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Hyderabad, April 05 (NSS): Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with Justice Surya Kant, laid the foundation stone for the construction of the new Telangana High Court Zone-2 building at Rajendranagar in Rangareddy district. The ambitious project is set to become one of the largest and most modern High Court complexes in the country.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister announced that the construction of the High Court complex, spread across more than 100 acres, will be completed by December 2027. He revealed that, alongside this major project, the government is also undertaking the construction of 49 court and residential buildings across various cities and towns in the state to strengthen judicial infrastructure.

Revanth Reddy stated that one of the first key decisions taken after his government assumed office in December 2023 was to build a new High Court complex with world-class facilities. He noted that work in Zone-1 is already progressing at a fast pace, while the foundation for residential buildings in Zone-2 has now been formally laid.

Describing the judiciary as a "holy temple," the Chief Minister emphasized that it is the responsibility of the executive to provide the best possible infrastructure to the judicial system. He said the new complex will not

### CM pays floral tributes to 'Babuji,' recalls his service to marginalised



Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): On the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of freedom fighter and former deputy prime minister Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid tributes to the great leader's portrait at his residence in Jubilee Hills on Sunday. On the occasion, the

### Babu Jagjivan Ram's invaluable contribution to nation will always be remembered: PM Modi



New Delhi, April 5 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid homage to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his birth anniversary, honouring the former Deputy Prime Minister for dedicating his life to equality and social justice.

### Babu Jagjivan Ram is a Lifelong Champion of Social Justice: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar

Karimnagar, April 5 (NSS): Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday lauded Babu Jagjivan Ram as a towering figure in Indian political history—a leader who fought tirelessly for social justice throughout his life and a true gem of the Dalit community. He noted that Babu Jagjivan Ram, who served as a Union Minister for 29 years, regarded national service as his supreme duty and demonstrated this com-



mitment through his actions. On the occasion of Babu Jagjivan Ram's birth anniversary, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar paid homage to him by garlanding his statue located at Mancherla Crossroads in Karimnagar. The commemorative celebrations held on this occasion were attended by the District Collector Chitra Mishra, Choppadandi MLA Medipalli Satyam, City

### Photojournalism is the Eyes of Democracy: Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu

Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday stated that if journalism were a mighty tree, photojournalists would be its very life force. He remarked that the photojournalism serves as the eyes of democracy and urged everyone to protect and preserve it. The '23rd Best Photojournalist – 2025 Awards Presentation Ceremony,' organized under the aegis of the Telangana State Photojournalists



Association (TSPJA), was held on Sunday at the auditorium of the Telangana State Media Academy office in Nampally. The event was presided over by TSPJA State President Anumalla Gangadhar. Serving as the chief guest, M. Venkaiah Naidu was joined by other dignitaries including Telangana State Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivasa Reddy, former Minister Ponnala

### White House denies Trump hospital rumours



Washington, April 5 : The White House has pushed back against widespread online speculation that President Donald Trump was hospitalised, calling the claims false after rumours spread rapidly across social media following a routine press "lid". The speculation began after the White House

announced a travel and photo "lid" at 11 a.m. ET Saturday, signalling no further public appearances for the day. Posts on X suggested Trump had been taken to Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre, amplified by a widely shared motorcade video. However, fact-checks and

### Basara shrine set for Rs.225 crore modern renewal; CM to lay foundation stone today

Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): The only Gnana Saraswati temple in South India, a sacred site revered as the cradle of Aksharabhyasam (the ritual initiation into learning), is set to acquire a new splendor through its reconstruction. The State government has allocated ₹225 crore for the reconstruction of the Basara Gnana Saraswati Temple, which boasts a glorious history spanning thousands of years. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to perform the groundbreaking ceremony for the reconstruction works on



Monday. As this shrine is the abode of Goddess Gnana Saraswati, a large number of children undergo the Aksharabhyasam (initia-

tion into learning) ceremony here every year. On Vasantha Panchami and other auspicious occasions, the temple bustles with activity, thronged by

children undergoing the ceremony, their parents, relatives, and devotees. However, given the temple's antiquity and the

