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## Govt to Restore Kaleshwaram Barrages on Priority: Uttam

**-Telangana Govt Targets Early Revival of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project Barrages**

- Medigadda, Annaram, Sundilla Barrages to Be Repaired on Priority Basis
- Design Work for Kaleshwaram Repairs to Begin Round-the-Clock
- Govt Focuses on Restoring Irrigation Lifeline with Time-Bound Plan



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has reiterated that the State government is firmly committed to restoring the three crucial barrages of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project—Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla—on a priority basis and within a defined timeline. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the State Secretariat on Sunday, the Minister emphasized the urgency of expediting rehabilitation works to bring the barrages back into full operation. The meeting was attended by senior officials of the irrigation department, representatives from CWPRS, design consultants, and executing agencies, including Larsen & Toubro. During the review, Uttam Kumar Reddy pointed out that several statutory agencies, including the National Dam Safety Authority and the Vigilance Commission, have already flagged serious deficiencies in the barrages. These include issues related to foundation stability, structural design, planning lapses, and execution flaws. He noted that the nature of these defects is largely similar across all three barrages, indicating systemic shortcomings that require comprehensive and coordinated corrective measures. The Minister directed officials to treat the upcoming working seasons of 2027 and 2028 as critical

## Fire accidents in Hyderabad.. Massive property damage..



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Fire accidents occurred in Attapur and Toli Chowki in Hyderabad city. There was heavy property damage. A fire accident occurred in Shivarampally Sarvareddy Colony under Attapur police station limits on Sunday. A fire broke out in a decoration goods godown. The fire spread rapidly as there were plastic decoration items and flexi in the

## Fraud in Begumpet Axis Bank.. Rs.6.5 crores Golmaal..



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## Asha Bhosle passes away at 93, last rites to be held on Monday



Mumbai, April 12 : Mumbai on Sunday. The Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away at the age of 93 in Saturday. Ashish Shelar,

the Culture Minister of Maharashtra made the announcement outside the hospital. Her last rites will be held at Shivaji Park on Monday at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, her granddaughter, Zanai Bhosle had revealed that her grandmother was admitted to the hospital due to extreme exhaustion and a chest infection. She requested privacy during such times. Dropping a photo with Asha Bhosle on her official Instagram handle, Zanai wrote, "My

## PM Modi urges all parties to back Women's Reservation Bill for implementation before 2029 polls

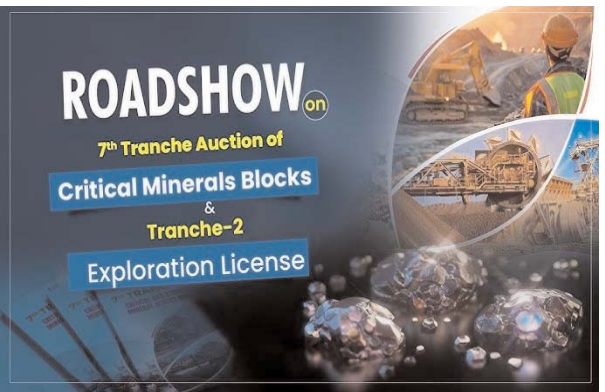
New Delhi, April 12 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written to floor leaders of all parties in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, seeking their support for the unanimous passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam to ensure the implementation of women's reservation ahead of the 2029 elections. In his communication, the Prime Minister emphasised the importance of passing the legislation,

which provides for one-third reservation for women in legislative bodies, during the upcoming special session of Parliament scheduled to begin on April 16. He described it as a significant milestone for strengthening democratic values. A Special Session has been convened next week to deliberate on and pass the Women's Reservation (Amendment) Bill. In his letter, PM Modi



wrote, "From April 16, a historic discussion related to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam is set to take place in Parliament. This special sitting is an opportunity to further strengthen our democracy. It is also a moment to reiterate our collective commitment to moving forward together, taking everyone along. I am writing this letter to you with this spirit and purpose." Highlighting the role of

## Union Ministry to host critical minerals roadshow in Hyderabad today



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): The Union Ministry of Mines is organising a roadshow on the 7th tranche of auction of critical and strategic mineral blocks and the 2nd tranche of exploration licence (EL) blocks on at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Gachibowli, Hyderabad on Monday. The roadshow is being graced by Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, along with senior officials of the

## Telangana aims to be a national model in clean energy: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Telangana is pursuing a focused strategy to emerge as a national model in clean energy, Minister for IT and Industries D. Sridhar Babu said. Addressing the groundbreaking ceremony of a Rs 700-crore compressed bio-gas (CBG) project at Narmetta in Siddipet district on Sunday, Sridhar Babu said the State government was promoting a circular economy that integrates industrial growth with environmental sustainability while strengthening rural livelihoods.



The project, being developed by Juno Joule Biofuels Pvt. Ltd., is expected to generate direct employment for around 1,400 people, with women likely to constitute nearly 30% of the workforce. Referring to India's energy

## Bhatti calls for nationwide comprehensive caste census



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that true social justice can be achieved only through a comprehensive caste census conducted at the national level. He made these remarks at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Sunday after unveiling the book "Caste Census: Deepening of Social Justice." On the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasised the importance of collecting detailed data on the social, educational, and economic conditions of all communities as part of the national census. He noted that the

## CM Revanth expressed grief over the death of famous singer Asha Bhosle.



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed shock over the death of famous singer Asha Bhosle. To this extent, he posted a post on X-tweeter on Sunday. In that post, he said, 'Asha Bhosle's death is a huge loss to the country's cultural and artistic sectors. Her services to the Indian music industry are memorable. I express my deepest condolences to Asha's family

## All political parties must support women's reservations bill: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay

Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Union Minister Bandi Sanjay today stated that all political parties advocating for women's empowerment should extend their support to the women's reservations bill in Parliament. He asserted that the women would teach a fitting lesson to any party that opposes the Women's Reservation

Bill. He described the political reservations for the women in legislative bodies as a decades-old dream while adding that the provision of a 33 percent quota through the Women's Reservation Bill marks a historic milestone. Bandi Sanjay appealed to all parties to support the bill by rising



## Committee to be formed to resolve power sector employee issues: Bhatti



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that a committee comprising senior officials will be constituted to resolve the issues of power sector employees. Leaders of the Electricity Employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) met the Deputy Chief Minister at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Sunday to discuss their concerns. During the meeting, JAC leaders brought to his attention the ongoing speculation that power distribution companies (DISCOMs) would be privatised. Responding to this, Bhatti Vikramarka clarified that under no

## Orange alert: Severe heatwave grips Telangana until April 16



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): The state of Telangana is preparing for a significant period of heatwave conditions, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Hyderabad has issued an orange alert for severe heat impacts, expected to last until approximately April 16. The IMD has announced an orange alert for the Hyderabad city on April 16, predicting maximum temperatures to range from 41 to 44 degrees Celsius. This alert applies to several districts from April 12 to 16. Weather forecasts from the Telangana State

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phases for completing the rehabilitation works. He expressed optimism that the Annaram and Sundilla barrages could be fully restored within the stipulated schedule, while efforts would be made to bring the Medigadda barrage back into at least partial operation during the same period. In a key development, the government has finalized AFRY India as the design consultant, which will work in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. The Minister

instructed the design team to work continuously, including weekends, to ensure that the revised designs are completed and submitted at the earliest possible time. "We need the designs without delay. Once ready, they must be immediately forwarded to the Central Water Commission for necessary approvals," the Minister stated. He also stressed the importance of maintaining close coordination with senior officials, including Secretary Parikshit Mehra, and asked consultants to

report any bottlenecks directly to him for swift resolution. The rehabilitation process will be supported by extensive scientific studies, including geophysical and geotechnical investigations, soil analysis, and advanced hydraulic modelling. The Minister directed that all required testing and data collection be completed on a war footing to avoid further delays. Reaffirming the government's commitment, Uttam Kumar Reddy said restoring the

Kaleshwaram barrages is essential to ensure irrigation supply, drinking water needs, and overall water security for Telangana. He added that the project is of immense importance to the State's agricultural economy and must be revived efficiently and transparently. The government aims to restore public confidence in the project by ensuring that all repairs are carried out with the highest engineering standards and strict monitoring mechanisms in place.

## PM Modi urges all parties to back Women's Reservation Bill for implementation before 2029 polls

women in nation-building, he stated, "Any societal progress only when women have the opportunity to progress, make decisions and, more importantly, to lead. For India to realise its vision of becoming a developed nation, it is essential that women play a greater and active role in this journey." Referring to the long-standing debate on women's reservation, the Prime Minister recalled the developments of 2023, when lawmakers across party lines supported the legislation.

"It was a memorable moment that reflected our unity. The entire world witnessed how a major decision was taken collectively to fulfil a commitment to the women of the country. Women represent nearly half of our population, and this was a strong step towards enhancing their participation in the political domain. I consider that day an important and inspiring milestone in

India's Parliamentary journey," he said. PM Modi also noted that several Members of Parliament had contributed to discussions on the issue, including the timing of its implementation. He added that the government had engaged in consultations with experts and political parties before arriving at its current position. "After extensive deliberations, we have reached the conclusion that the time has now come to implement the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam in its true spirit across the country. It is imperative that the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections are conducted with women's reservation in place. This will infuse new energy into India's democratic institutions and strengthen public trust. It will also ensure greater participation and representation in governance," he said. Calling for a united

approach, the Prime Minister added, "I am writing this letter so that we may all come together in one voice to pass this amendment. It would be great to have many Members of Parliament express their views on this subject in Parliament. This is a moment above any one party or individual. It is a moment to demonstrate responsibility towards women and our future generations. Since all political parties have expressed the desire to increase women's representation in politics for a long time, this is the right time to turn that aspiration into reality." Describing the move as a landmark step, he further said, "I have full confidence that we will all come together and achieve this historic feat in Parliament. Members of Parliament who contribute to the implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam will always take pride in hav-

ing been part of this historic effort. Therefore, we must not let this opportunity pass."

"Your support for the amendment to implement the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam will be the fulfilment of an important responsibility towards the women of our country. Let us further strengthen our great democratic traditions and take decisive steps toward a historic transformation," he added.

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party will require support from opposition parties to secure the two-thirds majority needed for the passage of the constitutional amendment in Parliament.

The proposed legislation seeks to delink the implementation of women's reservation from the 2027 Census and instead base it on the 2011 Census, in a move aimed at ensuring that the quota comes into effect before the 2029 general elections.

## All political parties must support women's reservations bill: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay

He described the political reservations for the women in legislative bodies as a decades-old dream while adding that the provision of a 33 percent quota through the Women's Reservation Bill marks a historic milestone. Bandi Sanjay appealed to all parties to

support the bill by rising above political considerations. "The Women's Reservation Bill stands as a symbol of the hopes and aspirations of women. The Women's representation in Parliament must increase. With the delimitation exercise, the number of parliamentary

seats will rise and consequently, 60 women are set to receive opportunities in the Telangana Legislative Assembly," Bandi Sanjay remarked. The 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam'—a bill aimed at providing reservations for women in legislative

bodies—is scheduled to be introduced during the special session of Parliament taking place from the 16th to the 18th of this month. Measures are being undertaken to ensure that this legislation comes into effect prior to the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. (NSS)

## Committee to be formed to resolve power sector employee issues: Bhatti

circumstances would the DISCOMs be privatised. He urged the leaders to widely publicise the assurance and strongly counter any false propaganda. Bhatti Vikramarka further stated that the government is committed to strengthening the energy sector in the long term and will take all neces-

sary steps in that direction. He emphasised that both employees' JAC and officials have a responsibility to work towards strengthening power utilities. The Deputy Chief Minister also instructed that complaints received through the 1912 helpline should be resolved promptly,

ensuring that power utilities become synonymous with efficient service delivery. He stated that senior officials of power utilities would be directed to allocate one hour every month to meet with employee unions and address their issues. The Electricity Employees' JAC submitted a memorandum high-

lighting several demands, including the establishment of a third DISCOM, employee adjustments, implementation of the 2026 PRC, restoration of the old pension scheme for those recruited up to 2004, regular promotions, recruitments, and resolution of artisan-related issues. (NSS)

## BJP issues whip for MPs ahead of 3-day special Parliament session from April 16



New Delhi, April 12 : The BJP has issued a strict three-line whip to all its Members of Parliament in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, directing them to remain present in the House continuously from April 16 to April 18, amid the upcoming special sitting of Parliament. In an official notice signed by Office Secretary Shiv Shakti Nath Bakshi, the party stated: "A Three-Line Whip is being issued to all BJP Members in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha from Thursday to Saturday, 16th to 18th April 2026." It further instructed: "All Hon'ble Union Ministers and Members are request-

ed to remain present in the House throughout all the three above-mentioned dates." The notice added, "Presence in the House is mandatory. No leave will be granted. Members are requested to strictly comply with the Whip and ensure their uninterrupted attendance in the House." The directive underscores the importance of the upcoming legislative agenda, with the government expected to push key business during the special session of Parliament beginning April 16, which will run for three days. Both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will reconvene on April 16 after a brief break in the Budget

Session. The session is expected to focus on significant legislative proposals, including major reform bills linked to electoral and structural changes in governance. Lawmakers are also expected to engage in high-stakes discussions that may require full attendance and possible voting, prompting the ruling party to enforce strict discipline through the whip. The Women's Reservation Bill (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam), which provides 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, is expected to be taken up during the upcoming special session

of Parliament beginning April 16. A three-line whip is considered the strongest directive in parliamentary procedure, and violation can lead to serious disciplinary action, including possible disqualification from the party in extreme cases. The issuance of the whip comes amid heightened political activity in Parliament, where the government is preparing for crucial debates and potential passage of key bills. The opposition is also expected to strongly contest the agenda during the session, making full attendance of ruling party MPs strategically important.

## Fire accidents in Hyderabad.. Massive property damage..

godown. The fire spread to a large extent and spread to the houses next to the godown. This has become a worrying situation. The locals were shocked by the black smoke. Firefighters reached the spot after receiving informa-

tion. They extinguished the fire with great difficulty. The police registered a case and started an investigation into the incident. In another incident, a fire broke out in a garbage dump in Paramount Colony, Toli Chowk. A nearby car was completely burnt due to the fire.

## Fraud in Begumpet Axis Bank.. Rs.6.5 crores Golmaal..

account of an NRI customer. The Panjagutta police said that the money was withdrawn in 41 installments by forging the customer's signature (Axis Bank Begumpet fraud).

In this case, there are allegations that the manager, as well as senior branch officials and operations team, are also involved (Axis Bank fraud case). It seems that the money was diverted to other accounts. The victim com-

plained that the bank account was closed without permission and that the problem was not resolved even after bringing it to the attention of the CEO. He said that cash had also disappeared from his accounts as well as from the accounts of several other bank customers. In this context, the police said that they have detained the bank manager Venkataramana and are interrogating him.

## Union Ministry to host critical minerals roadshow in Hyderabad today

Ministry of Mines, representatives from state governments, industry stakeholders, and prospective bidders. The 7th tranche comprises 19 critical and strategic mineral blocks, including minerals such as tungsten, lithium, tin and rock phosphate, which are vital for sectors like clean energy, advanced technologies and fertilisers.

With six tranches already conducted, 46 critical mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned so far,

reflecting the government's continued efforts to strengthen mineral security and reduce import dependence. The event also highlights the 2nd Tranche of Exploration Licence (EL) Blocks, aimed at enhancing private sector participation in exploration, particularly for deep-seated and critical minerals. The exploration licence regime provides a structured framework for reconnaissance and prospecting, thereby strengthening the exploration

ecosystem in the country. The roadshow includes detailed presentations on mineral potential, auction framework, policy reforms. An interactive session with stakeholders is also being held to address queries and facilitate wider participation. This initiative is aligned with the government's vision of building a robust and self-reliant mineral sector, supporting the clean energy transition, and advancing the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat. (NSS)

## Bhatti calls for nationwide comprehensive caste census

comprehensive caste survey conducted by the Telangana government has set an example for the country and can serve as a guiding model for implementing a nationwide caste census. The event was attended by the book's author G. Kiran Kumar, National President of the All India OBC Students Association (AIOBCSA) and a research scholar at the University of Hyderabad, along with Dr. Bahini Billu.

The authors expressed that the book clearly highlights the significance of caste enumeration in strengthening democratic governance and deepening social justice. Following the book launch, the Deputy Chief Minister also held a meeting with representatives of the BC teachers, professionals, intellectuals and students Joint Action Committee, as well as members of the All India OBC Students Association. (NSS)

## Orange alert: Severe heatwave grips Telangana until April 16

Development Planning Society (TSDPS) and the IMD on Sunday predicted an increase in maximum temperatures by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius above normal over the upcoming three days.

Between Saturday and Sunday, Telangana recorded its highest temperature at Chinna Thandrapadu in the Jogulamba Gadwal district, which reached 41.8°C. In the suburban areas, the Maheswaram industrial zone in

Rangareddy saw a maximum of 41.2°C, while the Medchal industrial area recorded 40.1°C. Within the Hyderabad Metropolitan area, the highest was 39.5°C at the Ward Office in Nehru Nagar.

Other areas experiencing elevated temperatures included Gubbagurthy in Khammam at 41.7°C, Ghanpur in Nalgonda also at 41.7°C, and Talamadugu in Adilabad, which recorded 41.6°C. (NSS)

## Asha Bhosle passes away at 93, last rites to be held on Monday

Zanai Bhosle had revealed that her grandmother was admitted to the hospital due to extreme exhaustion and a chest infection. She requested privacy during such times. Dropping a photo with Asha Bhosle on her official Instagram handle, Zanai wrote, "My grandmother, Asha Bhosle due to extreme exhaustion and suffering a chest infection has been admitted to hospital and we request you to value our privacy. Treatment is ongoing and hopefully everything will be well and we shall update you positively (sic). (Folded

hands emoji)." One of the most influential singers of her time, Asha Bhosle, sang her first song as a playback for the 1943 Marathi drama 'Majha Bal'. She is known for lending her voice to some noteworthy numbers such as 'Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko', 'Do Lafzon Ki Hai Dil Ki Kahani', 'Kya Ghazab Karte Ho Ji', 'O Haseena Zulfonwale Jane Jahan', and 'Ye Ladka Hay Allah Kaisa Hai Diwana', to name just a few. Along with Hindi, she has sung in around 20 Indian and foreign languages. In

2006, Asha Bhosle herself disclosed that she has almost 12,000 songs to her credit. During her tenure as a singer spanning several decades, Asha Bhosle has worked with many acclaimed music composers such as Shankar-Jaikishan, RD Burman, OP Nayyar, Ilaiyaraaja, Bappi Lahiri, and AR Rahman. She has received numerous awards throughout her career for many of her noteworthy songs. The singer was given the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award back in 2000, followed by a Padma Vibhushan in 2008

## Telangana aims to be a national model in clean energy: Sridhar Babu

bio-gas (CBG) project at Narmetta in Siddipet district on Sunday, Sridhar Babu said the State government was promoting a circular economy that integrates industrial growth with environmental sustainability while strengthening rural livelihoods.

