints directly to District SP Sunitha Reddy IPS on Monday regarding various issues.

The Wananparthy SP responded to each complaint, personally examined it, and

immediately issued orders to the concerned police station officers to take action on the complaints and provide justice to the victims.

The complainants expressed their happiness over the actions taken by the District SP, which instilled confidence in them that they would receive justice.

They stated that out of the total 10 complaints received at Prajavani on Monday, 07 were related to land disputes and 03 were related to mutual conflicts.



Pending applications received in the Bhu Bharati Revenue Conference should be resolved : Collector Adarsh Surabhi

(Capital Information) Wananparthy : District Collector Adarsh Surabhi has ordered to take steps to resolve the pending applications received in the district as part of the Bhu Bharati Revenue Conference.

On Monday, the District Collector held a review meeting with the Tahsildars of all the mandals in the conference hall of the Collectorate on the pending Bhu Bharati applications.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the state government has paid special attention to the

resolution of Bhu Bharati applications, and therefore, he instructed the Tahsildars to resolve the pending applications quickly.

It was suggested that physical files should also be sent to the Collector and Additional Collector login from the mandal level online. It was suggested that this process should be completed within two days.

Similarly, it was suggested that the Tahsildars should also attach year-wise Pahanis in the order in which the files are sent in relation to the respective applications.

Since the CCLA is reviewing land applications frequently, it was suggested to speed up the resolution of applications.

On this occasion, the Collector spoke to the Tahsildars of the new mandals and inquired about the progress of the construction of their own buildings in the respective mandals. They wanted to complete the construction of their own buildings quickly and prepare plans to shift from rented buildings to their own and government buildings in the respective mandals by January 26th.

Similarly, complaints

were being received about errors in the electoral rolls published in the municipalities of the district, and the Tahsildars should coordinate with the Municipal Commissioners and verify the complaints. If there are rural voters in the electoral roll, they should be removed, and similarly, if the wards of any voters have been mapped incorrectly, they should also be resolved.

Additional Collector Revenue Khimya Nayak, AO Bhanu Prakash, Tahsildars and other officials participated in this meeting.



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bhongir Animal husbandry Department Regional Veterinary Hospital Assistant Director Dr. A.Gopireddy unveiled the Capital Information English Daily newspaper 2026 - New Year Calendar.



Anganwadi teachers submitted a petition to Sub-Collector Narayan Amit, requesting the payment of their allowances related to Gram Panchayat election duties

(Capital Information) Miryalaguda : Anganwadi teachers, who served as Both Level Officers (BLOs), submitted a petition to Miryalaguda Sub-Collector M. Narayan Amit at the Sub-Collectorate on Monday evening, requesting payment of their allowances for performing duties in the Gram Panchayat elections.

They stated that they performed duties such as distributing poll slips and other election-related tasks in various villages from December 12th to 14th during the Gram Panchayat elections.

They also mentioned that they conducted the caste census survey in 2024 but have not yet received remuneration for that work either. They said they would request local MLA Bathula Lakshma Reddy (BLR) to direct the officials to ensure immediate payment for the duties performed.

District Secretary of the Anganwadi Teachers and Helpers Union, Bondu Parvathi, executive committee member Indrapalli Saidamma, and teachers Nagamani, Rani, Pramila, and Padma participated in the program.



Satur Sarpanch Lachhwar Suhasini elected as Sarpanch Samakhya President

(Capital Information) Nizamabad Bureau : Satur Sarpanch Lachhwar Suhasini Nitin was elected as the President of Renjal Mandal Sarpanch Samakhya on Monday.

There are a total of 17 Sarpanchs in the Mandal, 10 of whom participated in the elections directly, while 2 members signed the acceptance letter from home and expressed their support.

The election of the executive committee was held with the support of a total of 12 members. Lachhwar Suhasini Nitin was announced as the President, Vijay and Mallesh as Vice-Presidents, Yogesh as General Secretary, Savita as Treasurer, Jyoti as Secretary, Abbayya, Sumalatha, Madhavi and Ashok as Executive Committee Members.

Helmet Mandatory for Two-Wheeler Riders : Collector Viziendira Boyi

(Capital Information) Narayanpet : District Collector Viziendira Boyi has stressed that all two-wheeler riders must compulsorily wear helmets to ensure road safety and protect lives.

Participating in the National Road Safety Awareness Month being observed from January 1 to 31, the Collector, along with Additional Collectors Shivendra Pratap (Local Bodies) and Madhusudan Naik (Revenue), and other district officials, took a pledge on road safety and adherence to traffic rules at a programme held in the Collectorate conference hall on Monday.

Addressing the gathering,



Collector Vijyendir Bhoi said that employees working in the District Collectorate, as well as the general public, should strictly wear helmets while riding two-wheelers. She pointed out that wearing

a helmet significantly reduces the risk of head injuries during accidents and helps save precious lives. She also urged citizens to strictly follow traffic regulations while travelling on roads.



The Collector further advised four-wheeler drivers to mandatorily wear seat belts and cautioned against allowing minor children to drive vehicles under any circumstances.

Zilla Parishad CEO

Venkat Reddy, RDO E. Naveen, District Transport Officer Raghu, DRDO Narasimhulu, officials from the transport department, and Collectorate staff participated in the programme.

Nalgonda DCC president Punna Khailash leader visited Former Minister Jana Reddy at his residence

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Nalgonda DCC President Punna Khailash Neta, who visited senior Congress leader former minister and former CLP leader Jana Reddy, who is resting recently after knee surgery, at his residence, also wished him a happy New Year



and advised him to work for the party's victory in the upcoming municipal elections.

Nalgonda DCC President Punna Khailash Leader who greeted TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud with courtesy for New Year.



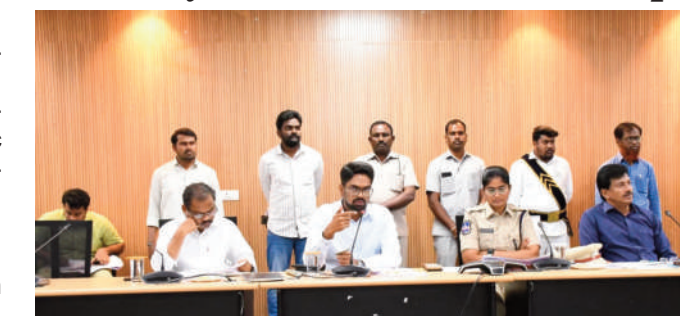
Distribution of backyard chickens under the Indira Mahila Shakti scheme

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Marketpally : In Cheruvugattu village of Marketpally mandal, backyard chickens received under the Indira Mahila Shakti scheme were distributed by Cheruvugattu Sarpanch Netakani Krishnaiah, Eshamalla Jeedikallu, Sanghabandham leaders, and VOA members participated in this program.

Complaints received in Prajavani must be resolved quickly : Collector Adarsh Surabhi

(Capital Information) Wananparthy : District Collector Adarsh Surabhi ordered that the complaints and petitions received from the public as part of the Prajavani program should be resolved quickly.

On Monday, he attended the Prajavani program held in the conference hall of the integrated district offices complex, along with Additional District Collector (Local Bodies) Yadhiah, Additional Collector (Revenue) Kheema Naik, and Prajavani Special Officer Sahadev, who had come to the district from Hyderabad. They received applications and petitions from the public.



On this occasion, the District Collector said that the responsibility of resolving public issues rests with the officials. The Collector stated

that 40 applications were received in the Prajavani program.

He ordered the district-level officers of the concerned departments to examine the complaints and petitions received in Praja-



vani and take steps to resolve them promptly. He directed them to review the pending applications and take appropriate measures for their immediate resolution.

He also instructed all departmental officers to resolve the pending applications received from the Chief Minister and the District Minister's Prajavani within a week. District officials from all departments and others participated in this program.