### Merge 5 villages in AP into Telangana... Minister Thummala's letter to Amit Shah

Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): State Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has written a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking the merger of five villages near Bhadrachalam with Telangana. He stated in his letter that this merger is essential for ease of administration and resolution of the problems of

local tribals. Minister Tummala explained that the people of these five villages located on the Andhra Pradesh-Telangana border are currently facing severe difficulties. He said that merging these villages with Bhadrachalam will provide a permanent solution to the problems of the tribals.(Contd. Page 2)



### 'Why are 3 out of every 5 women still not receiving help?' Rahul Gandhi flags gaps in OSCs



New Delhi, April 5 : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday raised concerns over women's safety and the functioning of One Stop Centres (OSCs), alleging that many women in distress are still unable to access timely support. In a post on his WhatsApp channel, Gandhi wrote: "Women are knocking on

doors for help, but the government has shut those doors." He further mentioned: "I asked in Parliament: when a woman escapes violence and reaches a One Stop Centre (OSC), why does she not receive help? Why does she find it locked? Why is there a shortage of staff? Why are complaints

### Government steps up LPG supply, urges calm amid Hormuz concerns



New Delhi, April 5: Sale of small 5-kg LPG cylinders — available across-the-counter at LPG distributorships on showing valid ID proofs — has been stepped up, with about 6.6 lakh bottles sold since March 23 as the government ramps up supplies to meet demand. Unlike the subsidised domestic 14.2-kg cylin-

ders, the 5 kg bottles, called FTL cylinders, are priced at market rates and do not require any address proof for procurement from a nearby LPG distributorship. "Yesterday (April 4, 2026), more than 90,000, 5Kg FTL cylinders were sold. Since March 23, 2026, about 6.6 lakh, 5 Kg (Contd. Page 2)

### Gherao of judicial officers a reflection of Trinamool's 'maha jungle raj', says Modi



Kolkata, April 5: Highlighting the incident of the gherao of judicial officers in West Bengal's Malda district, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday (April 5, 2026) said the incident was a reflection of "Trinamool Congress-sponsored maha jungle raj". Mr. Modi said the

Trinamool government does not consider any constitutional institution to be of any significance and the incident at Malda was a reflection of that. "The law-abiding citizens are shocked, how judicial officials were held hostage in Malda. What kind of a government it (Contd. Page 2)

### Iran records world's longest nationwide internet shut-down amid ongoing conflict



New Delhi, April 5 : Iran's internet blackout, imposed following a joint US-Israel military operation on Tehran, has now entered its fifth week, making it the longest nationwide internet shut-down on record, according to digital monitoring group NetBlocks on Sunday.

In a post on social media platform X, NetBlocks reported that the shut-down has continued for 37 consecutive days, exceeding 864 hours, surpassing all previous comparable incidents in terms of duration and scale. "Iran's internet blackout is now the longest nation- (Contd. Page 2)

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only be among the largest in India but will also set benchmarks in terms of modern design, advanced facilities, and efficiency. "In a Democracy, the legislative, executive, and judicial branches function with mutual respect and interdependence. Courts are the last hope for common citizens seeking justice. This new High Court

complex will stand as a symbol of democracy and justice for the next hundred years," he said. The Chief Minister further remarked that constructing a court complex is as significant as building places of worship like temples, mosques, churches, or gurudwaras, as it serves all sections of society. He termed the occasion as

rare and prestigious, expressing pride in participating alongside top legal dignitaries. Highlighting the importance of accessible justice, he said the new High Court complex would serve as a platform for the poor, weak, and marginalized sections to seek justice without barriers. He reiterated that the state

government holds the judiciary in the highest regard and is committed to strengthening all democratic institutions. The event marks a major milestone in Telangana's infrastructure development, particularly in the judicial sector, reinforcing Hyderabad's position as a key administrative and legal hub in the country.

## Basara shrine set for Rs.225 crore modern renewal; CM to lay foundation stone today

failure to undertake development works commensurate with the ever-increasing number of devotees, visitors have been facing severe hardships. Against this backdrop, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has resolved to undertake the development of the Basara temple. He has directed officials to formulate a Master Plan to execute these development works in strict adherence to the temple's traditions and rituals.