The project, being developed by Juno Joule Biofuels Pvt. Ltd., is expected to generate direct employment for around 1,400 people, with women likely to constitute nearly 30% of the workforce.

Referring to India's energy profile, Sridhar Babu noted that the country imports nearly 90% of its crude oil requirements and about 60% of its LPG consumption. Reducing dependence on external energy sources, he said, was critical, and clean energy solutions would play a key role in achieving this goal. The Minister stressed the need to transform rural areas into energy production hubs, adding that the State was consciously working to decentralise industrial growth beyond

Hyderabad and strengthen the rural economy. Describing the initiative as a "paradigm shift", he said farmers in the region could transition from being "food providers" to "energy providers". The project will utilise agricultural residues such as paddy straw, along with cattle dung and poultry waste, to produce biofuel gas, thereby converting waste into value, he said. The CBG initiative will be implemented in a cluster model in three phases, comprising 10 plants with a capacity of 100 tonnes

per day each. Inviting investments in Telangana's clean energy sector, the Minister said the government would extend necessary support to facilitate such projects. Among those present were Members of Parliament Bhuvaneshwar Khaita and Premachandran, MLA T. Harish Rao, former Union Minister Santosh Bagrodia, former MPs V. Hanumantha Rao and Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, and Juno Joule Biofuels CEO Rayapati Nagasharath. (NSS)

## Vishnu Institute bags 'Best Engineering College Award'



**Bhimavaram: Apr 12**  
Vishnu Institute of Technology has been conferred the prestigious "Best Engineering College Award" at the ISTE Andhra Pradesh Section Awards 2025 held at Aditya Institute of Technology and Management on April 10. The award was presented by Prof. G. Ranga Janardhana, Chairman of the ISTE AP Section, and Prof. B. Eswara Reddy, Honorary Secretary, in recognition of the institu-

tion's excellence in technical education. Principal Dr. Manga Venu attributed the achievement to the collective efforts of the faculty, students, placement cell, and administrative staff. He stated that the institution has been consistently focusing on delivering quality education, promoting research and innovation, and ensuring the holistic development of students. Describing the recognition as a proud moment, he said the award would serve as a

motivation for the college to scale greater heights in the future. He also expressed gratitude to the management for its continuous support and guidance. Vice Principal Prof. M. Sri Lakshmi, along with Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, supporting staff, and students, expressed their happiness over the achievement and extended their best wishes for the institution's continued success.

## Inter-state gold shop thief held



**Tirupati: Apr 12**

The district police have solved a jewelry shop robbery that took place in Sullurupeta and arrested an interstate thief with a long criminal history. They also recovered 12 gold chains weighing 112 grams, valued at Rs 14 lakh, and the scooter used in the crime.

According to police, the accused entered Sri Venkateswara Jewellers in Sullurupeta on March 14 in the guise of buying gold chains, threw chili powder into the owner's eyes, and escaped with 12 gold chains. District SP L. Subba Rayudu ordered a special investigation. The probe was led by district crime Additional SP A. Srinivasulu and Naidupeta DSP G. Chenchu Babu, with special teams formed under the supervision of Sullurupeta CI M. Murali Krishna and other officers. Based on the information gathered by the teams, police detained Velmurugan Babu (Pulsar Babu) (35), a resident of Kumaran Nagar, Thondiarpet, Chennai. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime. Officials informed that the accused has a criminal record of about 10 years and involved in 24 cases in Tamil Nadu and Tirupati district, including Puttur and Srikalahasti, with several NBWs pending against him.

## House site pattas distributed to 62 families



**Anantapur: Apr 12**

Rayadurg MLA and Government Whip Kalava Srinivasulu distributed house site pattas to 62 economically weaker families in N Hanumapuram village of Kanekal mandal on Saturday.

Officials stated that eligible landless families were allotted three cents of land each, registered in the names of women beneficiaries, reflecting the government's focus on women-centric welfare measures and housing security for the underprivileged. Addressing the gathering, MLA Srinivasulu announced initiation of a long-pending drinking water pipeline project in the vil-

lage, with an estimated cost of Rs 18 lakh, aimed at providing a permanent solution to water scarcity. He further noted that the government has allocated 52 TMC of water to the district and earmarked a special budget for Bhairavanitippa project to ensure water security for farmers and residents. He also highlighted the ongoing efforts by both Central and State governments to promote women empowerment through welfare schemes and the proposed 33% reservation for women. Responding to local demands, the MLA assured that drainage and soak pit works would be undertaken under the VG Ramji scheme.

## Siberian migratory birds transform Gargayapuram tank



**Kurnool: Apr 12**

Gargayapuram tank on the outskirts of Kurnool has witnessed a remarkable arrival of migratory birds from the distant region of Siberia, turning the water body into a vibrant seasonal habitat. Thousands of these birds, known for their colourful plumage and long-distance travel, have flocked to the area, creating a visually captivating scene and drawing the attention of nature lovers and visitors.

The tank, located near a developing urban forest and boating facility, has increasingly become a preferred leisure destination for city residents. Visitors, especially during holidays, are thronging the site to witness the rare congregation of these birds. While traditional birding hotspots such as Kolleru Lake, Pulicat Lake, and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary continue to host migratory species, Gargayapuram is steadily gaining prominence. The migratory birds undertake an arduous journey of thousands of kilometres every year to escape the harsh winter conditions and food scarcity in Siberia. Traversing regions such as Afghanistan, Mongolia, and Tibet, and crossing the formidable Himalayas, they reach India in search of a warmer climate and adequate food, including fish, insects, and plant shoots. Experts attribute their increasing presence in Kurnool to favourable climatic conditions and a relatively safe ecosystem. Arriving around January, these birds use the Gargayapuram tank as a breeding site, where they lay eggs and nurture their young. Both male and female birds actively participate in protecting the nests and feeding the chicks. After completing their breeding cycle, the birds begin their return journey to Siberia around August, accompanied by their offspring. The growing influx of these migratory species has enhanced the ecological and tourism significance of the region.

## BC Bhavan will be completed by next year: MP Mastan



**Nellore: Apr 12**

Nellore: Raja Sabha Member Beeda Mastan Rao announced that the long-pending BC Bhavan in Nellore city will be completed by next year. He addressed the gathering on the 200th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, organised by BC Welfare Department at Nellore Collectorate MP Mastan Rao has recalled that though foundation was laid for the construction of BC Bhavan in Nellore city with an estimated cost of Rs 5.4 crore, works worth Rs 70 lakh were completed till date for various reasons. He said Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana, and MP Krishnaiah have contributed Rs 1 crore, and Rs 1.25 crore respectively for the purpose. The MP has urged the district Collector to arrange the remaining funds for early completion of the building by Phule's birth anniversary

next year.

Earlier, along with dignitaries, he paid floral tributes to Phule's portrait and inaugurated the programmes by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Later, the MP formally handed over sanction letter of Rs 1.25 crore for BC Bhavan construction to Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu. ZP Chairperson Anam Arunamma, Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, RTC Zonal Chairman Sannapareddy Suresh Reddy, former MLC Boodati Radhaiah, former ZP Chairman Chenchala Babu Yadav, District BC Welfare Officer Venkata Lakshamma, BC Corporation ED Nirmala, and leaders of various BC associations were present. Meanwhile, Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, YSRCP leaders Kakani Govardhan Reddy, Parvathareddy Chandrasekhar Reddy and others paid tributes to Mahatma Phule.

## Conference proceedings on quantum AI released



**Vijayawada: Apr 12**

The conference proceedings of the two-day international conference titled "Technological Innovations in Quantum AI and Deep Tech for Next-Generation Intelligence" were officially released at Dr RVR NRI Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University) at Potharappadu of Agiripalli Mandal in Eluru district on Saturday. The conference was jointly organised by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Dr RVR NRI Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University), and the Department of Computer Science, PB Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, Vijayawada, on February 6 and 7.

Held under the 'Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Innovation' (VAANI) scheme of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, the conference aimed to promote the dissemination of technical knowledge in regional languages. A total of 28 research papers were presented by faculty members, researchers, and post-graduate students.

The proceedings have been published in both English and Telugu and are being made available free of cost. The publication carries an ISBN (978-93-343-7220-5) and a DOI, with each paper also assigned an individual DOI number.

## Telangana, AP CMs condole death of Asha Bhosle

**Hyd: Apr 12**

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday condoled the demise of the legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed deep anguish over the passing away of the National Award-winning artiste and Padma Vibhushan awardee. Asha Bhosle breathed her last at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital on Sunday. She was 92-years-old. The singer was admitted on Saturday evening, due to exhaustion and a chest infection. Asha Bhosle's extraordinary contribution to Indian music, marked by unmatched versatility and excellence across decades and languages, leaves behind an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire generations. Her demise is a significant loss to the nation's cultural and artistic fraternity, the Telangana Chief Minister said in his message. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy conveyed his sincere sympathies to the bereaved family members, admirers and the global music community, and prayed for



eternal peace to the departed soul. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu posted on social media platform X that he was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of veteran singer Asha Bhosle. "A legendary and versatile Indian vocalist, she was the most recorded artist in music history. Her extraordinary contributions to the music industry spanned more than seven decades, enriching generations with timeless melodies. A recipient of the Padma Vibhushan, her legacy will remain an integral part of India's musical heritage and will continue to resonate through the ages. Heartfelt condolences to

her family, friends, and admirers across the world," Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said. Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, also posted on social media that he is deeply saddened by the passing of Asha Bhosle, one of India's most iconic and versatile voices. "Her extraordinary contribution to Indian music spans decades, transcending generations and linguistic boundaries. Through her evergreen songs, she brought joy, emotion, and cultural richness to millions across the nation and the world. My heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers," he wrote.

## SCRWWO Vijayawada holds seminar on women's health



**Vijayawada, Apr 12**

The South Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (SCRWWO), Vijayawada Division, organised a seminar on women's health and well-being with a special focus on mental wellness at the Railway Auditorium in Vijayawada on Saturday. The programme saw active participation from women employees across the division and highlight-

ed the growing importance of mental health in today's fast-paced work environment. Delivering the keynote address, Dr Bhavani Prakash, Rehabilitation Psychologist, emphasised the importance of daily self-care and emotional well-being. SCRWWO Vijayawada Division President Versha Sonakiya said the seminar was not just an event but an opportunity for women

to reconnect with themselves. She stressed that mental well-being is a necessity and encouraged participants to actively engage in such initiatives. During the programme, 15 women employees were honoured with meritorious awards for their exemplary service. SCRWWO Secretary Niharika, Vice President B. Veena Chandana Konda and other executive members were present.

## Andhra Endowments Assistant Commissioner suspended in disproportionate assets case

**Nellore: Apr 12**

The Andhra Pradesh government has suspended an Assistant Commissioner in the Endowments Department following her arrest in a disproportionate assets case. The orders for Kalingiri Shanti's suspension were issued by Commissioner K. Ramchandramohan, official sources said on Sunday. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had arrested Shanti on April 7 after simultaneous raids at premises linked to her. She was found to have amassed assets worth Rs 1.37 crore, disproportionate to her known sources of income.

The same day, a court in Vijayawada sent her to judicial custody till April 21. As per the government rules, any employee detained in custody for more than 48 hours on a criminal charge is deemed suspended. ACB officials conducted searches for 10 hours in different locations, including Tadepalli, Undavalli, and Visakhapatnam. They seized incriminating documents and unearthed assets, including a residential flat in Visakhapatnam, a G+2 building at Kunchanapalli, 776 grams of gold ornaments, nearly 3 kg of silver articles, cash worth Rs 1.15 lakh, bank balances of about Rs 3 lakh, a car, a motorcycle, and electronic gadgets. Following the searches, the ACB registered a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case against the Assistant Commissioner under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The anti-graft agency took the action following information that she allegedly amassed wealth beyond her known sources of



income. This is the second time that Shanti has been suspended in two years. She was appointed as Assistant Commissioner in the Endowments Department through the Andhra Pradesh State Public Service Commission (APSC) in 2020, and worked in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada. After the TDP-led coalition government came to power in 2024, Shanti was suspended for over an allegation of irregularities. She was under suspension from July 2024 to March 2026. The Endowments Department had initiated a departmental inquiry into the allegations against Shanti. The government had seriously taken the allegations against Shanti, including her recruitment procedure itself. The suspension was lifted last month, and she was waiting for a posting.

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## Low Rate Era

**Primary & Secondary Schooling (K-12)**  
The signal from the Reserve Bank of India is subtle but consequential: India may be settling into an extended phase of relatively low interest rates. This is not the exuberant easing of a crisis response, nor the defensive tightening of an inflation scare. It is something more structural – a reflection of an economy that, for now, appears stable enough to sustain growth without the discipline of high borrowing costs. At first glance, the reasoning is straightforward.

Inflation remains within the central bank's tolerance band, growth projections remain respectable, and financial transmission from policy rates to bank lending is functioning with reasonable efficiency. Under Governor Sanjay Malhotra, the RBI is effectively signalling that the traditional triggers for rate hikes are absent. But the deeper implication lies elsewhere. A low-rate environment over the medium to long term suggests that India's economic management is increasingly confident about its internal balance between growth and price stability.

This confidence is not accidental. It is built on years of fiscal calibration, supply-side interventions, and a more credible monetary policy framework that has, since the adoption of inflation targeting, anchored expectations more firmly. This also reflects a quiet shift in savings behaviour, as lower deposit returns may push households towards equities, real estate, or alternative assets in search of higher yields. Yet, the RBI's stance is carefully hedged. The emphasis on a "neutral" position is not mere caution; it is an acknowledgment that India's macroeconomic stability is still vulnerable to forces beyond its control.

The recent volatility in global energy markets, driven by geopolitical tensions in West Asia, underscores how quickly imported inflation can disrupt domestic calculations. Oil prices, currency pressures, and trade disruptions remain variables that no central bank can fully domesticate. This creates an interesting paradox. Domestically, the case for low rates is strengthening. Globally, the case for caution persists. The result is a policy posture that is accommodative in direction but conservative in commitment. For businesses and investors, this has tangible consequences. Cheap capital, if sustained, lowers the threshold for investment and risk-taking.

It can revive credit cycles, support infrastructure expansion, and make long-gestation projects more viable. For households, it sustains affordability in housing and consumption. But there is also a less visible effect: prolonged low rates can dull financial discipline, encouraging leverage and misallocation if not matched by productivity gains. The more strategic reading, therefore, is not that low rates are guaranteed, but that they are increasingly the baseline ~ subject to interruption rather than reversal. The RBI is not promising cheap money; it is signalling that, barring external shocks, India no longer needs expensive money to keep its economy in check. That distinction matters. It marks a shift from crisis management to structural confidence. Whether that confidence proves durable will depend less on domestic policy and more on how the world beyond India's borders behaves.

How do you know how food tastes? Your palate needs salt to make sense of what you're eating. Asha Bhosle's voice was like salt - 'namak.' To say there'll be no artist worth her salt is a truism.

For every stage of love, there was an Asha Bhosle song.

Attraction: Aaiye Meharbaan (Howrah Bridge)

Infatuation: Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko (Yaadon Ki Baaraat)

Attachment: Abhi Na Jao Chhod Kar (Hum Dono)

Trust: Yeh Vaada Raha (Yeh Vaada Raha)

Worship: In Ankhon Ki Masti (Umraro Jaan)

Obsession: Piya Tu Ab To Aaja (Caravan)

Death/Surrender: Mera Kuch Saaman (Ijaazat)

Sassy, bold, seductive, playful, haunting, grieving, and soulful, Asha Bhosle could mould her voice in every way possible. Always the one to take the road not taken, she could do it all and be all.

"Mujhe film line mein 82 saal ho gaye hain. Abhi ye ichha hai gaate-gaate mera dum nikle. Mujhe sabse zyada khushi hogi main gaate-gaate jaaon," Asha Bhosle said on her first podcast Couple of Things in 2025.

On April 12, the voice that entertained generations of music lovers fell silent. Asha Bhosle died on Sunday at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital following multiple organ failure.

Asha Bhosle was born on September 8, 1933 in Sangli, Maharashtra, to renowned singer Deenanath Mangeshkar and Shevanti Mangeshkar. Asha Bhosle was the third child of the couple, younger to melody queen Lata Mangeshkar and Meena Khadikar, and elder to Usha Mangeshkar and Hridayanath Mangeshkar.

"Asha Bhosle Died Due To Multiple Organ Failure": Breach Candy Hospital

Viral Again: Asha Bhosle Grooving With Mumtaz On Koi Sehri Babu. Watch

How Asha Bhosle's Iconic Piya Tu

Became A Dhurandhar Superhit

After their father died when Asha Bhosle was just nine, she and Lata Mangeshkar had to start working. Asha Bhosle, who made her singing debut at the age of 10 with the song Chala Chala Nav Bala for the 1943 Marathi film Majha Bal, initially struggled to find her footing in the film industry, especially when Lata Mangeshkar was the first choice to playback for heroines.

If Lata Mangeshkar was 'Lata Didi', Asha Bhosle was 'Asha Tai'. She was pretty much the antithesis of what Lata Mangeshkar was not.

If Lata Mangeshkar voiced the moral-ly-upright, 'pure' leading lady, Asha Bhosle broke new ground by churning out foot-tapping dance numbers featuring the vamp or the 'item girl' performing cabaret at a club.

If not for Asha Bhosle, Helen would never have had a voice. O Haseena Zulfonwari, Aa Jaane Jaan, to Ye Mera Dil, it is impossible to imagine Helen's sultry dance moves without Asha Bhosle's vigour and passion.