# Editorial "India is a Responsible Maritime Power, ensuring peace & stability in the entire Indo-Pacific"

Marking a major step forward in India's pursuit of *Aatmanirbharta* in shipbuilding and maritime capability development, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Samudra Pratap', the first of two Pollution Control Vessels built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), in Goa on January 05, 2026. With over 60% indigenous content, ICGS Samudra Pratap is India's first indigenously designed pollution control vessel and the largest ship in the ICG fleet to date. The addition of ICGS Samudra Pratap will significantly enhance the ICG's operational capability in pollution control, fire-fighting, maritime safety, and environmental protection. It will also strengthen its ability to conduct extended surveillance and response missions across India's vast maritime zones.

Raksha Mantri described the vessel as an embodiment of India's mature defence industrial ecosystem, which possesses the capability to handle complex manufacturing challenges effectively, adding that consistent efforts are being made to enhance the indigenous content in ships to 90%.

"ICGS Samudra Pratap has been specially designed for pollution control, but its role is not limited to this alone. As multiple capabilities have been integrated into a single platform, the ship will prove to be effective in coastal patrol, and strengthen maritime safety. It is a product of the modern approach adopted by the GSL to enhance flexibility and readiness to deal with present day maritime challenges," said Rajnath Singh.

Raksha Mantri commended the ICG for playing a multi-

dimensional role - from marine pollution to coastal cleanliness, from search and rescue to maritime law enforcement. He added that, with the way the Coast Guard is fulfilling its duties, a clear message has been sent to the country's adversaries that if they dare to cast an evil eye on India's maritime borders or attempt any misadventure, they will be met with a bold and befitting response.

The ship is equipped with advanced pollution detection systems, dedicated pollution response boats, and modern firefighting capabilities. It also features a helicopter hangar and aviation support facilities, which can significantly increase its reach and effectiveness. Rajnath Singh expressed confidence that due to these capabilities, the vessel will be able to operate stably even in rough sea conditions, providing a

huge advantage in real-life operations.

Raksha Mantri termed marine environment protection as not just a strategic necessity, but a moral responsibility, amidst the challenges of climate change and global warming. He appreciated ICG for carrying out oil spill response, firefighting, and salvage operations, placing India in the category of select countries that possess advanced environmental response capabilities. "Through its quick detection, precise station-keeping, and efficient recovery systems, ICGS Samudra Pratap will further strengthen capabilities. It will ensure that pollution incidents are controlled in a timely manner, preventing damage to coral reefs, mangroves, fisheries, and marine biodiversity. This is directly linked to the sustainability of coastal com-

munities and the blue economy," he said.

Emphasising that a clean sea guarantees safe trade, safe lives, and a safe environment, Rajnath Singh stated that platforms such as ICGS Samudra Pratap provide confidence that India not only understands its maritime responsibilities, but is fully prepared to fulfill them. He asserted that the commissioning of Samudra Pratap is linked to India's Grand Maritime Vision. "We believe that marine resources are not the property of any one country, but a shared heritage of humanity. And when the heritage is shared, the responsibility of its protection is also shared. This is why India stands firmly on the world stage today with the principles of Peace, Stability, and Environmental Responsibility," he said.

On the current period of

Global Maritime Uncertainty, Raksha Mantri said that India has repeatedly proven that it secures not only its own interests, but also the peace and stability of the entire Indo-Pacific region. This approach makes India a Responsible Maritime Power, he added.

Rajnath Singh reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government's commitment to continuously bolster the maritime sector, amidst the emerging technology-driven and multi-dimensional threats. "ICG cannot function solely as a reactionary force; it must emerge as a proactive force, and the Government will make every possible effort to support this endeavour. Whether it is the acquisition of new vessels, leasing of land to establish new units or matters related to manpower, we are striving to modernise the ICG in all aspects.

## Vice-President Lauds NCC's Role in Nation-Building at Republic Day Camp 2026 NCC Republic Day Camp Reflects India's Unity and Youth Strength: Vice-President

New Delhi (PIB) : The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, today attended the inauguration of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp, 2026 at DGNCC Camp, New Delhi, as the Chief Guest, and lauded the NCC for its enduring contribution to nation-building and youth development.

Extending New Year greetings to the cadets, the Vice-President noted that in its 78th year, the NCC has grown into the world's largest uniformed youth organisation, steadfastly upholding its core objective of nurturing disciplined, responsible and patriotic citizens. He described the Republic Day Camp as a powerful symbol of India's faith in its youth and its collective commitment to building a



strong and united nation.

Highlighting the NCC motto of "Unity and Discipline", he said the organisation continues to shape confident and values-driven youth who form the backbone of a *Viksit Bharat@2047*. Referring to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Vice-President said the journey to-

wards a developed India rests on the creation of an *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* powered by skilled, disciplined and service-oriented youth, a role in which the NCC plays a vital part.

Recalling the exemplary contribution of NCC cadets during Operation Sindoor, the Vice-President said nearly 72,000 cadets volunteered for

civil defence duties, demonstrating commitment, courage and readiness to serve the nation in times of need.

Emphasising the significance of Republic Day, he said the NCC Republic Day Camp reflects constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, as cadets from diverse states and Union Territories live and train together, embodying the spirit of national unity. He praised NCC cadets for excelling in adventure activities, international youth exchange programmes, environmental initiatives and disaster relief efforts, including their commendable service during the Wayanad floods in Kerala.

Welcoming the modernisation of NCC training, including the introduction of cyber



and drone training and the setting up of a Remote Pilot Training Academy, the Vice-President said such initiatives would prepare youth to meet emerging technological and security challenges. He also placed on record his appreciation for the dedication of NCC officers, instructors and staff in moulding young minds and strengthening the charac-

ter of the nation.

The Vice-President extended his best wishes to all cadets participating in the NCC Republic Day Camp 2026, urging them to uphold the highest ideals of service, discipline and patriotism.

Earlier, on arrival at the Camp, the Vice-President inspected a Guard of Honour presented by NCC cadets. He

visited the Hall of Fame and was briefed on the NCC's legacy, achievements and evolution. The Vice-President also visited exhibition stalls highlighting initiatives such as the YUVA Aapda Mitra Scheme and Drone Training, and appreciated the organisation's efforts in disaster preparedness and adoption of emerging technologies. He later witnessed a cultural programme presented by the cadets and interacted with them, commending their discipline, enthusiasm and spirit of national pride.

The event was attended by the Director General, NCC, Lt Gen Virendra Vats, other senior officials and instructors, as well as cadets participating in the Camp from various parts of the country.

## Indian Railways Utilises Over 80 Percent of CAPEX in First Three Quarters of Current Fiscal

### Major Expenditure Directed Towards Safety, Capacity Enhancement, Infrastructure Modernisation and Passenger Amenities

New Delhi (PIB) : Indian Railways is delivering faster, safer, and world-class rail travel at affordable cost across India by transforming itself into a future-ready organisation aligned with the vision of a modern and connected nation. Demonstrating this focused approach, Indian Railways has

maintained a strong trend in the utilization of allocated Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) outlays for 2025-26.

As of the end of December 2025, Indian Railways has spent 80.54 per cent, i.e., ₹2,03,138 crore of the total GBS of ₹2,52,200 crore. This represents a 6.54 per cent increase in GBS utilization

compared to the same period last year (December 2024). The expenditure has primarily focused on safety measures, capacity enhancement, infrastructure modernization, and passenger amenities.

In the category of safety-related works, 84 per cent of the allocated funds have been utilized. For capacity

augmentation, out of ₹1,09,238 crore allocated, ₹76,048 crore (69 per cent) has been expended. Customer amenities have seen 80 per cent utilization, with expenditure amounting to ₹9,575 crore till December 2025.

The results of consistent capital expenditure (CAPEX)

over the last decade are evident in 164 Vande Bharat train services, 30 Amrit Bharat train services, the implementation of the Kavach automatic train protection system, over 99 per cent electrification of the broad-gauge network, and extensive works covering new lines, gauge conversion,

track doubling, traffic facilities, investments in PSUs, and metropolitan transport systems. These initiatives have significantly improved speed, safety, and passenger comfort, while keeping rail travel affordable. With the Vande Bharat Sleeper train set for inauguration shortly, Indian Railways is poised to

transform long-distance rail travel.