Before formulating the master plan for the reconstruction works at the Basara temple, officials consulted with the Pontiffs of the Sringeri Peetham. They obtained the Pontiffs' approvals regarding the construction of the sanctum sanctorum (Garbhayam), the Ardra Mandapam, the Raja Gopuram, other towers, the temple streets (Mada Veedhulu), the temple tank (Koneru), and the

northern gateways. The master plan was subsequently drafted in accordance with their suggestions. With the growing number of devotees and future requirements in mind, the Garbhayam (sanctum sanctorum) and Ardra Mandapam, currently spanning 2,000 square feet, are being expanded to 5,000 square feet. A nine-story Rajagopuram (main tower) is to be constructed on the northern side, along with seven-story towers in the remaining three directions; additionally, processional streets (Mada Veedhulu) 33 feet in width will be built on all four sides, and a northern entrance will be constructed. In total, the temple's footprint is being expanded from 20,000 square feet to 62,000 square feet. Every structure within the temple complex will be constructed using stone. The project entails the

construction of queue complexes spanning 70,000 square feet—equipped with comprehensive amenities such as feeding rooms, food stalls, and restrooms—to accommodate 6,000 devotees; a meditation hall designed to allow 200 people to meditate simultaneously; a kitchen and dining hall complex covering an area of 20,000 square feet; a Prasadam distribution center; and a sacred pond situated in the northeast corner. Additionally, magnificent ornamental arches—positioned in the east to radiate a spiritual aura—an information center, road development works to the north and east of the temple, an underpass facilitating access to the opposite side of the complex, and a vehicle parking facility featuring a solar-powered rooftop on the adjacent premises are planned. Within the temple grounds, work will also be

undertaken to create a flower garden adorned with pleasant foliage. Furthermore, a health center is to be established just outside the temple premises, and saplings will be planted behind the temple to ensure that, in the future, the area flourishes with lush and towering trees. The Godavari River Pushkarams are scheduled to commence in June, 2027. During the Pushkarams, thousands of devotees are expected to gather at the banks of the Godavari in Basara to perform holy dips. All necessary amenities for these devotees will be undertaken as part of the current master plan. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed officials to execute these works in a manner that ensures no devotee faces any inconvenience, while simultaneously upholding temple traditions and respecting the beliefs of the devotees. (NSS)

## 'Why are 3 out of every 5 women still not receiving help?' Rahul Gandhi flags gaps in OSCs

from across the country being ignored? What was the government's response? Everything is 'satisfactory'. If everything is 'satisfactory', then why are there so many reports highlighting problems in OSCs?" "If safety is a priority, why are 3 out of every 5 women still not receiving help? And why is only 60 paise out of every Rs 100 of the Women and Child Development Ministry being spent on OSCs?" he asked. The LoP further stated, "Safety is not a scheme; it is the basic responsibility of the government. Calling everything 'satisfactory' does not ensure safety; it shows that the Modi government is not

listening to anyone." Gandhi's remarks come in the context of a question he raised in the Lok Sabha on March 27, 2026, seeking details about the functioning of OSCs across the country. He had asked whether several centres were non-functional, not operating round the clock, or facing staff shortages. He also sought data on the number of women seeking assistance, funds allocated and utilised, and vacancies in key positions such as administrators, counsellors, and medical staff. Responding to the query, Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur said that OSCs operate under the Mission Shakti scheme and are

designed to provide "integrated and immediate assistance" to women affected by violence, including medical aid, legal support, temporary shelter, police assistance and psychosocial counselling. The government stated that "since its inception on April 1, 2015, till December 31, 2025, more than 13.37 lakh women have been assisted" through OSCs across the country. It also clarified that "the overall implementation of the OSC scheme lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations", while funds are released as per prescribed guidelines. Highlighting monitoring

mechanisms, the ministry said that "once a year, the Programme Approval Board (PAB) reviews the progress of activities under the scheme" and that officials conduct regular reviews through meetings, video conferencing, and field visits. The government further noted that "third-party evaluations...through NITI Aayog in 2020 and 2025 found the scheme's relevance, effectiveness and sustainability to be satisfactory." Despite these assurances, Gandhi maintained that continued reports of gaps in access and services suggest a disconnect between official claims and the situation on the ground.

## Merge 5 villages in AP into Telangana... Minister Thummala's letter to Amit Shah

Minister Thummala explained that the people of these five villages located on the Andhra Pradesh-Telangana border are currently facing severe

difficulties. He said that merging these villages with Bhadrachalam will provide a permanent solution to the problems of the tribals.