And, Asha Bhosle knew she had to do something unique to be able to carve her own niche in showbiz. If she could make you groove to Jawani Jaaneman and Dum Maaro Dum, she could make you miss your beloved with Jaaon Kahan Jaaon and Ye Kya Jagan Hai Doston. Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko, Piya Tu Ab To Aaja, Abhi Na Jao Chhod Kar, In Ankhon Ki Masti, Aage Bhi Jaane Na Tu, to Ek Main Aur Ek Tu, the range she displayed in the love song genre alone was phenomenal.

"I thought to myself, if I will continue to sing in a similar voice to didi, then I will never get work as long as didi is in the business. I won't have a name and fame of my own. After this incident, I began to change my style of singing.

"I started to watch English movies to learn Western songs, observe how they would sing in English. I also learnt how to sing qawwali, ghazals, the voice modulations needed in different forms of singing. I started to learn it all," Asha Bhosle once said.

There were many comparisons and a lot of speculation about sibling rivalry, one that neither confirmed. "People did carry tales and try to create trouble, but blood is thicker than water. I remember, sometimes both of us would be at a function and some industry types would ignore me and interact only with her, as if to prove their loyalty. Later, Didi and I would have a good laugh," Asha Bhosle had said.

Sai Paranjpye's 1998 film Saaz was reportedly based on the professional tussel between Asha Bhosle and Lata Mangeshkar, a claim the former rubbished. "It's not true at all. To have two women in long plaits, take a couple of incidents and exaggerate them into a three-hour film is such a waste of time," Asha Bhosle had said.

She eventually went on to create her own space, independent of her elder sister Lata Mangeshkar. Initially pegged as the dance number voice, Asha Bhosle loved challenges and loved proving people wrong.

During the photo installation ceremony of her late sister Lata Mangeshkar at Deenanath Mangeshkar Natyamandir Hall in Mumbai, Asha Bhosle broke down remembering her 'Didi' a few years after her death.

"She used to say, 'My blessings are always with you whether you come here or not. Mai, Baba and I are always there for you.' Now after her, whose blessings should I seek? Whom should I tell my troubles? We all have become orphans. She should have been with us guiding us for at least a few more years," she recalled.

After Asha Parekh, Sadhana, Rekha, the 62-year-old Asha Bhosle sang for Urmila Matondkar, 21 at the time, in Rangoela. She also gave chartbusters for 90s stars Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Karisma Kapoor, and Shamita Shetty.

Even in her twilight years, Asha Bhosle -- whose X bio read: "Singer since 1943" -- was never complacent. "No one is complete. It is always about how you can change or evolve with time. I've sung songs for the main artist and for the dancers as well.



I believe I could fit in well with anyone. But I wish I had sung more songs in different languages. I wish I could have done more classical singing," said the late singer, who was recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records as the most recorded artist in music history in 2011.

Asha Bhosle, who sang over 12,000 songs in as many as 20 languages, formed key partnerships with music composers, including OP Nayyar, SD Burman, RD Burman, whom she later married, Bappi Lahiri, and AR Rahman. A firm believer in destiny, the singer was also vocal about facing politics in her heyday.

"In every field, there's politics. In films too there's politics, so it is not easy. I believe a lot in destiny and I believe whatever is meant for me will come to me and what is not meant for me, I'll never get that. I faced difficulties but today when I look back, it all looks mazedar (fun) as I came out of it," she told PTI ahead of her live concert in Dubai to mark her 90th birthday.

Yet life brought its fair share of troubles. Asha Bhosle was just 16 when she eloped with her personal secretary, Ganpatrao Bhosle, and had three children with him. After enduring years of mistreatment from her husband and in-laws, she separated from him in 1960. She remarried her frequent collaborator RD Burman in 1980; they had no children.

There's a faint memory of watching Asha Bhosle live in concert on television in the early 2000s. She wore this

shimmering pink saree and her signature pearl bracelet with glittering tassels, a jewellery piece that was a constant at all her live shows.

She commanded the orchestra like the boss lady she was with her unconventional voice that still holds sway over music history in 2011.

Asha Bhosle also tried her hand at indipop in the late 1990s and early 2000s, with several remixes of her songs such as Parde Mein Rehne Do, a move for which she courted criticism. But she gave banger such as Jaanam Samjha Karo with Leslie Lewis.

In 2006, she released Asha and Friends, singing duets, with Sanjay Dutt and Urmila Matondkar and former Australian cricketer Brett Lee, with whom she sang, You're the One for Me (Haan Main Tumhara Hoon). She was 78 when she her acting debut with the Hindi film Mai in 2012.

Just six years ago, Asha Bhosle made her YouTube debut with the single Main Hoon, dedicated to spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

Asha Bhosle, by her own admission, was "the last Mughal of this film line".

In 2023, the singer said, "If you look at the history of the film industry, only I know about it. I know the life of every person - directors, producers, artists, singers, everyone. If I start talking, it will take me three-four days. There are so many stories. I have not forgotten anything. I am the last Mughal of this film line." So long, Asha Tai.

## Ahead of Bengal polls, decoding the Bhadrakolok's views on SIR

In Kolkata's social vocabulary, a particular group has long held a special place - the 'bhadrakolok', or what is often referred to as the 'madhyabitta' (middle-class). In English-language discourse, this social class was once described as the "middle class", and the term later evolved into the "educated middle class", sometimes simply called the "middle class".

During the colonial period, British officials, who first encountered this social group, referred to them as "educated natives." Like most modern social classes, however, the boundaries of the bhadrakolok community are difficult to define precisely.

In West Bengal, and particularly in Kolkata, the bhadrakolok have historically played a central role in shaping public opinion.

In earlier decades, the Congress party enjoyed considerable support among Kolkata's urban middle class, while rural Bengal leaned more towards the Left parties. Later, during the final phase of Left rule, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee maintained significant support among urban educated voters, while Mamata Banerjee emerged as the political favourite in rural Bengal. Eventually, Banerjee managed to expand her influence across both demographics.

However, in the 2026 Assembly election, a different pattern appears to be emerging in parts of urban Kolkata. In some areas, there is visible anti-incumbency after nearly fifteen years of Banerjee's government. Among

sections of the bhadrakolok, too, a certain level of dissatisfaction has become evident.

Their concerns revolve around several issues that have dominated political debates in the state, including the education recruitment scam, allegations of corruption in political campaigns, and the activities of the so-called "syndicate" networks involved in construction and local contracting. For many members of the Bengali bhadrakolok community, these controversies have created a sense of disillusionment with the present administration.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list has added another layer of controversy. Some argue that the deletions disproportionately affect slum residents or minority communities in Kolkata, while others suggest that the exercise targeted illegal infiltrators, including Bangladeshis living in railway colonies or old refugee settlements.

Differing Opinions Renowned filmmaker Arindam Sil said, "We are not against SIR, but we are worried about the abrupt huge deletion. Bengali cultural degradation that is a wrong perception because there are good films Bengalis are still creating. Tagore's songs, dance and book fairs -- all are still happening. But deleted voters can't get hearings from tribunals. This is unthinkable."

Painter and renowned artist Samir Aich disagreed. "After the RG Kar and Sandeshkhali incidents, Bengali



culture has completely eroded. I do not subscribe to any particular party but, as a creative person, I think Bengal has lost its cultural glory in the past 15 years. Vote bank politics should be stopped. The SIR idea is good," he said.

Retired police officer Nazrul Islam also said implementing the SIR was a good decision and that the Trinamool Congress government in the state had "destroyed" the state's development model.

Banerjee and the Trinamool have argued that many genuine voters have been removed from the list and that the deletions do not affect only minority communities, but also a significant number of Hindu voters.

There have been several reported instances where academicians, teachers, professors, college students, and government employees discovered that their names were missing from the voter lists. For many people, the

process of correcting the records and re-entering their names has proven to be complicated. The SIR verification procedure requires filling out multiple forms and appearing for inquiries, which many citizens have found difficult and stressful.

The BJP has tried to counter these criticisms by arguing that voter list revisions have taken place in several other states as well, including Kerala, Assam and Tamil Nadu, without similar political turmoil. The party says the protests in West Bengal are largely incited by the Trinamool.

Banerjee, however, has argued that there is a political conspiracy behind the process, claiming that it is being used as a method to remove voters sympathetic to her party. In her campaign speeches, she accused the Election Commission of functioning as a political instrument of the BJP, an accusation that the saffron party has denied.

## The great papaya: a natural remedy for immunity and gut health

Papaya is back in focus after Acharya Balkrishna highlighted its immunity-boosting, digestion-friendly and antioxidant-rich benefits, along with key health facts and safety tips.

If there is one fruit quietly stealing the wellness spotlight again, it is papaya. And no, it is not just another "diet fruit" sitting in your kitchen bowl. This soft, orange wonder is suddenly back in conversations after a fresh social media post by Acharya Balkrishna, who highlighted its health magic on Facebook. But what is really going on inside this humble fruit that makes it such a big deal? Let's peel it open slowly.

Loaded with nutrients: the tropical fruit with a long journey Papaya comes from the Carica



papaya plant and has a surprisingly global backstory. It first grew in Central America and Southern Mexico, but today it is planted in many warm regions across the world. The fruit itself can grow quite large, sometimes up to 20 inches long.

Its outer skin tells a clear story of ripening. When unripe, it stays

green and firm. As it matures, it turns orange on the outside, while the inside flesh may appear yellow, orange, or even reddish. Inside, you will also find many black seeds. They are edible, though their taste is quite bitter.

Nutrition-wise, papaya is loaded. It carries a rich amount of vitamin A and vitamin C, both of which sup-

port the body's defense system. According to health discussions shared by Acharya Balkrishna, these nutrients help improve immunity and may protect against common seasonal problems like cold, cough, and fever.

The digestion hero: papain and the stomach-friendly secret

If papaya had a "superpower label," it would definitely be digestion.

The real hero here is an enzyme called papain. This natural compound is known for breaking down tough protein chains, which is why people in tropical regions have used papaya for centuries to tenderize meat. It literally helps soften food before it even reaches your stomach.

Inside the body, papain continues the same job by making digestion

smoother and easier. This is why papaya is often considered helpful for constipation and digestive discomfort. Some traditional practices even suggest its use for symptoms linked with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

In one older study from 2013, people who used a papaya-based formula for 40 days reported noticeable relief from bloating and constipation.

Interestingly, different parts of the plant like seeds, leaves, and roots have also been used in traditional remedies for ulcers and other conditions in both humans and animals. However, researchers still say more high-quality studies are needed to fully confirm these uses.

Antioxidant power and the safety side of papaya

## They came. They talked. What next and where does this leave Pakistan?

The bad news is the highest level talks between the US and Iran in nearly five decades ended without a deal, which seemed a heavy lift even for the most optimistic. The good news is neither ended the cease fire and fighting has not resumed. Thanks for reading Kathy Gannon's Substack! Subscribe for free to receive new posts and support my work. US Vice-President JD Vance left Pakistan on Sunday without a deal saying Washington has made its last and final offer, though with US President Donald Trump it is never clear if last really means last, or final really means final.

Even as the talks were underway Trump seemed uninterested in the outcome saying a deal "doesn't even matter because the US has already won." It is a fool's mission to read anything into Trump's utterings, but given the unpopularity of the Iran war in America and the president's nosediving poll numbers, it may be that he has lost his appetite for the war and simply declares victory. Unsurprisingly the sticking points to a deal remain the fate of the Strait of Hormuz and Iran's nuclear ambitions, both for its domestic energy needs and possible future use for weapons production, something Tehran has consistently insisted it is not seeking. Iran also wants an end to Israel's assault on Lebanon, which unsurprisingly Israel has refused, even as Washington seeks to broker a cease fire between the Middle Eastern neighbors. Where does this now leave Pakistan? Pakistan has been walking an increasingly wobbly tightrope leveraging its military strength and its friendship with both its neighbors and the United States to get the two-week cease fire agreement and significantly a historic face-to-face



meeting between Washington and Tehran. That feat alone has been monumental and it still might pay off with a final agreement.

The stakes, however, are high for Pakistan which has put a lot on the line to broker these talks. While its international reputation has soared, a resumption of the war could drag Pakistan, which leveraged its military strength to get folks to the table, into the war. Even as Pakistan was basking in the glow of having orchestrated the talks and was working the American and Iranian delegations to get an agreement, Islamabad was deploying its forces to Saudi Arabia.

The deployment reinforces its security alliance with Saudi Arabia and risks drawing Pakistan into the war if renewed fighting brings renewed attacks by Iran on Saudi Arabia. The troop deployment was announced at the start of talks and by Saudi Arabia, not Pakistan, both of which seem significant and would seem a message to Iran and to its Houthi allies in Yemen that a resumption of the war will mean they will have to answer to Pakistan as well as Saudi Arabia.

Effectively Saudi Arabia has activated its Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement with Pakistan. According to the Saudi Foreign Ministry announcement "The

Pakistani force consists of fighter and support aircraft belonging to the Pakistani Air Force, with the aim of enhancing joint military coordination, raising the level of operational readiness between the armed forces of the two countries, and supporting security and stability at both regional and international levels." The last major assault by Iran on its neighbors prior to the two-week cease fire agreement was against Saudi Arabia. On April 7 and 8 a barrage of Iranian missiles and drones hit the Jubail Industrial hub, including the large Sadra complex. The attack hit Saudi Arabia's critical east-west crude oil pipeline, its key export route, striking at the heart of the kingdom's petrochemical industry. Even as Saudi Arabia intercepted several of the Iranian missiles the damage was extensive and reportedly cut Saudi oil production by 600,000 barrels a day.

Saudi Arabia has now activated its security agreement with Pakistan and that means if the war resumes and Iran again attacks Saudi Arabia, Pakistan will be obliged to enter the war. Pakistan's air force demonstrated its prowess last May during a brief four-day war with neighbor India downing as many as five Indian aircraft, including three French made Rafale fighter jets before declaring itself the winner of the war. Trump who took credit for brokering the cease fire between the nuclear armed South Asian neighbors also declared Pakistan the winner. A resumption of the Iran war risks again testing Pakistan's air force and dangerously escalating the war, something it is hoped Iran would not want to see. Pakistan's strategic defense pact with Saudi Arabia may turn out to be the greatest bargaining chip or the deadliest.

## Iran says talks marked by 'mistrust, suspicion'; breakthrough wasn't expected in single round

Acknowledging the absence of a breakthrough in the latest round of negotiations with the United States, Iran on Sunday said the talks were held in an atmosphere of "mistrust and suspicion," with no realistic expectation of reaching a comprehensive agreement in a single session. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said the two sides were able to arrive at an understanding on several issues, but critical differences persisted. "We reached understanding on a number of points, but key disagreements remained on two to three major issues, and ultimately the talks did not lead to an agreement," he said. Baghaei described the negotiations as the longest in the past year, stretching over 24 to 25 hours of continuous engagement—an indication of both the complexity of the issues and the intensity of the discussions.



He stressed that the context of the talks made a swift resolution unlikely. "These discussions took place after 40 days of imposed war, in an atmosphere of mistrust and suspicion," he said, adding that under such conditions, "no one expected an agreement to be reached in a single session—and no one did."

The remarks underscore Tehran's attempt to frame the outcome not as a failure, but as part of a broader, incremental process shaped by deep-seated distrust and recent conflict. While no deal emerged, the acknowledgement of limited convergence on certain issues suggests that negotiations may continue, even as fundamental differences remain unresolved.

## Cyclone lashes New Zealand's North Island, hundreds evacuated

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more to the east, which means that we haven't quite seen the intensity that we had prepared for or that we thought we were going to get hit with. So that is good news," Mitchell said. "In terms of what we're going to expect over the next 12 hours is we are going to see a bit more of intensification, as the cyclone starts to come down and get closer." The combination of the afternoon's high tide and large swells from the storm could trigger coastal inundation, Mitchell warned.

"The concerning time is really from 2 pm this afternoon onwards when we've got high tides combined with those big swells," he said. The cyclone has forced hundreds of residents to evacuate and knocked out electricity to some 5,000 homes so far, with power restored to roughly 2,000, he

said. New Zealand Defence Force members and heavy equipment have also been deployed to assist with evacuations. MetService said it had recorded wind gusts of over 130 kph in some areas and 24-hour rainfall totals of over 100 mm (3.9 inches) in the city of Whangarei. Vaianu has conjured up memories of 2023's Cyclone Gabrielle, which killed 11 and displaced thousands in one of New Zealand's biggest natural disasters this century.

## China offers incentives to Taiwan following opposition leader's visit

China on Sunday unveiled 10 new incentive measures for Taiwan, including easing tourist curbs, allowing in "healthy" television dramas and facilitating food sales, following a visit by the island's opposition leader.

The move comes at the end of a trip to China by Cheng Li-wun, chairwoman of the Kuomintang (KMT), Taiwan's largest opposition party. She met Chinese President Xi Jinping and talked about the need for peace and reconciliation. The 10 measures, unveiled by the official Xinhua news agency, "explore" the establishment of a regular communication mechanism between the KMT and China's Communist Party, the full resumption of flights between the two sides and permission for individuals from Shanghai and Fujian province to visit Taiwan. A mechanism will be established to ease inspection standards for food and fish-



ery products, but that has to be on the political foundation of "opposing Taiwan independence", Xinhua said. Taiwanese TV dramas, documentaries and animation will be allowed to be shown as long as they have "correct orientation, healthy content, and high production quality", it added. There

was no immediate reaction from Taiwan's government. China refuses to talk to Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, saying he is a "separatist". He rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims over the democratically governed island. China and Taiwan have blamed each other for the lack of a resumption of

large-scale Chinese tourism to the island since the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. Taiwan has also previously complained about Chinese restrictions on imports of certain agricultural and aquatic products, saying China has in some cases used unjustified excuses to stop the spread of pests and diseases.

## US-Iran talks collapse in Islamabad; Vance returns without deal

High-stakes negotiations between the United States and Iran ended without a breakthrough in Islamabad on Sunday, as US Vice President JD Vance departed for Washington after 24 hours of intensive talks mediated by Pakistan. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, Vance acknowledged limited progress but confirmed that the two sides had failed to bridge core differences. "We've had a number of substantive discussions with the Iranians. That's the good news. The bad news is that we have not reached an agreement, and I think that's bad news for Iran much more than it's bad news for the United States," he said.