These trends indicate that the Ministry of Railways' GBS expenditure plan is on track, with infrastructural works being executed expeditiously. They also suggest that the targets for FY 2025-26 are likely to be fully achieved.

## Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), IndiaAI, Government of Assam and IIT Guwahati Host Human Capital Working Group Meeting Advancing education reform, workforce transition and inclusive AI strategies

New Delhi (PIB) : The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the IndiaAI Mission, the Government of Assam and IIT Guwahati are hosting a two-day Working Group Meeting in "Human Capital" at the IIT Guwahati campus. The meeting convened senior policymakers, academic leaders, industry experts and practitioners to advance national deliberations on education reform, workforce transition and inclusive, human-centric AI adoption. The two-day meeting (5-6 January 2026), chaired by Prof. T. G. Sitharam, serves as a key thematic precursor to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled to be held in New Delhi from February 15-20, 2026, and is expected to inform national-level deliberations and policy outcomes.

The opening session featured addresses by Syedain Abbasi, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, K. S. Gopinath Narayan, IAAS, Principal Secretary (IT), Government of Assam, Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chair, Human Capital Working Group, Prof. Devendra Jalihal, Director, IIT Guwahati, and Ms. Shikha Dahiya, Joint Director, IndiaAI, MeitY, and Speakers highlighted the centrality of human capital in India's AI journey and emphasised the need to move beyond conventional skilling

models towards lifelong learning, augmentation and institutional readiness.

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Welcoming the gathering, Prof. Devendra Jalihal, Director, IIT Guwahati, highlighted the institute's role as a convening platform for policymakers, academia, industry and students to shape future-ready human capital in the age of AI. He underscored IIT Guwahati's commitment to working at the intersection of technology, education and society, noting strong student participation as a reflection of growing interest in inclusive AI ecosystems.

Ms. Shikha Dahiya, Joint Director, IndiaAI, MeitY, outlined the vision of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, highlighting its focus on human capital, democratisation of AI resources and inclusive, responsible AI adoption, particularly for the Global South. She underscored the role of the IndiaAI Mission in building future-ready human capital through initiatives spanning compute capacity, indigenous datasets and models, and nationwide AI skilling and capacity-building efforts, noting that outcomes from the Guwahati deliberations would directly inform global-level discussions at the Summit.

Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chair, Human Capital Work-



ing Group, underscored that the transition to an AI-enabled economy must be inclusive and people-centric, with human capital at its core. He emphasised the need to move beyond fragmented skilling efforts towards lifelong learning ecosystems that prioritise adaptability, judgement and human-centred capabilities alongside technical skills, noting that technological progress must ultimately translate into dignity, opportunity and resilience.

K. S. Gopinath Narayan, IAAS, Principal Secretary (IT), Government of Assam, highlighted that the integration of AI represents a fundamental shift in how economies and societies function, with far-reaching implications for human capital. He stressed the importance of prioritising human augmentation over automation, cautioning that unchecked technological change could widen inequalities across sectors and regions, and emphasised continuous learning, micro-skilling and AI literacy as es-

sential public capabilities.

Syedain Abbasi, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, observed that while AI hype mirrors past technology cycles, this moment is fundamentally different as AI increasingly functions as an autonomous agent. He warned that the concentration of AI capabilities among a few global players could exacerbate inequities and threaten India's traditional IT and outsourcing employment model, calling for indigenous compute capacity, strong public-private collaboration and differentiated skilling pathways across education levels.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ashwani Kumar, IAS, Director, IT Department, Government of Assam, who expressed gratitude to the Human Capital Working Group for its thought leadership and to IIT Guwahati for providing an academic platform that bridges research, policy and real-world impact. He acknowledged the IndiaAI

Mission for its continued support in advancing India's national AI agenda.

Ms. Shikha Dahiya also presented an overview of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, highlighting its multi-day programme and noting that it will culminate in leaders' plenaries and working group outcomes in New Delhi, with a focus on democratising AI resources, enabling indigenous models and amplifying Global South perspectives.

A key highlight of Day 1 was the keynote address on "Democratizing Competency in the Age of AI" by Prof. Gautam Barua, Former Director, IIT Guwahati, which examined the structural shift from education systems designed to produce individual experts towards models that enable large-scale human augmentation through domain-specific AI tools. The address emphasised the importance of sovereign, sector-aligned AI systems that raise baseline human capability while ensuring transition security and social protection for workers impacted by automation.

This was followed by a panel discussion on "Gender-Responsive Strategies for the AI Transition", which examined the impact of AI on women in the workforce. The discussion highlighted risks related to automation of entry-level roles, widening wage gaps, data and algorithmic

bias, and unequal access to AI skilling, while underscoring the need for inclusive design, explainable AI, adoption-led reskilling and ecosystem-driven policy interventions to ensure equitable and people-centric AI transitions. Moderated by Ms. Arpitha Desai, Associate Vice President, The Asia Group, the panel was attended by Ms. Tulika Pandey, Scientist-G, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India (Virtual); Mr. Sanjay Kukreja, Head of AI, eClerx; Ms. Urmi Tat, Manager, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Salesforce; Dr. Tanu M. Goyal, Senior Fellow, ICRIER; Prof. Dhruva Kumar Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University; and Prof. Ratnajit Bhattacharjee, Head, MFSDS & AI and Head, MCENSSR, IIT Guwahati.

The day continued with a panel discussion on "Redefining Education for the Cognitive Age", which examined how AI is reshaping learning objectives, pedagogy and assessment systems. Panelists discussed the shift from rote-based instruction to cognitive, process-oriented learning; the role of AI in personalising education while reducing administrative burdens on teachers; the need for community-tested, human-centric AI tools; and closer alignment between education systems

and rapidly evolving industry skill requirements, emphasising adaptability, critical thinking, collaboration and lifelong learning as core capabilities for the AI era. Moderated by Mr. Subhdeep Jash, Senior Vice President, The Asia Group, the panel was attended by Mr. Venkatesh Reddy Mallapu Reddy, Chief Officer and President, Conventus; Mr. Siddhant Sachdeva, Co-Founder, Rocket Learning; Mr. Parmaninder Singh Kakria, Vice President, Government Affairs, Kyndryl; Prof. Anupam Basu, Former Director, NIT Durgapur; and Prof. Shyamanta M. Hazarika, Head, Mechanical Engineering, IIT Guwahati.

The Human Capital Working Group Meeting at IIT Guwahati will continue tomorrow with focused deliberations on education reform, workforce transition, lifelong learning systems and gender-responsive strategies for the AI era, culminating in the consolidation of key recommendations to inform national policy outcomes. As a thematic precursor to the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi, the Guwahati convening reinforces the Government of India's commitment to building inclusive, human-centric AI ecosystems under the IndiaAI Mission, aligning regional perspectives with national priorities for *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

# 90 grievances received at Prajavani : Collector Viziendira Boyi directs officials to ensure speedy redressal

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar :** As many as 90 grievances were received during the Prajavani programme held at the Integrated District Offices (IDO) complex here on Monday. District Collector Viziendira Boyi instructed officials to ensure that all complaints received from the public are examined promptly and resolved without delay.

Addressing officials at the meeting hall of the IDO complex, the Collector stressed that petitions should not be allowed to remain pending and must be reviewed regularly until a solution is provided. People from various



parts of the district attended the programme and submitted their petitions, explaining their issues to the Collector, Additional Collector (Local

Bodies) Shivendra Pratap and Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik.

The Collector directed department heads to take re-

sponsibility for timely disposal of grievances and to keep petitioners informed about the progress of their cases.

Zilla Parishad CEO

Venkata Reddy, DRDO Nar-simhulu, RDO Naveen, district officials from various departments and others were present at the programme.



## Every party worker should have the courage to question public issues: Putta Madhukar

**(Capital Information)**

**Peddapalli/Ramagiri :** Former Manthani MLA Putta Madhukar stated that every BRS worker should move forward courageously with a questioning attitude towards public issues. He spoke at a BRS workers' meeting held at Sai Ram Garden in Rama Centenary Colony.