He urged Amit Shah to take steps to introduce and pass a bill related to the merger in the current session of Parliament on this issue.

The minister expressed hope that the central government will take the initiative and respond positively to resolve local problems.

## Photojournalism is the Eyes of Democracy: Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu

M. Venkaiah Naidu was joined by other dignitaries including Telangana State Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivasa Reddy, former Minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah, INTUC Telangana State Chief Vice President Mogulla Rajireddy, IJU National Vice President Narendar Reddy, TUWJ President K. Virahat Ali and General Secretary Ram Narayana, among others. On this occasion, awards were presented to photojournalists, who demonstrated exceptional talent in the field of the photography. The First Prize was awarded to Indu Srinivas (Eenadu daily, Nizamabad), the Second Prize to A. Krishna (The Hans India daily, Hyderabad) and the Third Prize to G. Balaswamy (Sakshi daily, Hyderabad). Additionally, ten other photojournalists—N. Rajesh (Sakshi

daily, Hyderabad), G. Srinivas (Namasthe Telangana daily, Hyderabad), A. John (Sakshi daily, Hyderabad), R. Raju (Sakshi, Khammam), P. Vasa Prasad (Sakshi, Warangal), M. Srinivas (The Hans India, Nalgonda), G. Venugopal (Sakshi, Jangaon), M. Anil Kumar (Andhra Jyothy, Hyderabad), Veeragoni Rajinikanth Goud (Namasthe Telangana, Hyderabad), and A. Jwala Koteswara Rao (Andhra Jyothy, Hyderabad)—presented their work. Speaking on this occasion, Venkaiah Naidu remarked that while a reporter wields the pen, a photojournalist captures the essence of art. He noted that he had shared a close association with photojournalists since 1964, when he served as the State Secretary of the ABVP. He pointed out

that while there may be countless languages in the world, the photography was the only medium that transcends all linguistic barriers. He described a photograph as being worth a hundred words by adding that a single image can convey an emotion or sentiment that an entire article might fail to express. Speaking on the occasion, State Press Academy K. Srinivasa Reddy observed that the journalism had undergone significant changes when compared to the past. He noted that current 'AI technology' had proven immensely beneficial across various sectors—particularly in the medical field—where it has ushered in transformative changes. He suggested that the photojournalists should also organize a dedicated meeting to discuss strategies on how to navigate and advance within the evolving land-

scape of AI technology? Former Minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah, in his address, described the photojournalism as the vital medium that breathes life into the written truth. Speaking on the occasion, IJU Steering Committee member Devulapalli Amar remarked that the naturalness inherent in direct photographs was something that artificially created images can never possess. TSPJA State General Secretary K. Narahari, Vice President P. Ram Murthy, Treasurer K. Anil Kumar, State Executive Committee members G. Vasanth Kumar, M.A. Sarwar, P. Mohana Chary, Alimuddin, P. Hari Krishna and A. Mahesh Kumar, along with leaders Bashiruddin, T.V. Ramana, Raj Kumar, P. Venkatesh, Gopi, G. Srinivas, and others, participated in the event. (NSS)

## Babu Jagjivan Ram is a Lifelong Champion of Social Justice: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar

Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao and several corporators. Subsequently, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar issued a statement to the media. "Jagjivan Ram was a leader, who confronted and fought against caste discrimination right from his childhood. He was a leader, who dedicated his entire life, until his very last breath, to the welfare of the 'untouchables.' One must overcome hardships to rise in life." "Jagjivan Ram was a leader, who embraced three core slogans," he stated. He recalled that Jagjivan Ram, who

served as a Member of Parliament continuously from 1952—the year of independent India's first elections—until his passing in 1986, also served as a Union Minister for 29 years. He noted that Jagjivan Ram, who stood steadfastly by Gandhi's side during the nation's freedom struggle, emerged as a figure without enemies within the Indian political and social spheres. He opined that today's youth need to take inspiration from the ideals Jagjivan Ram upheld and the path of reform he demonstrated.