Vance said Washington had clearly outlined its "red lines" and areas of possible compromise, but Tehran declined to accept the terms. At the heart of the impasse, he emphasised, was the US demand for a long-term, verifiable commitment that Iran would neither pursue nuclear weapons nor develop the

capability to rapidly produce them. "The simple fact is that we need to see an affirmative commitment—not just for now, not just for two years, but for a very long period of time," he said. Vance added that while Iran's previous enrichment infrastructure had been dismantled, the question of intent remained unresolved. "Do we see a fundamental commitment of will from the Iranians?" he asked, underscoring what he described as the central objective of the negotiations. Despite the deadlock, Vance said the United States had left behind what he termed its "final and best offer,"

leaving the door open for Tehran to reconsider. On the other side, Iranian officials struck a defiant yet measured tone. Esmail Baqaei, spokesperson for Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, described the talks as "intensive" and "wide-ranging," covering issues from the nuclear programme to sanctions relief, war reparations, and regional security, including the Strait of Hormuz. Baqaei said Iran's delegation had worked "without interruption" and remained committed to defending national interests. "The Islamic Republic of Iran is determined to

utilise all tools, including diplomacy, to secure national interests and protect the country's well-being," he said. Baqaei also signalled that progress would depend on Washington's approach. "The success of this diplomatic process depends on the seriousness and good faith of the opposing side," he noted, warning against "excessive demands and unlawful requests." The spokesperson reiterated Iran's stance on safeguarding its sovereign rights, adding that recent national losses had only strengthened Tehran's resolve. Both sides expressed gratitude to Pakistan for hosting and mediating the talks, though the failure to secure even a preliminary agreement underscores the deep mistrust that continues to define US-Iran relations. With Washington returning empty-handed and Tehran holding firm, the prospects for a near-term diplomatic breakthrough remain uncertain, even as both sides leave the door ajar for future engagement.

## Jaishankar begins UAE visit; Goyal holds talks with Saudi counterpart

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday began his visit to the UAE, while Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal held a virtual meeting with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Majid bin Abdullah al-Qasabi. "We discussed strengthening India-Saudi Arabia trade relations, enhancing energy supply cooperation and advancing negotiations for a trade agreement between India and GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries," Goyal said. Jaishankar said he began his visit by interacting with members of the Indian community. "Spoke about the Government of India's efforts towards their well-being and security amidst the West Asia conflict," he said. He appreciated the contributions of the Indian community to local society during these difficult times, as well as the support of the UAE government in ensuring their welfare.



Meanwhile, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal posted on X that another Indian-flagged vessel, 'Jag Vikram', navigated by 24 Indian crew members, successfully sailed out of the Persian Gulf region on April 11 carrying LPG. A day earlier, Sonowal had chaired a review meeting on port operations with senior ministry officials amid prevailing West Asia tensions. The minister also directed the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to ensure transparency in shipping-related charges and reviewed grievance redressal mechanisms at ports, with instruc-

tions to strengthen them. He had said that India's major ports had cleared nearly 90 per cent of their cargo backlog. Indian ports have undertaken measures such as ground rent waivers, billing concessions, discounts on reefer charges and optimal yard utilisation to ease congestion and support trade, he had said. Major ports, including Deendayal Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, New Mangalore Port and Mumbai Port, have largely cleared their cargo backlog.

A series of operational measures, increased yard capacities and improved logistics planning are said to have played a crucial role in achieving this. This comes as the Strait of Hormuz remains uncertain amid a fragile two-week ceasefire between Iran and US-Israel forces. The strait, which accounts for about 20 per cent of the world's energy exports, continues to see reduced traffic, though marginally higher than levels before the ceasefire.

## India-UK free trade pact may come into force from second week of May: Official

The India-UK free trade agreement, signed in July last year, is likely to come into force from the second week of May, according to an official. India and the UK, on July 24, 2025, signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), under which 99 per cent of Indian exports will enter the British market at zero duty, while tariffs on British products, such as cars and whisky, will be reduced in India. "We are expecting the pact to be implemented from the second week of May," the official said.

The two countries have also signed the Double Contributions Convention (DCC) pact to ensure temporary workers would not have to duplicate social levies in either country. The official said that both pacts are likely to be implemented in parallel. CETA aims to double the USD 56 billion trade between the two economies by 2030. While India has opened its market to various consumer goods, including chocolates, biscuits and cosmetics, it will gain greater access to export products, such as textiles, footwear, gems and jewellery, sports goods, and toys. Under the pact, tariffs on Scotch whisky will be reduced from 150 per cent to 75 per cent immediately, and further lowered to 40 per cent by 2035. On automobiles, India will



reduce import duties to 10 per cent over five years, down from the current rate of up to 110 per cent, under a gradually liberalised quota system. In return, Indian manufacturers will gain access to the UK market for electric and hybrid vehicles within a quota framework.

# Love Insurance Kompany(LIK) Review

**Cast** - Pradeep Ranganathan, S. J. Suryah, Krithi Shetty, Seeman, Yogi Babu, Gouri G Kishan, Shah Ra, Malavika, Anandaraj, Amritha Aiyyer, Mysskin and others  
**Director** - Vignesh Shivan  
**Producer** - S. S. Lalit Kumar & Nayanthara  
**Banner** - Seven Screen Studio & Rowdy Pictures  
**Music** - Anirudh Ravichander



After establishing himself as one of the most bankable stars with three back-to-back successful films (i.e., Love Today, Dragon & Dude), Tamil hero Pradeep Ranganathan teamed up with director Vignesh Shivan for a futuristic romantic comedy. At the time it was announced, the film instantly raised expectations because of the combination of Pradeep Ranganathan, Vignesh Shivan and Anirudh Ravichander.

The expectations further increased when the team released the song 'Dheema Dheema', a few months ago. After getting postponed a few times for reasons best known to the makers, the film was finally released in theatres today. Did, Pradeep Ranganathan, score a fourth hit in a row as the lead actor? Did the director, Vignesh Shivan, come up with an engaging romantic comedy film? Did Anirudh Ravichander's music help the film become a hit? How did Pradeep and Krithi Shetty's pairing look on screen? Did, S. J. Suryah, excel in an antagonist role yet again? Let's figure it out with a detailed analysis.

## What is it about?

What happens when a guy (Pradeep Ranganathan), who doesn't even use a mobile phone in the year 2040, falls in love with a girl (Krithi Shetty), who is a social media influencer and depends on social networking platforms to find her a right match, is the storyline of the film. Why did, Vasu Aka Vibe Vassey, not use a mobile phone? How did Vasu end up lending his voice to the social networking app, Love Insurance Kompany(LIK)? What happens when Vasu proposes Dheema? What challenges did the couple face because of the app 'LIK'? Forms the rest of the story.

## Performances:

Pradeep Ranganathan did well in parts. After a point during the filming, it looked like he lost interest in the project. The lack of interest in him was to be seen at many places in the film where he just appeared blank and bland. S. J. Suryah is the only actor who has appeared totally involved. He did a decent job with his performance and entertained in a couple of sequences with his dialogue modulation. Senior actor, Anandaraj, with his comedy timing, generated a few laughs at a couple of places.

Yogi Babu generated a few laughs but his character irritates after a point. Krithi Shetty in the lead actress role looked good but her performance should have been better. However, it is unfair to blame her for not coming up with a good performance in a poorly written and executed role. Same goes with the remaining actors in the film. Almost everyone appeared lost and uninterested.

## Technicalities:

Anirudh is known for taking the films to the next level with his music. But in LIK, barring one song, his songs and background score are underwhelming to say the least. It seems like he was excited during the initial phase of discussing the story idea and eventually lost interest. It is surprising to see him scoring a song which is almost similar to his own song 'Hoyna Hoyna' from Nani's Gang Leader. Pradeep E. Ragav's editing was poor. At least twenty minutes of trimming would have made the film at least bearable. There were at least four sequences in the film that dragged on forever and irritated. Cinematography by Ravi Varman is colourful and vibrant but there's nothing extraordinary. The art and production design

team, would have done a better job. We can see their lack of imagination and originality in the ideas they used to build a futuristic world. Let's discuss the writer and director, Vignesh Shivan's, work in detail in the analysis section.

## Positives:

1.? ?Dheema Dheema Song

2.? ?Pradeep's Performance In Parts

## Negatives:

1.? ?Writing & Screenplay

2.? ?Poor Direction

3.? ?Lack of Emotional Depth

4.? ?Lengthy Runtime

5.? ?Anirudh's Music

## Analysis:

An emerging star hero with three consecutive hits, a most bankable music director, an actress with a decent following among youth, a highly successful actor in an antagonist role, and an interesting storyline 'Love Insurance Kompany (LIK)', has almost everything needed to become a hit. However, the lack of ideas and imagination from the writer and director, Vignesh Shivan, turned it into a mess of a film that becomes unbearable to watch after a point. After a painfully dull first hour, the pre-interval sequence briefly offers hope for a better second half, but it doesn't take long to realise that the second half is even more tedious than the first half. Whatever has to go wrong has gone wrong for the film at the writing table itself and we see it throughout looking at the uninterested performances from almost all the actors and below-par output from all the technicians, including the usually reliable music director, Anirudh. Now, read the following - In the year 2040, a person who failed in love, develops an app with the name 'LIK'. The app aims to find the most compatible match for people to get into a relationship. It also talks to people, follows their instructions and does things it is asked to do. In no time, the app ends up becoming super successful among all sections of people and goes on to become a revolution across the globe and starts to give competition for Google Inc. and other tech giants

in terms of revenue.

While reading the above description, you must have started imagining an app which is developed using some cutting-edge technology and with the most advanced features, right? But, what we get to see is an app that is a hybrid version of Alexa and existing dating apps like Tinder, Hinge, etc. It is so laughable to even think the director and his team believed to engage the audience with such a lame idea for an app and that too in the year 2040. Now, let's read the following...

Young kids who don't eat food without watching videos on mobile phone, people who are obsessed with 'likes, shares and comments' on social media, influencers who can go to any extent to make a viral video, paid meme makers who mudsling on people by photoshopping pictures, over reliability on the e-commerce apps, people who goes to retreats like 'Vipassana' to unwind themselves from excessive usage of social media and hectic work schedules, people depending on apps to find potential partners for dating instead of seeking real life connections.

Aren't most people doing all the aforementioned things these days? In fact, people have been doing these things for the last decade or so, right? What is the need for the director to set up the film in 2040 to show the above-mentioned things? It makes no difference to the storyline of the film, even if the director set up the film in 2026 or even before. The lack of original ideas, imagination and creative ability of the director is to be seen throughout the film.

Overall, the storyline of Love Insurance Kompany(LIK), has the potential but the uninspiring writing, screenplay, and direction, along with a lengthy runtime, made it a boring watch. In a film with a love story as its core point, it was surprising not to see even a single emotional scene that touches your heart. When you have nothing else to do, you may watch it when the film releases on OTT but it certainly doesn't warrant or deserve a watch in the theatre. In all probability, the film is certain to be a speed breaker for Pradeep Ranganathan's success streak at the box office.



## Dacoit will leave you with heavy heart - Nag Ashwin

Adivi Sesh has become hit machine among Telugu young heroes and his new movie Dacoit has taken his career best opening. It is matching towards becoming his biggest blockbuster. The movie collected Rs.28 crores+ gross worldwide and team conducted a blockbuster success meet. Director Nag Ashwin, Producers Allu Aravind, Bunny Vasu, Swapna Dutt, director BV Nandini Reddy attended the event as special guests.

Nag Ashwin stated that no one will leave theatres without feeling heavy and he stated that he has similar passion and love like Adivi Sesh. He too feels like there is no enough time to give the final best product even after 2-3 years. He stated that he will ask his team to watch it again. He remarked that Supriya was his senior in school and she is needed as a producer in Telugu Cinema. Allu Aravind speaking at the event, said, "I am thrilled to watch Adivi Sesh bring such quality content to



Telugu Cinema. His passion, work ethic and talent are admirable. I know producer Supriya Yarlagadda from her childhood and her penchant to deliver best is remarkable. They both created this humungous film. My only request to Mrunal Thakur is that please settle in TFI and marry someone here. You're our Telugu treasure." Supriya Yarlagadda thanked everyone who attended the event and stated that she wanted to bring back SS Creations, her father Surendra's dream and deliver a spectacular cinematic experience. She stated that she is extremely proud of

Dacoit and thanked director Shaneil Deo, entire team for their hard work. Adivi Sesh said, "I am speechless to see big producers, legendary filmmakers, the people I looked upto as a kid telling me that I did something right. This film exists because of Supriya, no matter how many hurdles we faced she stood like a pillar of support. We faced numerous issues but today, I'm relieved and proud to say that this film took my career best opening. Dacoit is a love story between me and my team till yesterday, today, it is a love story between me and my audiences."

## Melody Goes Silent: Asha Bhosle Passes Away at 92

Legendary Singer Asha Bhosle, who is regarded as the voice of Bollywood for her mellifluous vocals, has passed away at the age of 92 in Mumbai. She breathed her last in ICU after getting admitted to Breach Candy Hospital on Saturday due to cardiac and respiratory complications. The news was confirmed by her son Anand Bhosle on Sunday afternoon.

Asha Bhosle is one of the prolific singers of Independent India. Sister of iconic playback singer Latha Mangeshkar, Asha has the rare distinction for lending vocals to over 20 Indian and foreign languages apart from Hindi in her career spanning over

seven decades. She has recorded more than 12000 songs and ruled the roost during her heydays with an stellar career.

Born in 1933 in the princely state of Sangli (now Maharashtra), she started her singing career with the help of her sister Latha Mangeshkar at a tender age to support her family. She made her singing debut in 1943 with Marathi film Majha Bal. Later, she made her entry into Bollywood in 1948. At the age of 16, she married Ganpatrao Bhosle. She later married composer Rahul Dev.

Though Asha Bhosle initially inclined towards singing fast paced dance numbers of Bollywood,



she later diversified her talent by giving vocals to ghazals, traditional songs, pop music, folk songs, classical numbers and devotional bhajans. She even made her acting debut in 2013 with Mai. For her stupendous contribution to the field of cine-

ma, Asha Bhosle was rewarded with the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke award by the government of India in 2000. She also became the first Indian singer to be nominated for the coveted Grammy Award in 1997. She was honoured with the much

revered Padma Vibhushan for her illuminating career. Asha Bhosle was officially acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records for recording most number of songs in its history. She also featured in BBC list of 100 inspiring women in 2015 and holds numerous doctorates from various universities. She was the recipient of several Filmfare Awards and two time National Awards for her works.

Some of her evergreen songs include Garibon Ki Suno, Piya Tu Ab To Aaja, Parde Mein Rehne Do, Yeh Mera Dil, Le Gayi, In Ankhon Ki Masti, Tanha Tanha, Radha Kaisa Na Jale, Kahin Aag Lage.

## Harish Shankar Finally Understood UBS Debacle: Very Good?

The first step of returning to success is by acknowledging the defeat and setback in the first place, and this is where several Telugu directors have been suffering from lack of reality check in recent times. This was precisely the case with Harish Shankar as well, considering that he had been of the assumption that Ustad Bhagat Singh was a big hit. Several times in the recent past, Harish had been commenting that Pawan Kalyan's fans had great words to say about the film.

This was clearly of the implication that he felt he made a good film, but certain audience did not like it, which is the exact opposite to reality.

However, Harish appears to have a significant check of reality as the same is to be understood from his latest comment. While taking part in a film promotional event today, Harish Shankar stated that it is a fact that his previous film did not perform as well as expected. I understand, the kind of public feedback that I have been receiving, and this is due to the failure of my previous film. But this



isn't something strange or unprecedented either as I had faced similar situations in the past.

I directed nine film till now, and I had gone through 19 films, which did not make it to the sets, Harish said.

The commercial Director added that he is going to collaborate with trending OTT platform, ETV win for an upcoming project. However, he will not be directing this film, and instead, he will be writing and producing it. Now that Harish has fully acknowledged the failure of Ustad Bhagat Singh, the expectation is that he would change his method of operation and enhance the kind of films that he makes in the future.

## Big Tension for Akhil Fans Due To Kannada Hero

Akhil Akkineni's upcoming film Lenin has already faced many delays in shooting and release. After a long wait, the team finally announced June 26 as the release date. Even though the date was pushed far from the earlier plan, fans stayed calm and hoped that the film would come out with good quality. They believed that a better movie is more important than an early release. However situation is still not fully clear. There are reports that the team is again thinking about changing the release date. Two new options are being discussed. One possible date is June 4. But on the same day, Yash's film Toxic is also expected to release. Though it was officially announced, there are still some doubts about whether Toxic will come out that date. The production house

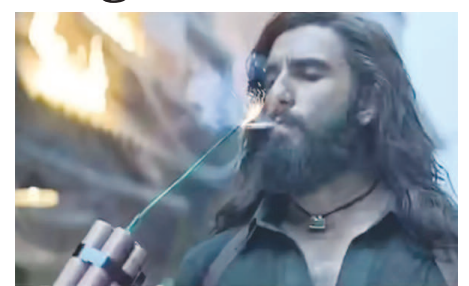


behind Toxic is currently facing several issues. There were problems with another film's censor process, and also piracy issues have created tension in the industry. Because of this, some people believe Toxic may get delayed. But as per the latest talk in Bengaluru makers are trying hard to release it on time. If Toxic arrives as planned then Lenin may have to stay on June 25 or 26. But another film Peddi is also considering similar dates. This creates confusion. If both films release together then it may affect box office collections.

## Bollywood Heading Towards Repetition Again?

Bollywood is currently enjoying the success of Dhurandhar 1 and Dhurandhar 2. These films have attracted large audiences to theatres and earned strong box office collections. Because of this success, people in the film industry are now asking an important question that is has Dhurandhar 2 truly revived Bollywood, or has it started a risky trend? In the past, Bollywood has often followed a pattern. When one film becomes a big hit the. Many filmmakers try to copy its style. They repeat similar ideas. This approach usually focuses only on surface elements like action scenes or character types but ignores the deeper story that made the original film successful.

For example after Kabir Singh became popular several films tried to copy its theme. However they failed to connect with the audience because they lacked strong storytelling. Similarly films like KGF and Pushpa inspired mass action trends but not all films could match their impact. Big films like Pathaan and Jawan also encouraged the idea that large scale and star power alone can guarantee success which is not always true.



Many films that followed these formulas failed at the box office. Audiences today expect something new and meaningful. Repeating the same ideas again and again can make viewers lose interest. The success of Dhurandhar 2 is not just because of action or scale. It worked because of a strong script and good performances. These factors are not easy to copy. Simply following the outer style of the film will not guarantee success. The next one or two years will be very important for Bollywood. Filmmakers now have two choices : either follow the trend and make similar films or focus on original ideas. If creators bring fresh content, Bollywood can grow stronger.