He said that the BRS party is strong in Ramagiri mandal and that the party workers are the main strength of the party. He criticized the ruling party for not paying attention to public issues. He advised that victory and defeat in elections are natural, and urged them not to be discouraged but to work towards strengthening the party.

He decided that they should explain the BRS welfare schemes to the people and take the party's principles to every household. A large number of mandal and village-level leaders and party workers were present at this meeting.

## PRAJAVANI PROGRAM IN MANDAL TO REACH PEOPLE : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

**(Capital Information)**

**Medak :** Medak District Collector Rahul Raj said that Prajavanaani program is being organized at the mandal level to reduce the distance burden of the people and the time of the people. Prajavanaani A program was started in Regodu Mandal, a remote area of the district on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Rahul Raj said that Prajavanaani will be strengthened in mandal centres. He said that a special officer will be appointed. Collector said that 47 applications have been received from Regodu people on various issues.

District Collector Rahul Raj advised the officials to resolve all the issues in this public address program and provide the unresolved issues to the complainants in writing.

Chief Minister explained that as per the directives of the Telangana State Gov-



ernment, mandal level public radio program has been established and steps are being taken to strengthen it.

Raygodu said in a Prajavanaani program that since there are many land prob-

lems, they will be solved within ten days of a week. Regode. Tahsildar Datta Reddy, MPDO Sitaramamma, mandal level officials and revenue staff people participated in this program.



## CAPITAL INFORMATION CALENDAR UNVEILED

**(Capital Information)**

**Nellore :** The Capital Information Calendar was unveiled on Monday at the District PMP office in Bujabuja Nellore, under the auspices of the Community Paramedics and Primary Health Care Providers Welfare Association (PMP Association of India).

The chief guest at the event, 25th Division Corporator Baddeppudi Narasimhagiri, unveiled the calendar and remarked that it was wonderfully designed with colorful features. He appreciated the fact that the calendar, with its vibrant colors, provided complete information on dates, days of the week, festivals, and other details. He praised the beautifully printed Capital Information

Calendar, calling it very attractive. Janasena 25th Division President Kudumula Suresh, District PHP leaders Anumula Jayaprakash, Sakavarapu Venugopal, Gorantla Seshiah, Koonishetti Penchalalakhmi, Doddaka Ramesh, Govardhan, and others participated in the program.

- A. JAYAPRAKASH.

## Singareni Retired Workers' Meeting in Kalvacherla

**(Capital Information)**

**Peddapalli/ Ramagiri :** A meeting of Singareni retired workers was held in front of Nune Rajesham's residence, next to the Indian Oil petrol bunk in Kalvacherla. Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamshi Krishna attended the event.

The retired workers honored the MP with a garland and a shawl and handed him a memorandum outlining their demands. Responding to their concerns, the MP assured them that he would raise the issues of Singareni retired workers in Parliament and strive to secure a minimum pension of Rs. 10,000, an unlimited health card, and the continuation of the health card under the old system. A large number of Singareni retired workers participated in this meeting.



## Special campaign programs for prevention of road accidents

**(Capital Information)**

**Sangareddy :** With the aim of preventing road accidents in Sangareddy district and increasing the awareness of road safety among the people, the Road Safety Abhiyaan special campaign program is being organized from January 5 to 9 under the auspices of the Zilla Nyaya Sevadhikar Sangha, the Secretary of the Zilla

Nyaya Sevadhikar Sangha said Soujanya said.

As part of this special campaign, an awareness camp on road safety was organized for students at Pioneers School in Sangareddy on Monday. The Chief Guest of the program was Saunjanya, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority.

Speaking, many accidents can be avoided by following

the road rules. She said that the use of helmet and seatbelt is mandatory for everyone. It was explained to the students that it is very important to obey these traffic signals, zebra crossings and road markings. She warned that using a mobile phone while driving is extremely dangerous and speeding is deadly.

District Transport Officer Aruna, Sangareddy Rural

Sub Inspector Madhusudan Reddy Probationary Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors participated in this awareness camp. To create awareness among the students on road safety and called upon them to spread the message of road safety widely to their family members and society. Principal, teachers and students of Pioneers School participated in this program.

## Yoga Training at SP Balasubramaniam Park



**(Capital Information)**

**Nellore :** Every day from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM, on the occasion of the founding day of Bharat Swabhiman Trust, the benefits of yoga, pranayama, and Yajna therapy were explained at the SP Balasubramanyam Park in Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore.

Under the chairmanship of Patanjali Yoga Samiti State President, Yogacharya Balu Guruji, and with Dr. Niranjan Swamiji as the chief guest, and following the instructions of Patanjali Yog Peeth Harid-

war, Nellore District Bharat Swabhiman Trust President Penchalaiah, Patanjali Yoga Samiti District President Ramanaiah, Yuva Bharat In-charge Koteswar Reddy, Patanjali Social Media In-charge Muthyala Ravinder, Bharat Swabhiman Trust Honorary President B. Vijayakumar Reddy, and other yoga gurus and practitioners participated and made the program a success.

As part of this program, Balu Guruji explained the importance of yoga and Yajna

therapy. He stated that health problems can be reduced through Yajna therapy and easy pranayama. He explained that performing Yajna at home using Haven materials like Charmeshti, Praneshiti, and Hrudayeshti will not only improve health but also remove Vastu defects in the house.

He emphasized that yoga and Yajna are essential for mental and physical health and that everyone should practice them given the current circumstances.



## Youth should excel in the business sector: Former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy

**(Capital Information)**

**Nalgonda town :** Former Nalgonda Municipality Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy said that the youth should excel in the business sector. He, along with Congress town party president Gummala Mohan Reddy, former municipal vice-chairman Abagoni Ramesh Goud, former councilors, and the owners, inaugurated the newly established Tumbal Dry Laundry Dryclean Steam Iron near L.V. Kumar petrol bunk on Hyderabad Road in the district center.

Speaking afterward, he stated that Nalgonda town is developing day by day and is progressing like a major city. He said that with the cooperation of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, the town is developing in all aspects, and many businesses are being established, creating numerous employment opportunities for the unemployed in the town. He advised the youth not to wait for jobs but to excel in the business sector.

Former Municipal Floor Leader Prasad, former councilors Bojja Nagaraju, Kesani Venugopal Reddy, Gogula Srinivas Yadav, Sk. Sammad, Icon Hospital Management Pradeep, and owner Gattu Praveen Reddy, among others, participated in this program.

## Under the auspices of the Vasavi Club, two eye donation Programs were conducted in both Telugu states on the same day through the Diamond Netra Nidhi

**(Capital Information)**

**Miryalaguda :** On Monday, when Katakam Raja Pulayya of Kothapalli village, Anumula mandal, passed away, his eyes were collected with the consent of his family members. Similarly, when Tedla Bhulakshmi of Durgi, Palnadu district, Andhra Pradesh, passed away, her relatives and friends informed the Diamond Eye Bank in Miryalaguda.

The Eye Bank technician immediately went to Durgi and, with the consent

of Bhulakshmi's family members, collected her eyes and sent them to Agarwal Hospital through the Diamond Eye Bank, Miryalaguda. The family members of Katakam Raja Pulayya and Tedla Bhulakshmi, along with Eye Bank technician Bachalakuri Ramesh and others, participated in this eye donation program.

Later, Vasavi Club IPC Diamond Eye Bank founder Maashetti Srinivas Diamond stated that arrangements are being made to conduct eye donation programs extensively in the two Telugu states in the year 2026 through the Diamond Eye Bank.

He requested that information be given to the Diamond Eye Bank immediately after a person's death. He said that the eyes of a de-



ceased person remain viable for six to eight hours and urged people to utilize this opportunity.

Vasavi Club District Eye and Organ Donation In-charge Srinivas stated that eye donation is a great act of charity and that by donating the eyes of a deceased person, one is granting sight to two people.

He added that burning the eyes of the deceased turns them into ashes, but donating them helps two others regain their eyesight. They requested that you inform your nearest Vasavi Club as soon as someone passes away.