Inaugurates Mayor's Camp Office. Meanwhile, Bandi Sanjay Kumar inaugurated the Mayor's Camp Office—established by Mayor Kolagani Srinivas—at Teegalaguttapalli in Karimnagar. On this occasion, BJP activists and leaders honored the Union Minister with a Gajamala (garland of honor). The inauguration ceremony was attended by a large gathering of the BJP functionaries, including the District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy, Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao, BJP Corporators and numerous party activists. (NSS)

## CM pays floral tributes to 'Babuji,' recalls his service to marginalised

Chief Minister lauded the efforts undertaken by Babu Jagjivan Ram for the welfare of the downtrodden sections and the working class in the country. Revanth Reddy recalled that Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram fought against caste discrimination and untouchability,

and dedicated his entire life to upholding the rights of Dalits. The Chief Minister stated that, inspired by Babuji, the state government in Telangana is striving to ensure social justice and the well-being of all sections of society. (NSS)

## Babu Jagjivan Ram's invaluable contribution to nation will always be remembered: PM Modi

Jagjivan Ram, born April 5, 1908, was a Dalit leader, freedom fighter, and key political figure whose birth date is observed as Samata Divas in parts of India. In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Humble salutations to former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram Ji on his birth anniversary. He dedicated his life to equality and social justice. His invaluable contribution to the nation will always be remembered." Union Home Minister Amit Shah, paying tributes to the former Deputy PM, called him "the pioneer of social justice". "Babu Jagjivan Ji dedicated his entire life to national service and social justice. He made unprecedented contributions to the

freedom struggle and steadfastly confronted divisive forces while opposing religious conversion. His struggle for the rights of the weaker and deprived sections of society will continue to inspire us forever," Shah said in a post on X. Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda also took to social media and paid homage to Babu Jagjivan Ram. "On the birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram ji, a pioneer of social justice, a great freedom fighter, and a skilled administrator, I pay my humble respects to him. As a pioneer of social justice, Babu Jagjivan Ram ji performed the noble task of changing the condition and direction of the poor, Dalits, and deprived," Nadda posted on X.

"Your unprecedented efforts for the upliftment of the nation and society are an inspiration to all of us," he said. Taking to X, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also paid heartfelt tributes to the former Deputy PM. "On the birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram ji, who served as the former Deputy Prime Minister and the country's Defence Minister, I pay my respects to him. Social justice and the defence of India were the highest priorities of his life. His contribution to the nation's development and its protection will always be remembered," Singh said. Jagjivan Ram was a lifelong advocate for equality and the abolition of untouchability. In 1935,

he co-founded the All India Depressed Classes League to fight for the rights and equality of Dalits. He coordinated demonstrations against caste discrimination during his university years at Banaras Hindu University and the University of Calcutta, and subsequently organised rural labour movements following his election to the Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1937. As a member of the Constituent Assembly (1946-1950), he was instrumental in incorporating provisions for reservations for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in education, employment, and legislatures into the Indian Constitution.

## White House denies Trump hospital rumours

subsequent reporting indicated the footage was from 2024, when Trump was released from a hospital in Butler, Pennsylvania, after being shot. The White House communications director, Steven Cheung, dismissed the claims and sought to project normalcy around the President's schedule. "There has never been a President who has worked harder for the American people than President Trump. On this Easter weekend, he has been working nonstop in the White House and Oval Office. God Bless him," Cheung wrote on X. A freelance journalist reporting from Walter Reed said there was no Marine One, no motorcade, and roads remained open, contradicting

claims of heightened security linked to a Presidential visit. Visual cues from the White House also reinforced that Trump remained inside the West Wing. CBS News journalist Emma Nicholson posted: "A Marine sentry is standing at the door of the West Wing as of 1:50 p.m., indicating the President is working inside." A Marine posted outside the West Wing entrance typically signals the President is present and working in the building. In recent years, misinformation linked to Presidential movements has spread quickly across digital platforms, often requiring rapid official clarification to counter false narratives.