## Item Song becomes Headache for Ram Charan's Peddi

Mega Power Star Ram Charan is currently working on his much-awaited film Peddi. The movie is directed by Buchi Babu Sana, who earlier impressed audiences with Uppena. Expectations are very high for this film because of its big scale and strong team. However latest update about Peddi has made fans a little worried. The film's shooting has taken a short break. The reason behind this delay is the special song that was planned to be shot this week. The movie team wanted to shoot a grand and energetic song on a huge set. But they are still unable to finalize the heroine for this special appearance. The makers are searching for a perfect actress who can match the



energy and style required for the song. Reports say that names like Manasa Varanasi were considered. But the team is not fully satisfied yet and is still looking for a better option. Since this is expected to be a highlight song in the movie, they do not want to take any risk with the casting. Because the heroine is not finalized, the shooting schedule has been postponed. Meanwhile Ram

Charan has taken a small personal break to spend time with his family. Due to his absence the entire schedule had to be adjusted again. The shoot is expected to resume only after he returns. These continuous delays are now becoming a concern for fans. Many are worried that it might affect the film's release date. Also, delays can increase the production cost.

# Logical Reasoning: Analogy

## (For all Competitive Exams)

**Defining Analogy Reasoning**  
Analogy reasoning involves comparing two items to draw conclusions. It identifies similarities and differences between the items. It allows individuals to apply knowledge from one context to another, aiding in comprehension and analysis.

By recognizing patterns and connections between seemingly unrelated concepts, analogy reasoning enhances cognitive abilities and fosters creativity.

**Types of Analogy Questions in Reasoning**

**Letter-Based Analogy**

Letter-based analogy questions involve determining the relationship between pairs of letters and applying it to a new pair. For example, if A is to B, then C is to D.

**Number-Based Analogy**

In number-based analogy questions, you analyze the relationship between pairs of numbers and apply the same logic to a new pair. For instance, 2:4 is to 6:12.

**Image-Based Analogy**

Image-based analogies require comparing relationships between different images and identifying patterns to find the correct answer. Analogy questions can be based on various elements like pairs of letters, words, numbers, or images. They test your ability to recognize patterns and relationships.

**Alphabet analogy: A:B:: C:D (Letters)**

**Synonym analogy: Fast:Quick:: Big: Large (Words)**

In a number analogy question, if the pair "3:9" is given, where the first number is multiplied by 3 to get the second number, then applying the same logic to "4" would result in "12".

**General Knowledge Analogies**

General knowledge analogies encompass a wide array of topics, testing understanding across various subjects. These analogies can span history, science, literature, and more, presenting a diverse range of comparisons.

To excel in solving general knowledge analogies, develop a strong foundation in different fields and enhance your logical reasoning skills.

**Tips for Solving Analogies**

Provided below are some of the tips for solving analogy reasoning questions:

**Practice Techniques**

Engage in regular practice sessions to enhance your analogy-solving skills. Dedicate time to solving various types of analogies to build proficiency.

**Strategic Approaches**

Identify the relationship between the terms in the analogy by breaking it down into smaller components.



Look for patterns, associations, or common themes that link the words together.

**Elimination Method**

Apply elimination strategies by ruling out choices that do not fit the established relationship. Focus on understanding the underlying logic behind each analogy.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q1. What is analogy reasoning?**

Analogy reasoning involves identifying similarities between different concepts to draw logical conclusions. It helps in problem-solving by applying familiar patterns to new situations, aiding in critical thinking and decision-making processes.

**Q2. Why is analogy reasoning important in problem-solving?**

Analogies provide a structured approach to problem-solving by helping individuals recognize relationships between different elements. This process enhances cognitive skills, fosters creativity, and improves logical reasoning abilities for tackling complex issues effectively.

**Q3. What are the types of analogy questions?**

Analogy questions can be categorized into various types, such as letter and word analogies, number and numerical analogies, image-based analogies, and general knowledge analogies. Each type tests different cognitive abilities and reasoning skills.

**Q4. How can letter and word analogies benefit problem-solving?**

Letter and word analogies help improve vocabulary, language comprehension, and pattern recognition skills. By deciphering relationships between words or letters, individuals enhance their linguistic capabilities and develop a sharper analytical mindset for problem-solving tasks.

**Q5. What are some tips for solving analogies effectively?**

To solve analogies proficiently, it is essential to identify common patterns, establish connections

between elements, analyze relationships accurately, practice regularly with diverse analogy types, and maintain a strategic approach. These tips enhance cognitive flexibility and boost analytical reasoning skills.

Analogy in reasoning is a cognitive process and inductive argument form that draws conclusions about a target subject based on its structural similarity to a known source, functioning as a "resemblance of relations" rather than just surface similarity. It maps relationships across domains for problem-solving, learning, and decision-making.

**Definition and Core Nature**

**Fundamental Definition:** An analogy identifies that if two entities share several characteristics, they likely share others, transferring knowledge from a familiar domain (source) to an unfamiliar one (target).

**Structure of Argument:** It is generally framed as: "S is P; S resembles S in being M; therefore, S is P".

**Nature as Inference:** While deductive logic guarantees results, analogy is typically a "probable proof" or defeasible reasoning, meaning it offers plausible, not definitive, conclusions.

**Relational Mapping:** Modern cognitive science (Gentner, 1983) defines it as a structural alignment of relations rather than just shared superficial features.

**Scope and Components**

**Source and Target:** It requires a "base" (well-known domain) and a "target" (new domain to be understood).

**Mapping:** The process of identifying correspondences between elements in the source and target.

**Types of Analogical Reasoning:** Literal/Relational: Focuses on matching relationships (e.g., A is to B as C is to D).

**Empirical/Case-based:** Used in legal or scientific scenarios where a precedent (similar past case) dictates the current ruling.

**Evaluating Analogies**

**Strength:** Depends on the relevance of similarities, the number of similarities vs. differences, and the degree of knowledge about the subjects.

**Weakness:** Too many significant differences, or lack of direct connection between the similar features, weakens the argument.

**Applications**

**Problem Solving & Learning:** Explaining abstract concepts (e.g., electricity as water flow).

**Law:** Legal reasoning via precedent.

**Science:** Modelling new phenomena based on familiar ones.

**Logic Exams:** Verbal, numerical, and image-based analogies assess-

ing cognitive mapping.

**Types of Logical Reasoning**

**Analogy for Competitive Exams**  
Here you will get to know about the types of logical reasoning analogy, analogy and non-verbal reasoning, types of analogy tests in logical reasoning and so on.

**Concept of Reasoning Analogy**

Analogy reasoning can be defined as the term used to compare two different things or find a healthy relationship between the two. There are options given in reasoning questions related to the analogy that might be or might not be associated with one another. As a candidate, you need to highlight the odd option out. These questions are often asked in several forms.

Here are some of its common types **Numerical analogy or Odd one out** - A series of options are given based on certain patterns. Out of all the given options, one of them is most likely to be the odd one out. The candidate needs to pick that one out.

**Numerical analogy or Choosing the same pair** - Based on the pattern given, a set of options is given. Out of all the given options, the candidate is supposed to identify the same pattern options from the given ones.

**Word analogy/Alphabetical or Odd one out** - On the basis of certain patterns, a series of options are given. Out of all the provided options of the word analogy, one of them is most likely to be the odd one out. The candidate needs to pick that one out.

**Word analogy/Alphabetical or choosing the same pair** - Based on the pattern given, a set of options is given. Out of all the given options, the candidate is supposed to identify the same pattern options from the given ones.

Once the questions are solved based on the above-mentioned analogy types, the candidate gets a better understanding of all the concepts and is most likely to tick the right option.

**Tips and tricks to solve analogy reasoning questions**

Here is the list of tips and tricks used for solving analogy reasoning problems. Let's get started!

**First and foremost, it is crucial to understand the overall pattern suggested in the analogy.**

If the candidate fails to understand the given pattern, he or she may fail to judge the options rightly.

The pattern base is followed for questions including numerical, squares, cubes, multiplication, addition, and so on. So make sure you're checking these patterns repeatedly.

Scoring marks in ques-

tions that are based on the analogy is easy as they are non-complicated and, most of the time, direct.

To solve these questions, having an understanding of basic static GK is crucial.

**What Is Analogical Reasoning?**

Analogical reasoning involves identifying similarities between different situations or concepts to make inferences or solve problems. It is sometimes classified as a sub-category of Inductive Reasoning. Using analogical reasoning, we can draw upon existing knowledge and patterns to understand new or unfamiliar situations, applying solutions or insights from one context to another.

This argument exemplifies analogical reasoning because it involves observing one similarity between two distinct scenarios (i.e., two very different forms of speech that can both result in physical harm) and arguing for another similarity (i.e., that both should be banned).

**Analogy-based reasoning plays an important role in problem-solving, decision-making, and creative thinking.**

**What is Analogical Reasoning?**

Analogical reasoning occurs when we draw conclusions about a new situation based on similarities with a known situation.

This cognitive process is crucial to our ability to recognize patterns and apply existing knowledge to novel situations. However, analogical reasoning can be impacted by cognitive biases, or common irrational thought patterns:

**Confirmation bias:** Focusing on confirming beliefs may result in paying selective attention to analogical similarities and ignoring important differences.

**Representativeness heuristic:** Judging analogies based on their resemblance to prototypical examples may lead to overlooking nuance and variation.

**Analogical vs Inductive Reasoning**  
Analogical reasoning is sometimes classified as a specific type of Inductive Reasoning, but some consider it a distinct form of reasoning altogether.

**Inductive reasoning** involves making generalizations based on specific observations or evidence.

**Analogical reasoning** involves identifying similarities between different situations to make inferences or solve problems. Both are forms of Implicative Reasoning, which is defined by extrapolating insights from one context to another, drawing connections, and identifying similarities between disparate situations. In contrast to Deductive Reasoning, which involves deriving specific conclusions from general principles, all forms of implicative reasoning introduce new propositions that extend beyond the information provided in the premises.

**Analogical Reasoning examples**  
Examples of analogical reasoning can be found in a wide variety of contexts, from academic and professional contexts to everyday life.

Analogical reasoning examples in education Cognitive processes are often compared to software for educational purposes, with neural networks being compared to hardware. This analogy helps people conceptualize intricate cognitive functions by framing them in terms of computational processes that people can directly observe and understand.

This use of Analogical Reasoning clarifies complex phenomena by presenting them in familiar terms. Analogical Reasoning can also be used persuasively in political discourse to draw parallels between a familiar situation or concept and a more novel proposal.

**Analogical reasoning example in policy making Argument:** Universal Basic Income (UBI) mirrors Social Security, providing a safety net for citizens similar to retirement benefits. Advocates suggest that just as Social Security ensures a basic standard of living for retirees, UBI could alleviate poverty, reduce income inequality, and promote economic stability for all citizens.

This argument is an example of Analogical Reasoning as it draws parallels between the objectives and benefits of Social Security and the proposed UBI implementation. In this example, the analogy facilitates understanding by framing the debate in familiar terms and makes an argument for a policy change more persuasive by making it seem similar to an existing policy.

Many aspects of everyday life are affected by Analogical Reasoning:

**Decision-making:** Comparing different options and predicting their potential outcomes based on comparable situations (e.g., deciding whether to invest in a new business venture by comparing it to previous successful investments)

**Persuasion:** Relating something novel to something familiar to make it seem appealing and easy to understand (e.g., encouraging a child to try a new food by comparing it to something they already enjoy)

**Education:** Drawing parallels between unfamiliar ideas and familiar ones to facilitate comprehension and retention (e.g., explaining the concept of fractions by comparing numbers to slices of pizza)

**Creativity:** Innovating by exploring connections between seemingly unrelated concepts or domains.

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## ENACT Soft Skill: Bridging the Gap Between Thought and Action

In today's fast-paced, competitive environment, academic knowledge alone is insufficient for achieving success. Both students and professionals require a range of soft skills that enable effective interaction, adaptability, and efficient performance. One such vital soft skill is ENACT, which emphasizes translating ideas into tangible actions, encouraging individuals to take initiative and execute plans.

ENACT refers to the ability to initiate, plan, and execute actions effectively, transforming knowledge, ideas, and intentions into tangible outcomes. Individuals with strong ENACT skills don't just articulate goals; they actively work towards achieving them, leveraging confidence, clarity, time management, accountability, and perseverance.

**Importance of ENACT in Students' Lives:**

ENACT plays a pivotal role in shaping students into proactive, responsible individuals. It fosters initiative, enabling students to take the first step in completing assignments, participating in activities, and solving problems, thereby enriching their learning experience. Effective time management is another benefit, as students learn to prioritize tasks, organize schedules, and avoid procrastination, leading to improved academic performance and reduced exam stress.

ENACT also promotes confidence and independence, as students gain practical exposure and self-assurance by implementing their ideas. For instance, organizing events, participating in debates, or leading group projects allows students to develop decision-making and lead-

ership skills. Additionally, ENACT enhances problem-solving abilities, as students learn to analyze situations, take action, and evaluate results, cultivating critical thinking and preparing them for real-life challenges.

**Importance of ENACT in Professional Careers:**

In professional settings, ENACT is highly valued by employers, as it demonstrates initiative, productivity, and innovation. Professionals with strong ENACT skills exhibit leadership qualities, guiding teams and ensuring successful task completion. This skill also enhances decision-making abilities, enabling professionals to analyze situations and act promptly, managing responsibilities efficiently. ENACT also contributes to teamwork and collaboration, fostering accountability and reliability. Professionals who actively contribute to projects, suggest improvements, and implement solutions stand out, earning recognition and promotions. By developing ENACT skills, individuals can drive career growth, leveraging their ability to execute plans and achieve results.

**Developing ENACT Soft Skill:** Cultivating ENACT skills requires consistent practice and self-awareness. Setting clear goals and objectives helps individuals focus on actionable steps. Creating a plan of action, breaking tasks into manageable steps, and avoiding procrastination also facilitate execution. Effective time management, accountability, and seeking feedback from mentors or colleagues further refine ENACT skills. Building confidence through small

achievements and maintaining persistence in the face of challenges are also essential. By adopting these strategies, individuals can develop strong ENACT skills, empowering them to bridge the gap between thought and action.

**Conclusion:**

ENACT is a powerful soft skill that transforms ideas into actions, driving success in both personal and professional spheres. By embracing ENACT, individuals can cultivate initiative, discipline, and responsibility, achieving academic and professional excellence. By setting goals, planning effectively, managing time, and practicing accountability, individuals can unlock their potential, moving beyond mere thinking to tangible action and success.

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## Badminton Asia Championships: Ayush Shetty loses to Shi Yu, wraps up sensational campaign with silver medal

Shuttler Ayush Shetty's incredible run at the Badminton Asia Championships culminated in a runners-up finish after the Indian fell in straight games to second-seeded Shi Yu Qi of China in the men's singles summit clash here on Sunday. The 20-year-old Indian, ranked 25th in the world rankings, suffered an 8-21, 10-21 loss against the reigning world champion Yu Qi in the final here at the Ningbo Olympic Center.

With his silver medal finish, Ayush became the first Indian men's singles player since HS Prannoy in 2018 to earn a podium finish at the continental championship. Ayush's win over defending champion Kunlavut



Vitidsarn of Thailand in the semifinal made him just the second Indian men's singles player, and third overall, to enter the Badminton Asia Championships final. A win in the final would have seen him emulate Dinesh Khanna, who became men's singles champion in 1965. Hailing from the small town of Sanoor near Karkala in

Karnataka, the 2025 US Open champion Ayush had a fairytale campaign, as he had registered major upsets in the tournament enroute to the final. His giant-killing spree began in the opening round, where he stunned world No. 7 and reigning Asian Games champion Li Shi Feng of China. He followed it up with a composed win over Chinese

Taipei's Chi Yu Jen, ranked 20th, to book a quarter-final berth, where he delivered another statement performance by toppling Olympian and world No. 4 Jonatan Kristie of Indonesia before knocking out world No. 1 Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the semifinal. In the women's singles final, Korean star An Se-young defeated Wang Zhiyi 21-12, 17-12, 21-18 to win that one trophy she had yet to win among the major championships.

An, 24, Se Young became the first female singles player to cap a career sweep of badminton's majors - the Olympic Games, world championships, World Tour Finals, All England Open, Asian Games and now the Asian Championships.

## Arjun, Aditya clinch India's first gold at US Open Pickleball Championship

Arjun Singh and Aditya Singh secured India's first gold medal at the ongoing US Open Pickleball Championship 2026, defeating top seeds Ryder Brown and Soli Messiri in straight sets in the U-18 boys' doubles category in Naples, Florida. The Indian pair dominated the final, registering an emphatic 11-1, 11-5 victory to outclass the favourites and clinch the title in their maiden appearance at the tournament.

In the women's singles category, Naga Moksha added to India's tally by winning a bronze medal after a closely contested match. "This is extremely special for us; achieving this together is something that we and our family will cherish for a long time. We have worked very hard to make this happen and thank everyone who have supported us from back home. Most importantly, we are really

grateful to the Maharashtra Pickleball Association and the Indian Pickleball Association for this opportunity." Arjun Singh & Aditya Singh said right after winning the gold at the championship. The 2026 edition marks India's first participation at the US Open Pickleball Championship under the affiliation of the Indian Pickleball Association (IPA).

## Mega Free Medical Camp Benefits Hundreds in Garividi

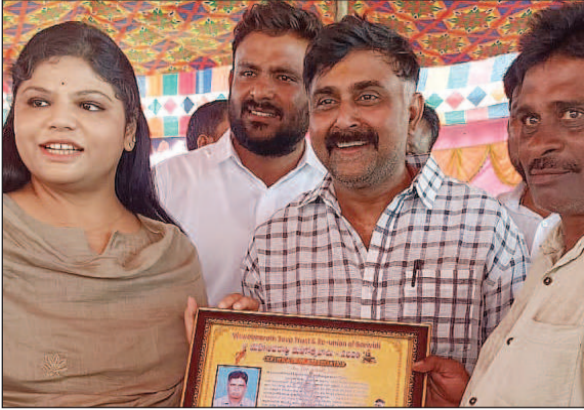
By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli (Garividi), April 12

A mega free medical camp organized under the aegis of Viswanharath Seva Trust was conducted successfully on Sunday, providing much-needed healthcare services to hundreds of people from Garividi town and surrounding villages. The camp was spearheaded by Trust Chairman Balivada Ramesh, whose efforts were widely appreciated by attendees and organizers alike.