## Submitting suggestions and corrections regarding the voters' list in several wards, and presenting a representation to the Municipal Commissioner

**(Capital Information)**

**Nalgonda town :** Nalgonda Town Congress Party President Gummula Mohan Reddy participated in a meeting organized by the Municipal Commissioner at the municipality's meeting hall to address objections, suggestions, and corrections regarding the Nalgonda Municipality voter list.

On this occasion, he submitted suggestions and corrections regarding the voter list in several wards and also handed over a representation to Municipal Commissioner Syed Mush-taq Ahmed.

Similarly, several Congress party leaders and former councilors from various wards, including Samad and Sameer, also lodged complaints with the Commissioner regarding the draft voter list.



Officials must take immediate action and resolve the grievances received through Prajavani : Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao

(Capital Information) Suryapet : District Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao instructed officials to take immediate action and resolve the grievances received through the Prajavani program.

The Additional Collector directed the concerned officials that all officials must compulsorily attend the Prajavani program, and that special attention should be paid to resolving the complaints that have been pending for a long time in various departments, as well as resolving the state-level Prajavani pending applications.

Additional Collector stated that a total of 78 applications were received in Monday's Prajavani program, including 26 applications related to land issues, 8 for the District Panchayat Officer, 5 for the District Welfare Officer, 3 for the DRDA, and the remaining 36 applications belonging to various departments. He added that these applications have been sent to the respective departments for resolution.

Awareness conference on road safety rules as part of National Road Safety Month

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : As part of the National Road Safety Month, on the instructions of District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar, an awareness program was organized for the students on road safety rules at Popal School in Nalgonda town.

He said that especially if students know the traffic rules from a young age and follow them properly, accidents can be significantly reduced in the future. Helmets must be worn while driving two-wheelers, seatbelts should be used in four-wheelers, and mobile phones should not be used while driving.



while crossing the road, and the safety of pedestrians were also made aware. Students were asked to implement the slogan "Road safety is everyone's responsibility" in their daily life and to educate their family members and friends about road safety rules.

I Town CI Rajsekhar Reddy, SI Saidulu, District Chief Legal Aid Defence Council N.Bheemarjun Reddy, DTRB Retired CI Anjaiah, school principal, Ravi, teachers, traffic police officers, students and others participated in this program.



22 two-wheelers under siege Special drive on tribal riding, minor driving : Suryapet city traffic SI Sairam

(Capital Information) Suryapet : Suryapet town traffic police conducted a special drive against minor driving and triple riding. On the occasion of National Road Safety Month, a special drive on minor driving and triple riding was conducted in Suryapet town under the guidance of Suryapet traffic police.

As part of this, 22 vehicles were seized and an awareness program was organized at Suryapet Traffic Police Station to those who were driving the vehicles and they were made aware of the precautions to be aware of road safety so as not to commit such a mistake again.

If you are caught driving under the influence of alcohol, you will be jailed

Two days in jail for two caught drunk and driving : Traffic CI Maha Lakshmaiah

(Capital Information) Nalgonda bureau : Traffic CI of Nalgonda said that if caught driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol, fine and imprisonment is inevitable. Traffic CI said that 30 motorists were caught in the special drunk and drive checks conducted under the orders of District SP Sarachchandra Pawar in various parts of Nallagonda town.



On this occasion, those arrested were produced in the court and the Nalgonda Special Second Class Judge who tried the cases pronounced the verdict. Traffic CI said that two (2) days of imprisonment and a fine of Rs.1,000/- each, and a total fine of Rs.25,000/- were imposed on the remaining 28.

Speaking on this occasion, the Traffic CI said that driving under the influence of alcohol poses serious danger not only to themselves but also to the lives of others. He warned that if he commits drunk driving, he will face fines and imprisonment. He clarified that the ve-

hicle checks conducted by the police are not to trouble the people but to save the lives of the people. The motorists are requested to follow the traffic rules and act responsibly by not driving the vehicles after drinking alcohol. Traffic CI Maha Lakshmaiah said that such checks on drunk and driving will continue strictly.

Stopping hand in danger

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Nagarjunasagar : VBN Foundation has once again proved that they are at the forefront of humanitarian services by standing by those in distress.

VBN Foundation Founder Dasari Ninan and VBN Foundation Director Nukala Chennareddy immediately responded and provided financial assistance to the Ramanjaneya on behalf of the organization when the Moolinti Ramanjaney of Hill Colony under Nagarjunasagar Nandikonda Municipality came to the notice of the recent illness.

Locals said that this help will give some relief to the family who are facing problems due to illness. VBN Foundation members Syedender, Vallepu Nagarjuna and others participated in this program and said that they will provide assistance to those in need through their organization in the future as well. Many praised that the programs being done by VBN Foundation with the aim of community service are exemplary.

Collector immediately spoke to NIMS doctors and arranged for Hemasri transfer to Hyderabad for better treatment

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : Hemasri, a student of BSc, BZC, residing in the BC Girls' Hostel in Nalgonda district headquarters, consumed acid due to illness and was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Nalgonda.



District Collector B. Chandrasekhar visited the hospital on Monday and met Hemasri. He inquired about the girl's health condition from the doctors and also spoke to the student, encouraging her to be strong.



The Collector spoke to the student's father, Y. Venkateshwarlu, and inquired about the reasons behind the incident. On this occasion, Hemasri's father requested that his daughter be sent to Hyderabad for better treatment. The District Collector immediately spoke to NIMS doctors and made arrangements to send her to Hyderabad for advanced medical care.

Y. Hemasri, a resident of Hazarigudem in Anumula mandal of Nalgonda district, is a second-year BSc, BZC student at Nalgonda NG College. She was residing in the Government BC Girls' Hostel B in Nalgonda district headquarters.

On Monday morning, she consumed acid due to illness. Upon noticing this, her fellow

students informed the authorities, and Hemasri was admitted to the hospital. The District Collector was accompanied by Deputy DMHO Dr. Venugopal Reddy, GGH Superintendent Netha Narasimha Rao, Housing Department PD Raj Kumar, and others.



Students Who Solve Real-Life Problems Are Winners: Collector Vizindira Boyi

(Capital Information) Mahabubnagar : District Collector Vizindira Boyi on Monday lauded students who showcased innovative solutions to day-to-day problems, stating that every such participant is a winner.

She was addressing the valedictory session of the district-level Science Fair held at Fatima School in Mahabubnagar. The Collector said the projects displayed by students were impressive and deserved to be termed "best projects". She appreciated the students for going beyond textbook knowledge and de-

veloping models that addressed real societal needs with innovative thinking. Highlighting the social relevance of the exhibits, she said projects focused on issues faced by farmers, problems of senior citizens, and safety measures to prevent accidents caused by open manholes during the monsoon were particularly commendable.

She suggested that various government departments study these student innovations and explore possibilities of implementing them at the field level. The Collector also

praised science teachers for nurturing creativity among students and encouraging scientific temper. She urged students to continue the same spirit and strive to showcase their talent at the state level as well. District Educational Officer Praveen Kumar, who attended the programme as chief guest, said INSPIRE-MANAK and science exhibitions act as strong platforms for bringing out students' creativity. He noted that as many as 244 exhibits were displayed by students from various schools across the

district, reflecting remarkable innovation and enthusiasm for science. More than 2,000 students and teachers from different parts of the district visited the exhibition, which drew wide appreciation for the variety and practicality of the models on display.

AMO D. Srinivas, CMO Sudhakar Reddy, District Science Officer M.D. Shamsheer, leaders of teachers' associations, mandal education officers, gazetted headmasters, teachers and a large number of students were present at the event.

The pending bills for leprosy surveys and election duties for ASHA workers must be paid immediately : Honorary President Ch. Lakshminarayana

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : In Nalgonda district, Telangana ASHA Workers Union (CITU) District Honorary President Chinapaka Lakshminarayana demanded that the three years' worth of leprosy survey bills and payments for Assembly and Parliament election duties for ASHA workers be paid immediately, and that sub-center duties be cancelled to reduce their workload.