## Iran records world's longest nationwide internet shutdown amid ongoing conflict

scale internet shutdown on record in any country, exceeding all other comparable incidents in severity having entered its 37th consecutive day after 864 hours," it said. The blackout, which began on February 28, has effectively isolated the general public from the global internet while authorities experiment with selective access through a tiered whitelisting system. NetBlocks highlighted that while other countries have faced intermittent or region-specific shutdowns -- such as Myanmar, Sudan, Kashmir, and Tigray -- none has experienced a full national disconnect for this length of time after previously having standard internet access. By contrast, countries like North Korea, which have never been connected to the global internet, remain

internationally isolated but were never online to begin with. The blackout coincides with continuous missile and drone strikes by the US and Israel on Iranian targets. In response, Tehran has launched retaliatory attacks on US and Israeli facilities in neighboring Gulf countries. Amid the conflict, Iranian authorities have also restricted alternative access methods, including satellite connections and VPNs, leaving citizens with limited or no reliable ways to communicate. Net Blocks stressed the human cost of the shutdown, noting that families are unable to contact loved ones at a critical time. Despite these challenges, there are no signs of de-escalation, and the Iranian government has not indicated when full internet access will be restored.

## Government steps up LPG supply, urges calm amid Hormuz concerns

FTL cylinders have been sold," the Oil Ministry said in a statement. The Ministry said there are no reports of shortages at LPG distributor points, with more than 51 lakh domestic cylinders delivered during the day and online bookings accounting for 95% of total demand. Authorities have intensified action against hoarding and black marketing, seizing over 50,000 cylinders since March and issuing more than 1,400 show-cause notices to LPG distributors, with 36 dealerships sus-

ended so far. The government has prioritised supplies of domestic LPG and piped natural gas (PNG), particularly for households and essential services such as hospitals and educational institutions, while boosting refinery output and managing demand by extending LPG refill intervals. Commercial LPG supplies have been capped at 70% of pre-crisis levels, with smaller cylinders being made widely available to ease pressure on demand.

On natural gas, the government said full supplies are being maintained for households and transport, while supplies to fertiliser plants are set to rise to about 90% of average consumption from April 6, supported by incoming LNG cargoes. All refineries are operating at high capacity with adequate crude inventories, and petrol pumps across the country remain fully stocked, the Ministry said, reiterating its advice to avoid panic buying and rely on official information.

## Gherao of judicial officers a reflection of Trinamool's 'maha jungle raj', says Modi

the incident was a reflection of "Trinamool Congress-sponsored maha jungle raj". Mr. Modi said the Trinamool government does not consider any constitutional institution to be of any significance and the incident at Malda was a reflection of that. "The law-abiding citizens are shocked, how

judicial officers were held hostage in Malda. What kind of a government it is that even judges are not safe. How can you expect safety of common people from such a government... The situation is so bad that the highest court of the country had to intervene," Mr. Modi said while addressing a

public meeting in Cooch Behar. Seven judicial officers, who were engaged in adjudication process of the Special Intensive Revision, were gheraoed by a mob at Mothabari in Malda on April 1. They were later rescued by the police after several hours. Thirty-five persons have been arrested in connection with the

incident and National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken up investigation of the case. Mr. Modi reiterated that the States who have done well in population control will not lose seats in delimitation. He also appealed to all the political parties to take active steps for ensuring women's reservation in Parliament.

## SC Commission Member Dr. Sripathi Babu Meets Collector, JC Over TDP Workers' Harassment in Kavali.

**Nellore, April 05 Daily Staff Reporter.** Nayudupeta State SC Commission member Dr. Sripathi Babu has taken serious note of allegations of harassment against TDP workers in Kavali constituency, despite the party being part of the ruling coalition. He met with District Collector Himanshu Shukla and Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu to discuss the issue. The move follows Minister Nara Lokesh's warning that those involved in such activities would face consequences. Dr. Sripathi



Babu directed the officials to investigate the matter and take strict action against those responsible. He specifically raised the issue of farmer Koppolu Balachander from Kadanutala village, who is facing injustice in a land dispute, and asked the Collector to ensure justice is done.