The camp witnessed a remarkable turnout from early morning, with people queuing up to avail themselves of the free medical services. A team of experienced doctors and healthcare professionals conducted various health check-ups, including blood sugar tests, ECG examinations, blood pressure monitoring, and general health screenings. Patients were also given medical consultations and guidance on preventive healthcare measures.

In addition to diagnostic services, essential medicines were distributed free of cost to all beneficiaries based on doctors' prescriptions. Special attention was given to elderly patients and individuals suffering from chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

Several political leaders and prominent personalities graced the occasion and addressed the gathering, applauding the



ing, applauding the Viswanharath Seva Trust for its commitment to public welfare. They highlighted the importance of organizing such medical camps, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where access to healthcare facilities can be limited. TDP youth leader Ram Mallik Naidu and Youth leader Dr. Botsa Anusha, along with other dignitaries, actively participated in the programme. They interacted with patients and medical staff, expressing satisfaction over the smooth conduct of the camp. They emphasized that such initiatives play a

crucial role in promoting health awareness and ensuring early detection of diseases.

Speaking on the occasion, organizers stated that the primary objective of the camp was to extend quality healthcare services to underprivileged sections of society. They reiterated their commitment to conducting more such camps in the future to reach a larger population.

Members of the organizing committee expressed immense happiness over the overwhelming response and seamless execution of the event. They conveyed their sincere gratitude to Balivada Ramesh for his leadership and dedication, as well as to the medical team, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to the success of the camp.

The event stood as a testament to the spirit of service and community welfare, leaving a positive impact on all those who benefited from the initiative.



## Simhachalam Chandanotsavam arrangements to be ready by April 16

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 12 State Endowments Minister Anam Ram narayana Reddy has said that all arrangements for the annual event of Chandanotsavam will be completed by April 16.

The Minister, who participated in a review meeting held at the Collectorate on April 11 along with Home Minister Anitha and District In-Charge Minister Dola Sri Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, said the normal darshan of the Lord would be stopped after 7 a.m. on April 19 to facilitate hassle-free darshan for devotees on the Chanda not-savam day on April 20. According to the Minister, the auspicious day will start with the presentation of silk clothes by the fam-



ily members of Ashok Gajapathi Raju, hereditary trustee of the temple, in the early hours, followed by darshan of the Lord by VIPs. There will be a special darshan for the aged and the physically challenged persons. Devotees have been advised to visit the temple according to the time slot and park their vehicles in the allotted area. Each queue line will accommodate 21,000 devotees.

The Minister said volunteers should be identified for the distribution of buttermilk, biscuits and drinking water to devotees. Over 1.40 lakh devotees had a darshan last year, and the number would go up by 35 per cent this year, he said. Anitha said that the officials concerned should take steps for the hassle-free darshan for devotees, keeping in view the past experiences.

## 61-day fishing ban to be effective from April 15

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 12 A 61-day ban on fishing will come into effect in Visakhapatnam from April 15. Aiming at protecting the maritime life during the peak season of breeding, the ban prohibits fishing by mechanised and motorised fishing boats.

However, the ban does not apply to traditional and non-motorised fishing boats. Meanwhile, the Federation of Indian Fisher Organisations (FIFO) has sought more aid from the government for fishermen during the ban period. As the restrictions pose a severe threat to the livelihood of fisher-



folk communities, the government should implement more inclusive policies to lessen the financial strain during the ban period. It demands a subsistence allowance of Rs. 20,000 for the women involved in the fish trade. The federation has sought extension of the 'Matsyakara Seva' benefits to all members of a

fishing family rather than a single unit. It also seeks the extension of the boat registration renewal window from two days to at least one week, while stressing that the government must provide a more robust safety net for vulnerable communities whose entire income depends on the ocean.

## Grand swearing in ceremony of the new executive committee of the Builders Association

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 12 : The oath-taking ceremony of the new executive committee of the Builders Association, Visakhapatnam Center was held with great pomp. On the occasion of the election for the year 2026-27, the program held at the BAI Conference Hall in Siripuram on Sunday was attended by BAI National Trustee Cheruvu Ramakotiah and Past Chairman Dr. K. Kumar Raja as the chief guests. Mada Narayana Murthy as the new president of the association, C. H.



Mangapathi Rao as the vice-president, G. V. Subba Rao as the secretary, D. Suri Babu as the deputy secretary, G. Pothana Reddy as the treasurer,

Kashivishwaswara Rao as the BAI All India General Council members, P. H. K. Kishore, Imm.Past.Chairman Ch.Navneeth, Dr. K. Kumar Raja, P.

Satyanarayana, K. Venkateswarlu, A. Chinna Rao Reddy, G.V. Raviraju, J. Dhanuvu, Sudhir Ojha, S. Ram Gopal, B.V.S. Subbaraju, V. Srinivasa Rao, V. Ramulu, P. Vivek

Reddy, A. Manohar Reddy, G. Ramaraju, T. Venkateswara 8 were sworn in as members of the executive committee, while Dr.R. Venkateswara Rao, Dr.S. Vijaya Kumar, P. Murali Mahayeswara Raju, and G. Ram Mohan were sworn in as special invitees to the executive committee. Speaking on the occasion, President Mada Narayana Murthy said that this new executive committee will work towards advancing the goals of the organization and for the welfare of the members.

## Housing Census in Andhra Pradesh from May 1; self-enumeration to start on April 16

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, April 12 Andhra Pradesh will undertake the houselisting and housing census from May 1 to May 30, with a self-enumeration window scheduled from April 16 to April 30, as part of India's nationwide census exercise beginning April 1. Interacting with The Hindu, J. Nivas, Director of Census Operations and Citizen Registration for the State, said the exercise marks a significant shift, as the Census will be conducted digitally for the first time. The introduction of self-enumeration is a key feature aimed at enabling citizens to fill in their own household details, thereby reducing the burden on field enumerators. Citizens can access the self-en-



umeration facility through the official portal, where they can log in using their mobile number, identify their location on the map, fill in household details and submit the information. A Self-Enumeration ID

will be generated, which must be shared with the enumerator for validation.

Enumerators will continue door-to-door visits using the HLO mobile application, designed to function even in

offline areas. Any discrepancies in self-enumerated data will be verified and corrected during field visits. Houselisting blocks will be mapped using a web-based geo-referencing system to ensure comprehensive coverage.

The State has deployed about 1.08 lakh enumerators, including a 10% reserve workforce. Extensive training programmes have been conducted, with district-level sessions already completed and further training for field trainers scheduled between April 9 and 22.

Highlighting data security, Mr. Nivas said strict safeguards are in place to ensure privacy, with no unauthorised access to individual data permitted. The population census is scheduled for February next year.

## From Job Seekers to Job Creators – EMDP Program Inspires Students

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 12 A District Level Project Expo was successfully conducted today at ZPHS Thotagaruvu in Visakhapatnam district, as part of the Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Program (EMDP), a prestigious initiative jointly organized by the Andhra Pradesh School Education Department, SCERT, and Udhyan Learning Foundation, with the permission of the District Educational Officer. A total of 10 projects selected from the state level were showcased at the district level expo. Students demonstrated their creativity and innovation by presenting prod-



uct-based projects with the aim of becoming future entrepreneurs. Through their models, they conveyed a strong message of moving beyond job seeking towards becoming job creators. ZPHS Aganampudi secured the first place, while ZPHS Vellanki secured the second place

at the district level. The program is being implemented for Class 9 students through weekly sessions conducted every Saturday in schools. It aims to enable students to identify real-life problems and develop creative solutions. At a time when most students focus only on securing jobs, the organizers



emphasized that the program is designed to nurture job creators who can contribute to the nation's growth.

The event was attended by Mandal Educational Officer C.H. Ravindra Babu, Academic Monitoring Officer Lakshmi, District Science Officer Raja Rao, District Manager K. Naresh, and

State Lead Sushanth. Jury members including DIET Lecturer Sridhar, Shruvan, and Nageswara Rao (Krishna College) evaluated the projects and finalized the first and second positions. The school Headmaster and teachers also participated in the program.

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Building on the momentum of previous editions, SMRSC 2026 brought together global surgeons, healthcare leaders, researchers and innovators to explore the transformative potential of robotic surgery, artificial intelligence, telesurgery and mobile surgical platforms. The conference featured live telesurgeries, scientific sessions, immersive technology showcases and hands-on experiences, offering a comprehensive view of the rapidly evolving surgical landscape. Over the course of the three-day conference, a total of 15 live telesurgeries and 14 live surgeries will be performed using the Mantra-3 and MantraAsana systems, offering attendees a first-hand view of advanced robotic surgical capabilities in action.

A defining highlight of SMRSC 2026 was the unveiling of two groundbreaking innovations that signal the next frontier in surgical mobility and accessibility. Taking centre stage, Project Vimana emerged as a game-changing advancement in battlefield and emergency medicine. Designed to deliver expert robotic surgical care directly to wounded soldiers in forward combat zones, the system is deployed via a heavy lift autonomous drone and lands near the casualty site. Equipped with dual 7-degree-of-freedom miniature robotic arms and advanced surgical instruments,



Project Vimana enables trauma surgeons to perform life-saving procedures remotely through the SSI Mantra Surgeon Command Center. From haemorrhage control and chest decompression to shrapnel removal and wound repair, the system bridges the critical gap between injury and evacuation, bringing surgical precision to environments where immediate medical access is otherwise impossible. This innovation represents a paradigm shift in emergency response, transforming how critical care can be deliv-

ered in high-risk, time-sensitive scenarios.

Complementing this vision, Project Operion showcased the future of surgical infrastructure through a fully mobile, platform agnostic operating room ecosystem. Built on a wheeled chassis with Overhead-Integrated Robotics and a Zero-Footprint Architecture, Operion eliminates conventional spatial constraints by suspending all surgical components from an integrated overhead system. This enables 360-degree clinician access, real-time reconfiguration, and seamless deployment across hospitals, remote locations, and disaster zones. With integrated telesurgery capabilities and low-latency connectivity, Operion allows expert surgeons to operate remotely, expanding access to advanced surgical care across geographies. From defence operations to humanitarian missions and rural healthcare delivery, Operion transforms the operating room into a deployable, mission-ready asset.

Further strengthening the innovation momentum at SMRSC 2026, SS Innovations International unveiled a Single Arm Robotic Endoscopy and Ultrasound Assist Cart, representing a notable advancement in diagnostic and interventional robotics. Designed to provide stable, precise, and repeatable positioning of endoscopic and ultrasound instruments within clinical environments, the SSI Technologies Single Arm system brings robotic consistency to diagnostic workflows. Operating under direct clinician supervision, the robotic arm incorporates controlled speed, force limits, and predictable motion behaviour, ensuring safe interaction with both patients and operators. Its compatibility with standard hospital infrastructure and existing clinical workflows ensures seamless integration into established clinical settings.

# Pawsitive Spending on the Rise: Inside India's Growing Pet Care Economy~Driven by Gen Z and millennials, pet care on Flipkart is witnessing 50%+ Y-o-Y growth, a shift towards wellness, premiumisation and everyday engagement

Visakhapatnam / Vijayawada, April 10, 2026 : Pets are loved, cared for, and nurtured like family in households today. This deep emotional bond is fuelling the rise of 'pet parents' across India. This shift is not just emotional, but also reflected in how people shop, spend, and prioritise their pets' well-being in everyday life. According to an IBEF report on India's pet care industry, the sector is witnessing nearly 20% growth, driven by rising disposable incomes, urban lifestyles, and a stronger focus on pet wellbeing. On Flipkart, this evolution is visible in a growing, lifestyle-led approach to pet care, with the category witnessing a 50%+ y-o-y growth. From dogs and cats to fish, birds and other pets, consumers are turning to the platform as a go-to destination for daily essentials to premium specialised products. Pet care shopping has moved beyond food and hygiene to include a more thought-



ful mix of nutrition, grooming, wellness and enrichment. A new generation of pet parents is driving this change. Gen Z and millennial consumers today account for 80%+ of overall demand on Flipkart, bringing with them a more informed and evolved approach to pet care. Cities such as Bangalore, Delhi and Kolkata are emerging as key demand centres, collectively contributing to 10% of total pet care orders, while non-metro cities like Mysore, Dehradun and Cuttack continue to see steady adoption as pet ownership expands beyond metros. Nutrition is at the

heart of this shift. There is a clear move towards clean-label, breed-specific and fortified pet food, which has witnessed 40%+ growth as consumers seek healthier and more tailored options for their pets. Alongside this, preventive care is becoming part of regular routines, with rising demand for products like grooming essentials and calming products such as Trimmers & Pet Health Supplements that support overall well-being. Playtime, too, is being reimagined. Pet toys have seen a 50% y-o-y increase in demand for chew toys, chase toys, training aids, collars and interactive accessories that keep pets active and mentally stimulated. At the same time, pets are increasingly becoming part of celebrations and everyday moments, reflected in the rise of accessories, apparel and occasion-led purchases. Pets today play a deeply emotional role in people's lives, with their companionship, playfulness and quiet comfort becoming part of their daily routines. This connection is shaping how pet parents make shopping choices, with a stronger focus on comfort, care and overall wellbeing. At Flipkart, this is translating into a growing ecosystem that makes caring for pets simpler, more accessible and deeply personal.

## Oasis Fertility's Janani Yatra Reaches Rajahmundry Again to Boost Fertility Awareness

### A nation-wide movement bringing expert consultations, free fertility tests, and science-backed guidance directly to communities

Rajahmundry, 11 April, 2026: Oasis Fertility, India's trusted name in reproductive medicine, after successfully completing its tour across the country through the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand within a span of five months, continues its nationwide fertility awareness movement, Oasis Janani Yatra, in Andhra Pradesh with its stop in Rajahmundry. This initiative aims to bring fertility awareness, expert guidance, and early screening directly into communities across Tier I, II, and III regions. The event was graced by Chief Guest Shri Adireddy Srinivas, MLA (Rajahmundry City), along with other dignitaries, who appreciated Oasis Fertility's efforts in bringing essential reproductive health education closer to families and strengthening community-



tests, free semen analysis, and safe, hygienic sample collection zones, ensuring that couples receive early, accurate, and compassionate guidance. From Rajahmundry, the Oasis Janani Yatra will move to Jaggampeta, Devarapalli, Ravulapalem, and other

said, "After journeying across the country to 8 different states, the Oasis Janani Yatra has returned to Andhra Pradesh to continue its mission. With the state's declining TFR, the only way to combat the fertility crisis is with awareness and accessibility. By reaching out to

& Co-founder, Oasis Fertility said, "As fertility science continues to evolve, the Oasis Janani Yatra takes information about advanced, evidence-based reproductive care to the core of communities, and has already reached hundreds of people across third child, the need for timely awareness and access to the right medical guidance becomes even more important. By providing early medical guidance to couples, it helps aspiring parents start on their journey towards parenthood." Mr. Pushkaraj Shenai, CEO, Oasis Fertility, asserted, "As India's fertility rate continues to fall, accessible, timely reproductive care is more important than ever. Through the Oasis Janani Yatra, we've been strengthening the reach of the Good Hands of Science with expert counselling, early diagnostics, and guided support at the grassroots level. Now, we continue our journey, so that aspiring couples can make informed decisions about their next steps." Dr. Ganga Priyadarshini, Consultant Fertility Specialist, Oasis Fertility, added, "It's been almost a year since we began this Oasis Janani Yatra, and the response has been overwhelming. It shows that couples deeply value the right guidance. We hope to ensure timely information and compassionate support to more people in the local community who still face challenges in understanding fertility issues and available advanced treatments."



level health awareness. As fertility challenges continue to rise due to lifestyle changes, delayed parenthood, and lack of scientific knowledge, the Oasis Janani Yatra bus provides free fertility consultations, free AMH & haemoglobin

regions in the coming days, taking this awareness and early screening support to more communities. Shri Adireddy Srinivas, MLA (Rajahmundry City), speaking on the occasion

these communities with science and compassion, the Oasis Janani Yatra empowers families to make the right choices, touching their hearts in the process." Dr. Durga G. Rao, Medical Director

## Impressive Jadugar Sikander Magic Show Two shows per day till 26th of this month

Kakinada April 12: Audiences are flocking in large numbers to watch the magic show of magic superstar Jadugar Sikander. The show will be held at the Fabin Convention Hall near the local Vivekananda Park (Kulai Cheruvu). Speaking on the occasion, the organizers said that they will organize two shows per day till 26th of this month. They said that there will be two shows per day at 5 pm and 7 pm. They explained that there will be three shows on Saturdays and Sundays, and the shows will start at 3 pm on those days. The show will mainly include special programs such as the mystery of the Bermuda Sea, dinosaurs,



Mickey Mouse, turning pigeons into bubbles, Sikander disappearing from a locked box and coming out of the audience, etc. They said that if the hall is booked for school and college students, they will perform special shows for them.

## Foundation stone laying ceremony for the statue of Dommeti Venkata Reddy in Chidiga village - Construction of the statue as a symbol of self-respect of the weaker sections - Former MLA "Pilli" couple participated as chief guests

Kakinada Rural: The foundation stone laying ceremony of the statue in memory of the late Dommeti Venkata Reddy, who worked for the economic, social and educational development of the Shettybalija community throughout his life, was held in Chidiga village. Former Kakinada Rural MLA and TDP State Secretary Pilli Anantha Lakshmi Satyanarayana Murthy and her husband were present as chief guests in this program organized under the auspices of former Sarpanch of Chidiga village, Pitani Appanna. The foundation stone laying ceremony was held in a scientific manner amidst the chanting of mantras by Vedic scholars. Speaking on the occasion, former MLA Pilli Anantha Lakshmi and TDP State Secretary Pilli Satyanarayana Murthy said that the government has recently issued orders declaring the birth anniversary of Shettybalija Sankshema Sangh founder and social revolutionary leader Dommeti Venkata Reddy as a state festival and organizing the program is a historic event for the Shettybalija community. They said that the nation will never forget the efforts of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh. They said that it has been decided to install a statue of Dommeti Venkata Reddy in Chidiga village in the constituency with their inspiration. They praised Dommeti Venkata Reddy



as "the great man who lit the flame of self-respect among the weaker sections with the establishment of the Shettybalija Sankshema Sangh." They said that in a time when caste discrimination and untouchability were rampant, he believed that empowerment was possible only through education and worked for the educational development of the downtrodden sections. He said that his social reforms and struggle for equality remain an inspiration even today. He was remembered as a great man who played a special role in the freedom movement and constantly fought for the rights of the oppressed classes. Nulukurthi Venkateswara Rao, Pithani Appanna, Pampana Bujji, Guthula Ramalingeswara Rao, Pilli Ravanamma, Neelam Rambabu, Bhaskar Rao, Shastri, Kakarapalli Mohanu, Pullaiah Srinu and others participated in this program.