A massive protest was held in front of the Collector on Monday to resolve the problems of ASHA workers. Later, a memorandum was submitted to District Collector Chandrasekhar. Addressing the protest, he said that as part of the NHM scheme, 1460 ASHA workers in Nalgonda district, affiliated with 39 urban and rural primary health centers, as well as the district headquarters hospital and area hospitals,

are playing a crucial role in providing health services to the people. Despite receiving very low wages, they are performing their duties with great dedication, enduring many difficulties and hardships, with hope for a better future. They are not only limited to ASHA duties but are also involved in bringing various government schemes to the people and conducting numerous government surveys. They demanded that the leprosy survey bills for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024, amounting to Rs.

1050/- per year, totaling Rs. 3150/- per ASHA worker, be paid immediately. They pointed out that while this money has already been released in all other districts, it is still pending in Nalgonda district. Similarly, many ASHA workers who worked in the Assembly and Parliament elections have not received their payments. District President and Secretary, D. Maheshwari and T. Venkatamma, stated that ASHA workers are being harassed in the centers estab-

lished under the name of 'Palle Davakhana' (village clinic) in the district. They questioned whether it is fair to make ASHA workers sweep the clinics, fetch water, and work from 9 AM to 5 PM, opening the clinic and staying there until the doctor and ANM arrive. They also alleged that ASHA workers are being assigned BLO (Booth Level Officer) duties against their will and are being threatened. They demanded that the BLO duties be stopped immediately. They are also being troubled with

ANC (Antenatal Care) targets. Because targets are being set for natural pregnancies, ASHA workers are unable to find enough cases to meet the targets, causing them mental distress. They requested that appropriate measures be taken to provide waiting rooms for ASHA workers at the district headquarters and area hospitals. Participating in this program were CITU District Assistant Secretary Yerpula Yadaya, district leaders Outa Ravinder, Bheemagani, CITU leader Anuradha, and ASHA Union district leaders R. Kavitha, Saidamma, Swarna, Shailu, Dhanamma, Sujatha, Padma, Manjula, Soujanya, Venkatamma, Vimala Pushpalatha, Vajamma, Jayamma, Sunitha, M.D. Afeeza, Parvathamma, Ch. Roja, Vasantha, Bhagyamma, Navaneetha, Sumalatha, and others.



Additional Collector Interacts with Transgender Community, Assures Support

(Capital Information) Mahabubnagar : Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik held a meeting with members of the transgender community in his chamber on Monday and directly interacted with them to understand their issues and concerns.

During the meeting, the transgender representatives brought to his notice several key demands, including issuance of new Aadhaar cards, correction of gender and photographs in existing Aadhaar cards, sanction of ration cards, provision of houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, and allocation of a separate burial ground.

Responding to their representations, Madhusudan Naik assured that the issues raised would be examined through the concerned departments and appropriate action would be taken as per rules. He also stated that the matter would be brought to the notice of the District Collector and efforts would be made to resolve the problems at the earliest.

District Women, Child, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare Officer (DWO) Jareena, District Civil Supplies Corporation Manager Ravi Naik and other district-level managers were present at the meeting.

# KEESARA POLICE APPREHENDED ROBBERY OFFENDERS

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Keesara Police have arrested five offenders in a Robbery offence case registered as Crime No. 05/2026, U/s 309(4) BNS & Section 27 of Arms Act, of Keesara PS. The accused persons were apprehended based on a swift technical investigation and eyewitness accounts.



On the broad day light of 02/01/2026 at about 17:15 hours, A3 & A4 entered Balaji Jewelry shop at Nagaram as customers and after sending positive signals that it was conducive for them to strike, A1 and A2 entered the shop arming with an axe and dummy pistol, following which A3 and A4 left the place, giving impression to the victim that they were innocent customers.

The shopkeeper Sandeep resisted and managed to get pulled back the bag containing stolen jewelry while they were fleeing away. However, they escaped on Pulsar motorbike with gold Matees.

**Accused Details:**  
 A1 Nazeem Azeez Kotadiya, Mumbai, Maharashtra state. A2 Bishu Karma Eknadar Singh, Hyderabad. A3 Mohd Saif Ali @ Adnam, Hyderabad city. A4 Rajendar Singh @ Raj Singh, Hyderabad N/o Nepal. A5 Ratan Singh Bahadur @ Ratan, Hy-

derabad.  
**Modus Operandi:**  
 The offenders conducted prior recce of the jewelry shops located at the outskirts of the city and near to escape roads.

After observing the victims shop they executed their plan on the evening of 02-01-2026 and robbed the gold ornaments, during which the victim had received minor injuries. After committing the offence, the offenders fled away from the spot and for committing this offence they have used a stolen bike.

**Previous history of accused:**  
 The accused A1 to A3 are habitual offenders carrying a history of property offences in the past, while the A5 is a Rowdy Sheeter of Gudimalkapur PS. PD Act was invoked against A1 and was detained in the past by the CP Cyberabad.  
**Seized articles:**  
 1) One Maruti Baleno car TS-11/EN-8530. 2) Bajaj Pulsar motorbike TG-34/3459. 3) One Dummy Pistol.  
 Detected cases: 1. 606/2025 U/s 305(b) BNS of

Sadashivpet PS. 2. 05/2026, U/s 309(4) BNS & Section 27 of Arms Act, of Keesara PS.  
 Under the Supervision of Ch. Sridhar, IPS, DCP, Malkajigiri and Ramana Reddy, DCP, SOT, 1) N. Narasimha Reddy, Addl. DCP, 2) Venkat Reddy, ACP, 3) Anjiah, ACP, 4) Anjaneyulu, SHO Keesara, 5) Jaraiah, Jalandhar Reddy & Srinivas Inspectors SOT, 6) Vamshi, SI Clues Team, 7) Vasudev, Sai Kumar, Hariprasad & Sunil Reddy, SIs have made successful efforts for the detection of this case.



# Anganwadi Initiation of Learning and First Solid Food Ceremony in Begumpet

**(Capital Information)**  
**Peddapalli/Ramagiri :** The initiation of learning and first solid food ceremony was grandly celebrated at the Anganwadi center in Begumpet village. Sarpanch Manthena Chanti and Deputy Sarpanch Sandela Renuka Kumar participated in the program.  
 The children were introduced to the alphabet and given their first solid food. They stated that the educational development of children is possible through Anganwadi centers. Anganwadi workers, ANMs, village elders, and parents participated in the program.

# Happy to complete two years as Collector : B.M. Santosh

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jogulamba Gadwala :** District Collector B.M.Santosh, IAS, served in Jogulamba Gadwala district for two years, was honored by district officials and tehsildars at IDOC conference hall on Monday.  
 On this occasion, District Collector said that serving as District Collector for two years in Jogulamba Gadwala district gave him great happiness. He said that before working at the field level, he had experience of working in organizations like GHMC and TGPS, and his first posting as a district collector was in Jogulamba Gadwala district, which gave him a special experience.  
 He said that despite facing some difficulties in the first year,

we were able to overcome them with the cooperation and coordination of the officials. He clarified that it was possible to work successfully as a collector in the district because of the presence of a good team. He said that the Parliament elections and Gram Panchayat elections conducted in the district should be conducted successfully in a peaceful and transparent environment.  
 The officials were advised to

take advantage of the powers given to the officials by the government for the development of the people. He said that Jogulamba Gadwala district still needs to go ahead in terms of education and it is the responsibility of all of us to work together and increase literacy.  
 Expressing sincere gratitude to each and every officer and staff who helped him for the development of the district, he said that Jogulamba Gadwala district will remain a district he will always remember.  
 Additional Collectors Lakshmi Narayana, Narsinga Rao, Special Deputy Collector Srinivasa Rao, RDO Alivelu, District Officers, Tehsildars, staff and others participated in this program.



# Fake Cruise Booking and Lakshadweep Permit Fraud

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The victim, a resident of Kachiguda, Hyderabad, stated that on 26-12-2025, while browsing Google, he found a website claiming to offer Cruise journeys to Kochi, Lakshadweep, and Mumbai. Believing it to be genuine, he booked a cruise for four persons and paid an initial advance of ₹23,680/-. As he could not transfer the amount in one transaction, the accused instructed him to make multiple payments.  
 Later, on the pretext of obtaining Lakshadweep permit letters, he was inducted to pay additional amounts in several instalments, including charges for two children. The accused repeatedly cited technical issues and as-

sured refunds at the time of checkout to collect more money. Subsequently, they falsely claimed payment failures and cancelled the booking without any valid reason. Thereafter, they demanded ₹48,500/- as cancellation charges, promising a refund of the total amount. The victim was contacted through WhatsApp by persons posing as Cordelia customer care executives and in total he suffered a wrongful loss of ₹2,42,488/- due to cheating and fraud.  
**Public Advisory:**  
 • Always book cruise packages only through the official website or authorized travel agents of the service provider.

- Be cautious of websites found through search results or advertisements that ask for advance payments in multiple installments.
- Do not make payments for permit letters, children charges, or add-ons unless they are clearly mentioned in the official booking confirmation.
- Never trust claims of technical issues, payment failures, or assured refunds used to demand repeated payments.
- Genuine companies do not demand cancellation charges upfront to process refunds.
- Verify customer care numbers from the official website only and avoid relying on WhatsApp communications.
- Report cyber frauds immediately on 1930 helpline or www.cyber-crime.gov.in
- In case of any emergency of cyber frauds please call or WhatsApp 8712665171.
- Follow us on below links for latest cyber awareness updates. <https://www.facebook.com/cybercrimesphyd> <https://www.instagram.com/cybercrimesphyd> <https://x.com/CyberCrimeshyd/> <https://www.youtube.com/@cybercrimesphyd> <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Va9vC0a2ZjCrL6Jv8813>

# Can Innovation Happen Only with Science and Engineering?

When we hear the word innovation, images of laboratories, engineers, coding screens, and high-tech machines often come to mind. Science and engineering are widely seen as the engines of innovation, driving breakthroughs in medicine, technology, and infrastructure. But a deeper look reveals an important truth: innovation does not belong to science and engineering alone. It is a human capability that flourishes wherever curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving exist.  
**Science and Engineering: Powerful but Not Exclusive**  
 There is no doubt that science and engineering have transformed the modern world. From vaccines and renewable energy to smartphones and space exploration, scientific knowledge and engineering skill turn ideas into practical solutions. These fields provide tools, methods, and precision that make large-scale innovation possible.



However, focusing only on science and engineering gives us an incomplete picture. Innovation is not just about how something is built, but also why it is needed, who it serves, and how people will use it.  
**Innovation Beyond the Lab**  
 Some of the most impactful innovations have emerged outside traditional STEM fields:  
 Social innovation: New approaches to education, healthcare delivery, or community

development often come from social sciences, grassroots thinkers, and educators rather than laboratories.  
 Business and entrepreneurship: Innovative business models — such as microfinance or the sharing economy — rely more on insight into human behavior than on engineering alone.  
 Arts and design: Design thinking, storytelling, music, and visual arts shape how innovations connect emotionally with people. A product may be technologically brilliant, but without good design and narrative, it can fail.  
 Policy and governance: Innovative public policies, legal reforms, and administrative systems can change millions of lives without inventing a single machine.  
**The Human Factor in Innovation**  
 Innovation begins with understanding human needs. Disciplines like psychology, sociology, philosophy, and history help us understand how people think, behave,



and respond to change. Without this understanding: Technologies may be rejected by society Solutions may deepen inequality instead of reducing it Progress may become efficient but not ethical True innovation balances technical feasibility with human values.  
 When Disciplines Meet,

Innovation Multiplies  
 The most powerful innovations today emerge at the intersection of disciplines. Consider examples:  
 Healthcare innovation combines medicine, engineering, ethics, and communication.  
 Artificial intelligence needs computer science, but also philosophy, law, and linguistics.

Sustainable development blends environmental science with economics, culture, and local knowledge.  
 This convergence shows that innovation thrives when science and engineering collaborate with the humanities and social sciences.  
**Rethinking How We Teach Innovation**

If we teach students that innovation belongs only to science and engineering, we limit their imagination. Schools and colleges must encourage:  
 Curiosity across subjects  
 Creative thinking and questioning  
 Respect for diverse ways of solving problems  
 A student of literature can innovate in communication; a student of history can innovate in policy; a student of art can innovate in design and social impact.  
**Conclusion**  
 Innovation does not belong to science and engineering alone. While they provide essential tools and methods, innovation is ultimately about improving human life — and that requires insight from many fields. True innovation happens when scientific knowledge meets creativity, ethics, culture, and empathy. In a complex world, the future belongs not to single disciplines, but to minds willing to connect them.

# The Magazine Boost: Powering the Student Mind

In an era dominated by rapid-fire social media updates and endless scrolling, the traditional magazine remains a surprisingly potent tool for student development. Beyond the glossy covers lies a curated world of deep dives and expert insights that can significantly sharpen a student's academic and personal edge.  
 Here is how regular magazine reading acts as a "triple threat" for student growth:  
 1. Knowledge: Beyond the Textbook  
 While textbooks provide the foundation, magazines provide the context. Whether it's National Geographic for geography or Scientific American for biology, magazines bridge the gap

between classroom theory and real-world application.  
 Current Events: Magazines like The Economist or Time help students understand global politics and economics in a way that news snippets cannot.  
 Vocabulary Expansion: Magazine journalism often utilizes sophisticated, descriptive language that improves a student's reading comprehension and writing style.  
 Diverse Perspectives: Exposure to different columnists and investigative pieces encourages critical thinking and helps students form their own well-rounded opinions.  
 2. Focusing: The Antidote to "Digital Brain"  
 The modern student often suffers from "contin-



uous partial attention" due to smartphone notifications. Reading a long-form article requires Deep Work—a state of flow that is essential for academic success.  
 Sustained Attention: Unlike a 15-second video, a 2,000-word feature story trains the brain to stay on a single topic for an extended period.  
 Reduced Cognitive

Load: The tactile experience of a physical magazine (or a dedicated digital reader) removes the distractions of hyperlinks and pop-up ads, allowing for better information retention.  
 The "Slow Information" Movement: Learning to digest information slowly helps students develop the patience needed for complex prob-

lem-solving in subjects like mathematics and physics.  
 3. Strength: Building Mental Resilience and Confidence  
 The "strength" gained from magazines isn't physical—it's intellectual and emotional.  
 Intellectual Confidence: A well-read student feels more comfortable participating in class discussions and debates. Having "extra-curricular" knowledge makes them stand out in university interviews and essays.  
 Inspiration and Role Models: Profiles of scientists, entrepreneurs, and activists provide a blueprint for success. Seeing how others overcome failure builds a "growth mindset" in young readers.  
 Stress Reduction:

Studies show that just six minutes of focused reading can reduce stress levels by up to 68%. For a student facing exam pressure, a magazine can be a much-needed mental sanctuary.  
 The Strategy for Students  
 To get the most out of this medium, students should:  
 Diversify: Pick one magazine related to their favorite subject and one completely outside their comfort zone.  
 Annotate: Keep a highlighter handy. Engaging with the text physically helps encode the information.  
 Discuss: Share an interesting fact from an article with a friend or teacher to reinforce the memory.

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#Mega158: Chiru-Bobby's Story Heads For A Change

As Sankranthi 2026 excitement reaches fever pitch with Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu set to release on January 12, fresh buzz has emerged around Megastar Chiranjeevi's next project.



The #Mega158 will be directed by KS Bobby, and insider buzz has come out that the film is heading for a major script change.