## Ongole Scholar Revathi Supraja Earns PhD in Comparative Aesthetics



(By Our Staff Reporter) Ongole, April 12: Revathi Supraja, a native of Ongole, has achieved a significant academic milestone by earning her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha in Tirupati. Her accomplishment has brought pride to her hometown and the academic community. She completed her doctoral research on the topic "A Comparative Study of Aesthetic Theories in Sanskrit and English Poetics." The research was carried out under the guidance of noted scholar Rani Sadashivamurthy. The university reviewed and approved her thesis,

subsequently conferring upon her the prestigious doctoral degree. Revathi Supraja received her PhD during the 5th Convocation Ceremony held at the Mahati Auditorium in Tirupati on Sunday. The event witnessed the participation of several distinguished academicians and dignitaries. Originally hailing from Podili in Markapuram district, Revathi Supraja is currently residing in Ongole with her husband and two children. Despite managing family responsibilities, she pursued her higher education with determination and dedication, ultimately achieving academic excellence. Her

research focuses on the comparative analysis of aesthetic principles in Sanskrit and English literary traditions, contributing valuable insights to the field of literary studies. Her achievement reflects not only her personal commitment but also the growing prominence of interdisciplinary research. Several scholars, well-wishers, and members of the community have congratulated Revathi Supraja on her success, praising her hard work and perseverance. Her accomplishment serves as an inspiration to aspiring researchers and students aiming to excel in higher education.

# Breakthrough Defence technology SSI Vimana and Project Operion launched at the 3rd edition of global robotic medtech conference SMRSC 2026

Vijayawada, April 12., 2026: SS Innovations International, the maker of India's first and only home-grown surgical robotic system, SSI Mantra, successfully hosted the Third Global SSI Multi-Specialty Robotic Surgery Conference (SMRSC) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. On the first day, the conference witnessed participation from over 1,500 doctors and 250+ leading experts from across the world, reinforcing its position as a premier platform for advancing robotic-assisted surgery and next-generation healthcare technologies. Building on the momentum of previous editions, SMRSC 2026 brought together global surgeons, healthcare leaders, researchers and innovators to explore the transformative potential of robotic surgery, artificial intelligence, telesurgery and mobile surgical platforms. The conference featured live telesurgeries, scientific sessions, immersive technology showcases and hands-on experiences, offering a comprehensive view of the rapidly evolving surgical landscape. Over the course of the three-day conference, a total of 15 live telesurgeries and 14 live surgeries will be performed using the Mantra-3 and MantraAsana systems, offering attendees a first-hand view of advanced robotic surgical capabilities in action. A defining highlight of SMRSC 2026 was the unveiling of two groundbreaking innovations that signal the next frontier in surgical mobility and accessibility. Taking centre stage, Project Vimana emerged as a game-changing advancement in battlefield and emergency medicine. Designed to deliver expert robotic surgical care directly to wounded soldiers in forward combat zones, the system is deployed via a heavy lift autonomous drone and lands near the casualty site. Equipped with dual 7-degree-of-freedom miniature robotic arms and advanced surgical instruments, Project Vimana enables trauma surgeons



to perform life-saving procedures remotely through the SSI Mantra Surgeon Command Center. From haemorrhage control and chest decompression to shrapnel removal and wound repair, the system bridges the critical gap between injury and evacuation, bringing surgical precision to environments where immediate medical access is otherwise impossible. This innovation represents a paradigm shift in emergency response, transforming how critical care can be delivered in high-risk, time-sensitive scenarios. Complementing this vision, Project Operion showcased the future of surgical infrastructure through a fully mobile, platform agnostic operating room ecosystem. Built on a wheeled chassis with Overhead-Integrated Robotics and a Zero-Footprint Architecture, Operion eliminates conventional spatial constraints by suspending all surgical components from an integrated overhead

system. This enables 360-degree clinician access, real-time reconfiguration, and seamless deployment across hospitals, remote locations, and disaster zones. With integrated telesurgery capabilities and low-latency connectivity, Operion allows expert surgeons to operate remotely, expanding access to advanced surgical care across geographies. From defence operations to humanitarian missions and rural healthcare delivery, Operion transforms the operating room into a deployable, mission-ready asset. Further strengthening the innovation momentum at SMRSC 2026, SS Innovations International unveiled a Single Arm Robotic Endoscopy and Ultrasound Assist Cart, representing a notable advancement in diagnostic and interventional robotics. Designed to provide stable, precise, and repeatable positioning of endoscopic and ultrasound instruments within clinical environments, the SSI

Technologies Single Arm system brings robotic consistency to diagnostic workflows. Operating under direct clinician supervision, the robotic arm incorporates controlled speed, force limits, and predictable motion behaviour, ensuring safe interaction with both patients and operators. Its compatibility with standard hospital infrastructure and existing clinical workflows ensures seamless integration into established clinical settings. Equally transformative was the unveiling of SSI KAYA Humanoid Applications, which showcased SS Innovations International's bold foray into humanoid robotic platforms for real-world deployment across critical domains. Leveraging the advanced mobility, dexterity, and perception capabilities of humanoid systems, SSI KAYA is being trained and operationalized for high-impact applications spanning healthcare, defence, logistics, disaster response, and industrial settings. From assisted clinical workflows to operations in hazardous or otherwise inaccessible environments, the platform's human-compatible design enables seamless interaction with existing infrastructure and tools. Integrated with artificial intelligence, teleoperation frameworks, and real-time sensing, SSI KAYA supports continuous learning, adaptability, and precision in the field. Through structured training and application-driven deployment, the initiative positions humanoid robots as field-ready assets capable of augmenting human capability and extending operational reach in the environments where it matters most. The high-tech experience zone at SMRSC 2026 emerged as a key attraction, offering an immersive, hands-on showcase of SSI's cutting-edge innovations. From live demonstrations of advanced robotic systems to next-gen mobility solutions, the zone brought these breakthrough technologies to life for clinicians across specialties.

# Two-Wheeler Accident Leaves Father and Son Seriously Injured in Vemulawada



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-12 Three persons were injured in a road accident that occurred on Saturday evening on the second bypass road in Vemulawada town. A two-wheeler went out of control and fell, causing Vavilala Naveen, his wife, and their four-year-

old son to fall onto the road. In the accident, Naveen and his son sustained serious injuries and were immediately shifted to hospitals. While Vavilala Naveen is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Karimnagar, his son Nanya, who suffered severe head injuries, has been shifted

to Hyderabad for better treatment, family members said. On learning about the incident, 14th Ward Councillor Thum Madhu visited the hospital and consoled the victims. On this occasion, he provided financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 and extended moral support to the family.

# Comprehensive Treatment and Rehabilitation Services Available for Addiction Victims District Collector Ankit

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem : April-12:

District Collector Ankit inaugurated the Addiction Counseling Center set up at the Government General Hospital in Kothagudem on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that the use of intoxicating substances has severe negative effects not only on an individual's health but also on families and society. He mentioned that this center would be highly beneficial in providing comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation services to addiction victims. As part of the "Drugs Control and Regulatory Strengthening Day" program, the Collector distributed appreciation certificates and shields to winners of quiz, essay writing, elocution, and drawing competitions. He stated that such activities help in creating awareness among youth about the harmful effects of drugs. The Collector called for coordinated efforts among gov-



ernment departments, the medical sector, and voluntary organizations to eradicate substance abuse. He also urged family members to support and encourage affected individuals to utilize the services of the center. District Medical and Health Officer Tukaram Rathod, Hospital Superintendent Ramesh, Dr. Radhika, Dr. Radha Mohan, other doctors, staff, and officials from concerned departments participated in the program.

# Demand for Early Construction of Ongole-Bestavaripeta Four-Lane Road and Western Bypass

Ongole April 12., 2026 : A strong appeal has been made to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to expedite the construction of the long-pending four-lane road from Ongole to Bestavaripeta, along with a western bypass road, on the lines of other national highways. People of the erstwhile Prakasam district have been waiting for nearly 25 years for the development of this crucial road. Despite repeated assurances from political parties, ministers, Members of Parliament, and leaders over the years, the project has not progressed significantly. The delay has resulted in numerous road accidents, leading to loss of lives, including students, and leaving many families

devastated. The Ongole-Bestavaripeta stretch spans approximately 107 kilometers, with nearly 21,000 vehicles plying daily. Despite such heavy traffic, the road has not been fully developed to national highway standards. The region is also known for its granite industry, particularly in Chimakurthy, which contributes significantly to government revenues through GST. Thousands of heavy vehicles, including tippers transporting granite and construction materials, use this route increasing the risk of accidents. Several tragic incidents have highlighted the urgency of road expansion. In one such incident in 2016, an engineering student lost her life after being hit by a



speeding granite tipper. The accident, captured on video, shocked the public and briefly drew attention from authorities, leading to partial development work. However, comprehensive road expansion remains incomplete. Public representatives,

including MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, MLA Damacharla Janardhana Rao, and others have brought the issue to the attention of the central and state governments. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has also been urged to intervene. Citizens are

now demanding immediate action to complete the four-lane road up to Bestavaripeta and construct the western bypass without further delay, to prevent more accidents and ensure safe travel for thousands of daily commuters.

# "Life Over Speed: DGP Shivadhar Reddy Stresses Road Safety Awareness in Ramagundam"

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli April-12 : The State Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy, who visited the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate, was warmly welcomed by police officials from Peddapalli and Mancherla districts with a sapling. Armed police personnel of the Commissionerate presented a guard of honor to the DGP. He called upon officials to ensure public participation in the "Arrive Alive" program conducted during the last week of every month. Stressing the need to significantly reduce deaths caused by road accidents, he instructed strict enforcement measures along with increasing public awareness on traffic rules. The DGP urged officials to spread the message "Life is more important than speed" to everyone and to



implement the Arrive Alive initiative effectively. He directed them to organize awareness meetings and campaigns in vil-

lages and towns. He also emphasized conducting special training on defensive driving and strictly enforcing the use of seat

belts and helmets. He warned that negligence towards traffic rules could lead to fatal consequences. He stated that

these constructions were undertaken to provide better facilities and living conditions for police personnel. These modern buildings will not only offer improved residential environments but also strengthen the policing system. The DGP advised the Ramagundam Commissionerate police to continue serving the public with greater dedication. Senior officials including Multi Zone-1 IG Chandrasekhar Reddy, Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha, TGPHCS Chairman Gurnath Reddy, Peddapalli DCP B. Ram Reddy, Mancherla DCP A. Bhaskar, Karimnagar Police Commissioner Ghouse Alam, Jagtial SP Ashok Kumar, Rajanna Sircilla SP Mahesh B. Geeth, along with ACPs, CIs, Inspectors, and SIs participated in the program.

# Telangana DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy Inaugurates New Police Station Building to Strengthen Public Policing



Skyline Correspondent Mandamarrri : April-12 Telangana Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy visited Mancherla district on Friday under the jurisdiction of the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate. He was accompanied by Mancherla Collector Kumar Deepak, Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod, Multi Zone-1 IG Chandrasekhar Reddy, and Ramagundam

Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha, who reached Kannepalli together. On this occasion, Mancherla DCP A. Bhaskar and Bellampalli ACP Kiran Kumar welcomed them with bouquets. Priests extended a traditional reception with Purna Kumbham. Later, the DGP received a guard of honour from the police personnel. The DGP, along with the MLA, Collector, police officials, and local

public representatives, inaugurated the newly constructed police station building in Kannepalli. Subsequently, SI Bhaskar Rao was seated in his chair at the new station and was congratulated by the DGP, IG, MLA, Collector, and Commissioner. Speaking on the occasion, the DGP stated that the modern building was constructed with the aim of bringing policing closer to the people and providing better services. He emphasized that technology would be effectively utilized to strengthen public safety and security. He further mentioned that the new building would help improve policing standards, speed up public services, and enhance law and order in the area.

# New Police Station Building Inaugurated to Ensure Public Safety

Skyline Correspondent Mancherla : April-12 Director General of Police Shivdhar Reddy stated that the new police station building has been inaugurated to ensure the protection of people, resolution of their issues, and maintenance of public safety. On Sunday, the newly constructed police station at Kannepalli mandal headquarters in the district was inaugurated after receiving a guard of honor, in the presence of Multi Zone-1 IG Chandrasekhar Reddy, District Collector Kumar Deepak, Ramagundam Commissioner of Police Amber Kishore Jha, DCP A. Bhaskar, Bellampalli Sub-Collector Manoj, Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod, Bellampalli ACP Kiran Kumar, and other police officials. He warned that a road accident can devastate an entire family and stressed that road safety is crucial. Although the police and transport departments are taking preventive measures, public participation is equally important in avoiding accidents. He advised two-wheeler riders to wear helmets, includ-



ing pillion riders, and car drivers and passengers to wear seat belts. Auto drivers should wear uniforms, avoid overloading passengers, and must not use mobile phones while driving. Driving under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited. He cautioned that speeding is dangerous and that safety depends on following speed limits and rules, not just driving experience. Earlier, the DGP was received at Jyothi Guest House in Ramagundam, where the District Collector greeted him and presented a sapling.

## PRBM College Student Zona Falak Excels in Intermediate Results

**Skyline Correspondent Korutla : April-12 :**  
In the Intermediate examination results released by the Telangana State Government on Sunday, Zona Falak, a first-year BiPC student of PRBM College in the town, achieved outstanding success by scoring 433 marks out of 440. On this occasion, during the success meet held at the college, Principal Pothani Praveen Kumar congratulated Zona Falak. He stated that it is a matter of great pride that their students have been securing top marks at the state level for the past 10 years. He also felicitated the students who performed excellently with high scores. Zona Falak expressed her happiness over achieving top marks. The principal specially appreciated the parents, teachers, and staff who contributed to her success.



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## State Rank for Mandamarri Student in Intermediate Results

**Skyline Correspondent Mandamarri : April-12**  
Gangipelli Siri, a student from Shantinagar in Mandamarri town, has showcased exceptional performance in the Intermediate examinations. She is the daughter of Gangipelli Rajesham and Padma and is currently studying at a private college in Hyderabad. In the recently released 2026 Intermediate results, she secured 468 marks out of a total of 470 and passed with an A grade. Subject-wise, her performance stood out with 99 marks in Sanskrit, which became a special highlight. She scored 79 in English, 75+75 in Mathematics, and 60 marks each in



Physics and Chemistry. With this remarkable achievement, Gangipelli Siri has become a matter of pride for her parents, teachers, and the local community. Everyone is wishing her to achieve even greater heights in the future.

## Grand Felicitation to Telangana Arya Vysya Mahasabha President by Kamareddy Arya Vysyas



**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-12**  
Prominent members of the Arya Vysya community from Kamareddy district met Amaravadi Lakshminarayana Gupta, who was recently elected as the State President of

the Arya Vysya Mahasabha, at the Mahasabha office in Hyderabad. On this occasion, they honored him grandly with shawls and extended their heartfelt congratulations. Speaking to the Arya Vysyas from Kamareddy, the Mahasabha President emphasized that everyone should work together for the development of the community and strive unitedly for the progress of the Vysya society. The event was attended by Arya Vysya Mahasabha Vice President Kailas Srinivasa Rao, Kamareddy Town President Mogilipalli Bhoomesh Gupta, Senishetti Gaurishankar, Kanchara Lingam, Senishetti Srinivas,

Dannarapu Rajalingam, Konda Baireyya, Govind Bhaskar, Valapishetty Lakshmirajam, Athimamula Ramesh, Gajavada Nagaraju, Uppala Haridhar, Mupparapu Anand, Valapishetty Bhaskar, Pencil Sri Kanth, and several other Arya Vysya members. Additionally, Kamareddy Town Arya Vysya Association President Mogilipalli Bhoomesh announced that the birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari and the Shiva-Parvati Kalyana Mahotsavam will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026, in Kamareddy town. An invitation was also extended to the Mahasabha President to attend the event.

## Singer Mangli files complaint at Panjagutta police station

**Hyderabad, April 12:** It is known that a case has been registered against popular singer Mangli at the Panjagutta police station. A lawyer named Singapore Subbarao approached the police alleging that she had cheated him of Rs. 10 crores in the name of micro finance. However, Mangli recently approached the police alleging that false propaganda was being spread against her. She has filed a complaint at the Panjagutta police station against the lawyer who made the allegations against her. Mangli has alleged in her



complaint that Subbu is spreading false propaganda against her, claiming that she was cheated of Rs 10 crore. She has alleged that he came to her office and demanded Rs 10 lakh and threatened to defame her if she refused. The complaint states that he threatened her by showing her a video of currency notes that had nothing to do with her and spoke insultingly to her along with another person. Mangli has alleged that her family members have been subjected to severe mental stress due to Subbu Rao's behavior and has asked the police to take legal action against the accused.

## Deeksha Junior College Creates Record in Intermediate Results

**Skyline Correspondent Siddipet : April-12**  
In the Intermediate examination results released on Sunday, Deeksha Junior College in Siddipet district has achieved remarkable success, said Principals Brahmananda Reddy and Madhusudan Reddy. Speaking to the media at the college, they shared the details of the outstanding performance. In the Junior MPC stream, Lekha Sri scored 468 out of 470 marks and secured the State Second Rank. Additionally, 75 students scored above 400 marks, showcasing their talent. In the Junior BiPC stream,

Gonepalli Sreeja scored 436 out of 440 marks. In the same stream, more than 15 students scored between 434 and 421 marks. In the Senior MPC stream, Lingampalli Sirisha scored 992 out of 1000 marks. Along with her, 10 other students also secured excellent marks in the Senior BiPC stream, Kormanani Bhavani scored 984 out of 1000 marks. Additionally, 8 other students achieved commendable results, making the college one of the top performers in the district. The college management congratulated all the students who studied at their institution and achieved excellent results.