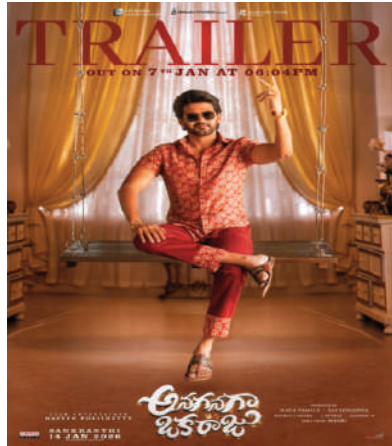
The upcoming Chiranjeevi starrer, which comes after #MegaMSG, was initially expected to be a massive action drama in the lines of Bobby's previous blockbuster with the hero, Waltair Veerayya.

Reports are coming up that Chiranjeevi's inputs and Bobby's new ideas have already made them craft a new narrative direction that aims to surpass expectations rather than follow familiar terrain.

Meanwhile, Chiranjeevi's other film Vishwambhara, whose VFX is going on at a large scale, will be getting ready for a release very soon.

Naveen Polishetty's Anaganaga Oka Raju trailer on Jan 7

Talented actor Naveen Polishetty is gearing up to amuse audiences with his upcoming comedy entertainer Anaganaga Oka Raju. The movie, directed by Maari, is slated for a grand theatrical release on January 14, 2026.



The film has grabbed the attention of the audience despite the heavyweights arriving for this Sankranthi. The latest update reveals that the movie's theatrical trailer will be unveiled on January 7 at 06:04 PM.

Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya are producing the film under the Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas banners. Micky J Meyer is composing the tunes.

Chiru's MSG Trailer receives tremendous blockbuster response

Megastar Chiranjeevi and blockbuster director Anil Ravipudi are coming with a banger family entertainer, Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu.



storytelling prowess, delivering a visually stunning

new styling. The trailer is a treat for those who adore his classic mannerisms, showcasing his renowned comic timing and impressive action sequences that promise a full dose of vintage Chiru.

His delivery of compelling lines has already become a talking point among enthusiasts. The much-anticipated cameo by Victory Venkatesh is expected to be a highlight, guaranteeing an explosive reaction from audiences.

Allu Arjun Locks Next Film With Lokesh Kanagaraj

Icon Star Allu Arjun is enjoying a golden phase in his career after the blockbuster success of Pushpa 2: The Rule. The film has taken his popularity to the next level, not only in India but also across international markets.



try buzz, he has given his nod to a film directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. This collaboration has created huge excitement as Lokesh is known for his intense storytelling and powerful action films.

ect. Lokesh is expected to start location scouting from January, while script discussions are already in progress. Interestingly, the director has reworked his long-cherished dream project titled Irumbu Kai Mayavi by making several changes to suit Allu Arjun's image and pan India reach.

The story is said to be unique and emotionally strong. It revolves around a hero who meets with a major accident and loses one of his hands. Later, a powerful metal hand replaces it, giving him extraordinary strength and a new purpose in life.

Currently, Allu Arjun is busy with a high budget project directed by Atlee. This film is being made on a grand scale and is said to feature heavy visual effects along with a science fiction backdrop. The project is already one of the most awaited films in Indian cinema and fans are eagerly waiting to see the stylish star in a completely new avatar.

Even before completing



Ravi Teja's Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignypathi Trailer on Jan 7

Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja is set to return to the big screen with Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignypathi (BMW), marking his first collaboration with director Kishore Tirumala.

Now comes the update fans have been waiting for. The makers have confirmed that the trailer will drop on January 7, 2026. Going by the team's promise, the promo will be packed with humour, quirky situations, and a clear sense of the film's fun-driven narrative.

The film is gearing up for a January 13, 2026 theatrical release. The supporting cast includes Sunil, Satya, Vennela Kishore, Subhalekha Sudhakar, and Muralidhar Goud.

Sharwanand's Nari Nari Naduma Murari Strikes Big With OTT Deal Ahead of Release

Sharwanand's new film Nari Nari Naduma Murari (NNNM) is set to release with evening shows on January 14, 2026. The comedy drama is directed by Ram Abbaraju and features Samyukta and Sakshi Vaidya as the female leads.



The latest update is that the film has reportedly fetched around Rs. 17.5 crore from its OTT rights alone, which is considered a strong deal for the producers, given the actor's recent box-office record and the scale of the project.

The makers recently confirmed that Sree Vishnu will be seen in a cameo role in the film. The supporting cast includes Sunil, Naresh Vijay Krishna, Sampath Raj, Vennela Kishore, and others in key roles.

The film is produced by Ramabrahmam Sunkara under the AK Entertainments banner, in association with Adventures International Pvt Ltd. Music is composed by Vishal Chandrashekar.



Collector Adarsh Surabhi unveils the Capital Information Calendar

Wanaparthy : Wanaparthy District Collector Adarsh Surabhi stated that newspapers are valuable and should bring to light the public issues prevailing in society and bring them to the government's attention.

On Monday, he unveiled the Capital Information English daily newspaper's 2026 New Year calendar. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Capital Information daily newspaper has emerged as a new milestone in the field of journalism and is attracting readers with its innovative articles.



Capital Information New Year Calendar Released in Medak

Medak : The 2026 New Year calendar of Capital Information, an English daily published from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tirupati, was formally released on Monday by Medak District Collector Rahul Raj.

The calendar was unveiled at a brief function held in Medak, where the Collector appreciated the role of the media in highlighting public issues and promoting awareness on governance, development and social responsibility.

Representatives of Capital Information were present on the occasion and expressed gratitude to the Collector for releasing the calendar. They reiterated the newspaper's commitment to objective reporting and people-centric journalism.

Inter Company Sports Meet-2026 in honor of 12th Battalion Annaparthi

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : 12th Battalion organized Inter Company Sports Meet-2026 on Monday at Annaparthi. Commandant K. Veeraiah attended the program as the chief guest and started the sports celebrations. Police personnel contingents from different companies held a parade in this event, and the performance of the 12th Battalion Pipe Band particularly impressed the audience.



are very useful in reducing the stress faced by the police personnel in terms of

him. Commandant revealed that this sports meet was organized on the orders of Telangana Special Police Additional DG Sanjay Kumar Jain. The enthusiastic participation of the police personnel in the spirit of sportsmanship is commendable. He thanked the police family members who contributed to this program.

In this program, Assistant Commandant Ch.Anjaneya Reddy, Narsingh Venkanna, AO Atiqur Rahman, Unit Hospital Sharmila Devi, RIs, RSIs, Ministerial Staff, etc. participated.

Complete 7th Minor Water Resources Census by Jan 15: Collector

(Capital Information) Mahabubnagar : District Collector Viziendira Boyi has directed officials to complete the 7th Minor Water Resources Census in the district by January 15 without fail.



The Collector issued the instructions to the District Agriculture Officer, Tahsildars and MPDOs during a coordination meeting of district officials held at the Collectorate conference hall on Monday, after the Prajavani grievance redressal programme. Reviewing the progress of the census, she expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of work in Mahabubnagar district.

the stipulated time. She instructed that the survey be completed at the field level and uploaded online by the concerned Agriculture Extension Officers, GPOs and Field Assistants.

Through a WebEx conference, the Collector directed the District Agriculture Officer, MPDOs and Tahsildars to take immediate steps to expedite the process. She also instructed officials to conduct mandal-level meetings to review the progress of the census and issue necessary directions to the field staff.



Capital Information New Year Calendar Released

(Capital Information) Mancherla : The New Year calendar of Capital Information, an English national daily known for questioning the government in the larger interest of public welfare and social justice, was formally released on Monday.

The calendar was unveiled by Mancherla Circle Inspector Pramod Rao, who lauded the role of the media in upholding democratic values and safeguarding public interest. He said newspapers like Capital Information play a crucial role in highlighting people's issues and ensuring accountability in governance.

Speaking on the occasion, CI Pramod Rao emphasised that a responsible and fearless press acts as a bridge between the government and the people, contributing to transparency and good governance.

Editors and staff of Capital Information were present during the release and reiterated their commitment to journalism aimed at public good and social welfare.



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Superintendent of Police Akshanshi Yadav unveiled Capital Information English Daily Newspaper 2026 - New Year Calendar .