## IPL match.. Traffic restrictions in Uppal..



**Skyline Correspondent Hyderabad, April 12:**  
A cricket match will be held at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal today. In this context, the police have imposed traffic restrictions within the stadium area. The traffic police are implementing traffic diversion at the stadium. Since there is a possibility of heavy traffic jams on the days when the cricket match is held at the Uppal Stadium, the city police are imposing traffic restrictions on those days.

A total of 7 matches have been scheduled at Uppal Stadium from April 5 to May 22 in the IPL 2026 season. One match has already been completed and there is another match on April 13. This match will be played between SRH and Rajasthan Royals. In this context, restrictions have been imposed on the movement of heavy vehicles towards Uppal Junction from 12 noon to 12 midnight on the 13th. The police have advised heavy vehicles travelling between Warangal and

Hyderabad to board the ORR at Ghatkesar. 5 main parking spaces have been set up around the stadium. While 4 parking spaces have been set up outside the stadium for the general public, a special parking space has been set up inside the stadium for VIP/VVIPs. The police have appealed to those coming to the stadium to use the Metro and RTC buses. The police said that heavy vehicles coming from Ghatkesar towards Uppal will be diverted towards Nagole and LB Nagar.

## Jeevan Reddy Resigns from Congress Amid Emotional Exit

**Skyline Correspondent Hyderabad : April-12**  
Jeevan Reddy Resigns from Congress in a dramatic and emotional turn of events in Jagtial, ending his four-decade-long association with the party. The senior leader and MLC cited prolonged humiliation and mental distress, triggering strong reactions from party workers and supporters. Emotional Exit Marks End of Four-Decade Journey In a symbolic gesture, Jeevan Reddy walked from Indira Bhavan to the local Jambhi Hanuman temple along with his supporters, offered prayers, and later addressed a large gathering at Bandari Garden. Speaking to the crowd, he said his decision was not voluntary but driven by unavoidable circumstances. "No one would willingly walk away from



such a long relationship, but I was left with no choice," he stated. Recalling his journey since joining the Congress in 1984, he highlighted key milestones, including his record victory in the 1996 by-election and his role as a vocal presence in the

Legislative Council. Allegations of Neglect and Internal Issues Jeevan Reddy alleged that despite his loyalty, he was consistently sidelined and humiliated within the party. He accused the current leadership of ignoring grassroots workers and

promoting leaders who had previously opposed the Congress. He also expressed concern over the lack of response from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy following the murder of a party worker, questioning whether committed leaders

deserved such neglect. Further, he claimed that internal party decisions were being undermined and assurances made by senior leaders were not being fulfilled. "How long should I endure this humiliation and mental agony?" he questioned. Supporters Rally Behind Jeevan Reddy Emphasizing that self-respect is more important than political positions, Jeevan Reddy removed the Congress scarf and donned a green shawl, symbolizing his exit. In a show of solidarity, hundreds of local leaders—including sarpanches, mandal presidents, youth and women leaders—also announced their resignations. Supporters declared that they would continue to stand by him, calling it the beginning of a new political movement in Jagtial.

## Sri Chaitanya Students Secure Good Results

**Skyline Correspondent KARIMNAGAR : Apr 12**  
In the recently announced Intermediate 2026 First and Second Year results, Sri Chaitanya, Karimnagar, demonstrated exceptional talent and achieved resounding success. During a press conference held on Wednesday at the Sri Chaitanya Junior College Karimnagar coinciding with the announcement of the results Mr. Muddasani Ramesh Reddy, Head of the Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, felicitated the students who achieved outstanding results by presenting them with bouquets. The students studied in a systematic and planned manner, securing significant marks and achieving superior outcomes. They proved that with dedicated effort, there is nothing that cannot be achieved. Details regarding the high-achievers in the Second Year results are as follows: In the MPC stream, students

secured scores of 995 (B. Shashikumar, K. Maithri, U. Charu Hasini), 994 (M. Sathvika, Sri. Srinithya, D. Pravallika), and scores above 990 (achieved by 20 students); in the BiPC stream, scores of 994 (B. Lahari, O. Srinivasan), 994 (Ch. Karthik), and scores above 980 (achieved by 18 students); in the MEC stream, P. Pallavi Rajayya secured 974 marks; and in the CEC stream, Anjali Kileri secured 984 marks. First Year Results: MPC... In the MPC stream, B. Prashanth Goud secured 468 marks; G. Akshara, E. Akshaya, K. Gipi, and M. Kalyani secured 467 marks; 10 students secured 466 marks; and 44 students secured scores exceeding 461 marks. In the BiPC stream, D. Meghana and A. Siddarth secured 438 marks; D. Manojana secured 437 marks; and 8 students secured scores exceeding 431 marks. In the MEC stream, P.



Likhitha Gupta achieved 494 marks, while in the CEC stream, Ch. Shivathmika Reddy achieved 490 marks. Sri Chaitanya Colleges Director Mr. Karra Narendar Reddy, Dean Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Junior College Principals Mr. Mallareddy, Mr. Radhakrishna, and Mr. Mohanrao, AGM Mr. Srinivas, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff, participated.

## Industries are coming because of the Kaleshwaram project: MLA Harish Rao..



**Skyline Correspondent Siddipet : Apr 12**  
Former Minister and MLA Tanniru Harish Rao said that industries are coming to Siddipet district because of the Kaleshwaram project. He said that the Kaleshwaram project is the reason for both the farm oil factory and the biogas plant coming to this area. Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu laid the foundation stone for the Juno Jul Private Company CPG project

work undertaken at a cost of Rs. 700 crore in Narmetta, Nangunur mandal. Siddipet MLA Harish Rao, former MP Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, MP Bhuvaneshwar Kalita, former MP V. Hanumantha Rao, Juno Jul CEO and others participated in this program. Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao said, "We have acquired lands to set up industries in this area. The coming of industries will be useful for the development of

our area. With this project coming here, farmers will get money for paddy as well as grass. We should cooperate in the establishment of institutions beyond politics. There is fear due to the war in West Asia. More than 50 percent of the gas required by our country is dependent on imports. If such projects come up, we will achieve self-sufficiency in gas production. We will stop depending on other countries."

## “Happy Sunday Event Celebrated Grandly in Mahabubnagar under 99-Day Public Governance Program”

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-12 As part of the 99-day Public Governance Progress Program, the “Happy Sunday” event was organized grandly on Sunday under the auspices of the Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation at the main road near the Main Stadium Common Gate. As part of the event, students performed cultural dances, yoga demonstrations, magic shows, mimicry, various sports competitions, and martial arts performances such as karate. The cultural dance performances by girls especially attracted the audience, while the karate demonstrations by children entertained every-



one. Members of the Senior Citizens Association impressed the audience by singing songs. Children, youth, and elderly people enthusiastically participated in the event and expressed their joy. Additionally, stalls set up by self-help groups became a special attraction, where they displayed and sold various products made by them. Corporators Tahir Basha, N.P. Praveen Kumar, Satyam, Municipal Engineer Muralidhar Reddy, Sanitary Inspector Srinivas, A.E. Vasantha, other municipal staff, students, and the public participated in the program.

## Weekend-Special Drunk & Drive Checking’s by Cyberabad Traffic Police



Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Cyberabad Traffic Police (CTP) has conducted a special drunk driving enforcement drive over the weekend, resulting in the apprehension of 240 offenders. The total cases booked 193

two wheelers, 9 three wheelers, 38 four wheelers. Based on the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels, 199 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 36 mg/100 ml to 200 mg/100 ml, 32 offenders

had BAC levels ranging from 201 mg/100 ml to 300 mg/100 ml, 09 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 301 mg/100 ml to 550 mg/100 ml. All the offenders will be produced before the Court. Cyberabad Police reiterate that driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offence. If anyone is found to be driving in an inebriated condition and causes a fatal accident, such individuals will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Culpable Homicide Not Amounting to Murder). The maximum punishment under this section is 10 years of imprisonment along with a fine. In the last week (April 6 to 11), a total 86 drunk driving cases were disposed in the courts, in which Two persons got fine and jail, one person got fine and social service and 83 persons and 83 persons got fine only. (NSS)

## Kishan Reddy, KTR mourn singer Asha Bhosle’s demise

Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy today Expressed Condolences on the Demise of Renowned Singer Asha Bhosle. He said that the news of the passing of Asha Bhosle—a singer who brought immense pride to India, and a recipient of both the Padma Vibhushan and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award—was deeply saddening. “Having begun her career at the tender age of ten, she sang magnificent songs across various languages for nearly eight decades, carving a unique and distinct niche for herself within the world of Indian music. With her versatile voice, she excelled not only in classical music but also in Ghazals and Pop music, thereby winning the hearts of millions of music enthusiasts. Her contributions to the realm of Indian music are truly unforgettable.



Praying to the Almighty for the eternal peace of her departed soul, I convey my deepest condolences to her family members and fans,” Reddy said. KTR mourns Asha Bhosle’s demise BRS party Working President KTR also expressed his condolences on the demise of the renowned singer Asha Bhosle. He remarked that the

world of Indian music had lost a truly rare and exceptional voice. He stated that the news of the passing of Padma Vibhushan Asha Bhosle—who entertained millions with her voice for approximately eight decades—had left him deeply distressed. KTR lauded Asha Bhosle, noting that she was not merely a singer, but an entire era within the Indian film industry. He opined that the thousands of songs she sang would endure as musical lessons for generations to come. He stated that the melodious songs she sang in Telugu, too, would remain etched forever in all our hearts. He remarked that her passing constitutes an irreparable loss to the world of Indian arts. KTR prayed for peace to the soul of Asha Bhosle. He conveyed his deepest condolences to her family members and fans. (NSS)

## Intermediate results out: General stream sees 4% surge in success

Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): The results of the Intermediate Public Examinations 2026 were announced on Sunday, revealing that 75.61 per cent of students successfully passed, an increase of more than four percent from the previous year. Out of 4,11,474 regular candidates who took the intermediate second-year general examinations, 3,11,112 achieved a passing score, resulting in a pass rate of 75.61. Female students continued to excel, achieving 12.79 percent more passes than their male counterparts. Among second-year candidates, 2,12,930 girls attained a pass rate of 81.78 percent, while 1,98,544 boys had a passing score of 68.99 percent. In total, 5,07,948 second-year intermediate students (including both general and vocational streams) recorded an overall pass percentage of 70.58. The results were announced by K. Keshava Rao, Adviser to the government (public affairs), alongside Education department Secretary Yogita Rana. The results are available on the official websites: <https://tgbie.cgg.gov.in> and <http://results.cgg.gov.in>. This year, an impressive 2,33,299 second-year students received an ‘A’ grade, indicating scores of 75 percent or higher. Additionally, 79,957 students earned a ‘B’ grade (between 60 and 75 percent), while 23,318 and 5,452 students received ‘C’ (between



50 and 60 percent) and ‘D’ grades (between 35 and 50 percent), respectively. In the first-year intermediate examinations, 441,863 students participated, with a pass rate of 66.94 percent, showing a slight increase from the previous year. Again, girls outperformed boys, with 224,436 female candidates achieving a pass rate of 74.43 percent, compared to 217,427 boys with a passing percentage of 59.21. Overall, 66.20 percent of the 489,123 first-year intermediate students in general and vocational streams passed. Among districts, Medchal reported the highest pass percentage at 77.02, while Mahabubabad had the lowest with 48.1 percent in the first-year general and vocational streams. For the second-year examinations, Jayashankar Bhupalpally district had the highest pass percentage at 81.95, whereas Sircilla district recorded the lowest at 55.68 percent. The Board has made arrangements for recounting at a fee of Rs 100 per

paper and Rs 800 for re-verification and scanned copies of evaluated answer scripts. Applications can be submitted through the website <http://tgbie.cgg.gov.in> between April 13 and 20. Speaking to the media, Yogita Rana announced that the advanced supplementary examinations would be conducted within one month. She further stated that students, who pass the advanced supplementary exams, would also be eligible to proceed as the regular students in their degree courses. She observed that, compared to the previous year, a higher number of the second year students had passed this year. Yogita Rana highlighted that the pass percentage among the students from BC Welfare Colleges had shown significant improvement. She noted that the girls had achieved a particularly high success rate, with 76.55 percent of them passing the examinations. Yogita Rana also announced that, starting this year, mid-day meal facilities would be provided to all the students. The applications for the re-counting and re-verification of intermediate examination papers can be submitted from April 13 to 20. The advanced supplementary examinations are scheduled to commence on May 13 and the examinations will be conducted in two sessions. Similarly, the practical examinations will begin on May 22. (NSS)

## Telangana DGP orders strict measures to curb road fatalities

Hyderabad, April 12 (NSS): Telangana DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy emphasised that prioritising life is more important than speed. He urged police officials to maintain the “Arrive, Alive” initiative—a key programme launched by the State government to reduce road accidents—transforming it into a collective movement. The DGP pointed out that road accidents have become a pressing social concern, highlighting the critical need for widespread awareness about these incidents. To address this, Shivadhar Reddy encouraged police officials to engage the people in the “Arrive... Alive” programme, which takes place during the final week of each month.



He stressed the importance of substantially lowering the number of fatalities resulting from road accidents and instructed officials to implement strict measures for accident prevention while also raising public awareness of traffic laws. The DGP made it clear that it is essential for the message “Life is more important than speed” to be communicated broadly and insisted on effective execution of the campaign. He shared these insights during a review meeting with the police officials of the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate on Sunday, at which time he also inaugurated a new residential complex for armed police officers. (NSS)

## Hyderabad: BMW driver caught using high-tech trick to escape traffic fines



Hyderabad, April 12 : A BMW driver was caught by traffic police in Hyderabad after he allegedly used a high-tech mechanism to change his car’s number plate to avoid ‘challans’ (fines), officials said on Sunday. The police detected the trick during checking as part of the drive against drunk driving in upscale Jubilee Hills on Saturday night, police officials said. According to police, the vehicle owner was allegedly swapping number plates to evade traffic penalties. The accused, allegedly drunk, had installed remotely controlled flip

number plates, allowing him to change the vehicle’s registration at the press of a button. The traffic police officials were shocked to see the car fitted with an advanced system to change the number plate. The accused had installed two number plates -- of Delhi and Telangana -- to evade the challans. This is said to be the first such incident in which a car was found to be fitted with the high-tech mechanism to change the number plate. The police seized the vehicle and registered a case. Further investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad traffic police said on Sunday that a total of 466 drunk driving cases have been registered over the past two days. Strict enforcement continues across the city to ensure road safety. The majority of cases involve two-wheelers (404). The highest violations were detected in the 21–30 age group. Police said 16 offenders were convicted and sentenced to jail. Meanwhile, Cyberabad Traffic Police (CTP) conducted a special drunk driving enforcement drive over the weekend, resulting in the apprehension of 240 offenders.

A total of 193 two-wheelers, nine three-wheelers and 38 four-wheelers were caught during the drive. Offenders were categorised based on their Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels. As many as 199 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 36 mg/100 ml to 200 mg/100 ml, while 32 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 201 mg/100 ml to 300 mg/100 ml. The remaining nine offenders had BAC levels ranging from 301 mg/100 ml to 550 mg/100 ml. All the offenders will be produced before the court, said Cyberabad Traffic Police. Cyberabad Police reiterated that driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offence. If anyone is found to be driving in an inebriated condition and causes a fatal accident, such individuals will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Culpable homicide not amounting to murder). The maximum punishment under this section is 10 years of imprisonment along with a fine.

## South celebrities Jr NTR, Mohan Babu, Resul Pookutty, Vikram Prabhu pay glowing tributes to Asha Bhosle

Chennai, April 12 : Several top celebrities from the Indian film industry including south stars Jr NTR, Mohan Babu and Vikram Prabhu and Oscar winner Resul Pookutty on Sunday paid glowing tributes to one of the country’s finest singers Asha Bhosle, who passed away at the age of 92 on Sunday in Mumbai. The news of her demise plunged the film industry in gloom with several top stars and celebrities expressing their condolences. Telugu star Jr NTR, who was among the first to express his condolences, took to his X timeline to pen his tribute. He wrote, “Deeply saddened by the news of Asha Bhosle ji’s passing. Her magical voice was the heartbeat of Indian cinema for decades and touched millions of hearts. She leaves behind a legacy that will live on for generations and will always be remembered with respect and love. My deepest condolences to her family. Om Shanti.” Veteran Telugu film actor and producer Mohan Babu too took to his X timeline to pay his respects. He wrote, “With the passing of Asha Bhosle garu, an era quietly comes to a close. Her voice was not just music, it was emotion that lived with us, through every phase of life. Few artists have touched hearts across generations the



way she did. She may be gone, but her voice will remain eternal. My deepest condolences to her family.” Mohan Babu’s son, actor Vishnu Manchu, in his post, said, “We didn’t just listen to Asha Bhosle garu... we lived through her songs. An irreplaceable voice. An irreplaceable era. This one hurts. Praying for strength to her family.” Tamil actor Vikram Prabhu, the grandson of legendary Tamil star Sivaji Ganesan, took to his X timeline to pen a heartfelt tribute to the singing legend, who would stay at Sivaji Ganesan’s residence everytime she came to Chennai as she considered

the iconic star her elder brother. Vikram Prabhu, in his tribute to Asha Bhosle, said, “A legend passes on #AshaBhosle ji (heart breaking symbol). She was the sweetest person to talk to and always had sweet words of advice for us. She was family. Condolences to Anand Bhosle ji and the rest of the family members at this time. Her voice will keep resonating forever.” Oscar winning sound designer Resul Pookutty too penned a tribute to Asha Bhosle. He wrote, “#AshaBhosle Every syllable was a note of memory and every phrase was a doorway to emotion. This day is not the end of an era but a reminder that it will

live on. #RIPashaBhosle thaaai. It is difficult to process this loss!” The legendary playback singer’s son Anand Bhosle has shared that those who wished to pay their last respects to the icon could do so at her residence in Lower Parel in Mumbai at 11 am. Speaking to the media, he said, “My mother passed away today. People can pay their last respects to her at 11:00 am tomorrow at Casa Grande, Lower Parel, where she lived. Her last rites will be performed at 4 pm tomorrow at Shivaji Park”. Her elder sister, Lata Mangeshkar, who was a Bharat Ratna awardee was also cremated at the Shivaji Park in 2022.