## Vayalpad Set to Witness Grand Spiritual Fest on May 3



**(By our Staff Reporter) Vayalpad, April 5:**

On Sunday, the temple committee of Vayalpad resolved to conduct the Sri Nalla Veera Gangabhavani Jathara, popularly known as Vayalpad grama Peddamma Thalli, in a grand manner. A meeting was held in the temple premises where extensive discussions were carried out regarding the arrangements for the festival. Temple committee trustee Morram Reddy Ram Kumar Reddy stated that this year's Jathara will be held on May 3. He mentioned that special arrangements are being made to provide all necessary facilities to the devotees. He also informed that, as per tradition, the "Chaatimpu" (formal concluding ritual) will be conducted on May 26. He further said that special

Puja rituals, decorations, traditional programs, and cultural performances will be organized on the day of the Jathara to offer a spiritual experience to the devotees. Keeping in view the expected heavy turnout, arrangements for drinking water and distribution of prasadam will also be made. Members of the temple committee including Tabjul Ananda Chetty, V. Ramanareddy, Jamakayala Balaram, Bokkasam Brothers, Kosuri Ramesh, Puli Brothers, Gollapalli Reddeppa, and others participated in the meeting and assured their support for the successful conduct of the Jathara. The temple committee appealed to local devotees, youth, and villagers to participate in large numbers and make the festival a grand success.

## MITs MCA and MBA students get Postgraduate National Scholarships.



**Madanapalle, April 05(Skyline daily):** The MITs deemed-to-be-university (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) near Madanapalle has awarded Postgraduate National Scholarships to MCA and MBA students, said Dr C Yuvaraj, Vice-Chancellor of the university. With the aim of supporting talented and financially needy students from underprivileged backgrounds through National Scholarships, 7 MCA students got Rs.

3,00,000 each and 2 MBA students got Rs. 1,50,000 each, making a total of Rs. 24,00,000 for 9 students, he said. The students who received the scholarships were congratulated by the University Chancellor Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary, Pro Chancellor M Dwarkanath, Executive Director Kirti Nadella, Head of MCA Department Dr Naveen Kumar, Senior Manager of Student Affairs Dr P Athahar Sameena, Raga Deepthi and faculty members.

## Rotary Club Donates mortuary freezer to Christian Community in Naidupeta.

**Naidupeta, April 05 Daily Staff Reporter.** Nayudupeta The Rotary Club of Naidupeta, in collaboration with Trinity Hospital, donated a coffin to the Christians community in the area. The event took place at AL CM High School grounds, with Rotary Club President Nagurayya and other members in attendance.



Nagurayya stated that the Rotary Club has been undertaking various service activities in the area, focusing on education, healthcare, and economic empowerment of women. The club has provided 7000 pairs of clothes to poor students, constructed sheds, and arranged water facilities in schools. Pastors from the area expressed their gratitude, saying that the donation was

not just a material gift, but a symbol of respect for the deceased and a source of comfort for the grieving families. They thanked the Rotary Club and its members, including Secretary Batta Subrahmanyam, Ramachandra Reddy, H. Subrahmanyam, Munagala Krishnarao, Pramila Devi, Kusumakumari, Rammohan, Udaya Shankar, Shankar Lal, and PHF Haribabu B. Kiran Kumar.

## Building an equal society with the ideals of great people



**Madanapalle, April 05 (Skyline daily):**

The true tribute we pay to great people is to follow the path shown by them in the development of the country and the pursuit of social equality, said Annamayya District Additional SP (Administration) M Venkatadri. On the orders of District SP Dheeraj Kunubilli, the 118th birth anniversary celebrations of former Deputy Prime Minister Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram, the hope of the downtrodden, were celebrated at the district police headquarters in Madanapalle on Sunday. On this occasion, Additional SP garlanded Jagjivan Ram's portrait and paid tribute with bouquets. Later, he said that Babu Jagjivan Ram has gone down in Indian history as a freedom fighter, a Dalit fraternity and a tireless fighter. He recalled that his role in ensuring social justice is reflected in the Constitution is unforgettable, and his services to the country as a Union Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for a long time are immortal. Affectionately called 'Babuji' by the people, he said that administrative efficiency should not be compromised, the Additional SP said. He called on today's youth and police personnel to take inspiration from the biographies of such great leaders and work responsibly for the establishment of an equal society regardless of caste and religion. AR DSP D Edukondala Reddy, RSIs G Ravi, Y Chandra Sekhar and many police personnel participated in this program and paid tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram, remembering his services.

## Excise officials who ignore wine shops as a hub of crime in the town



**Madanapalle, April 05(Skyline daily):** Crime is increasing in Madanapalle town due to wine shops, CPI Constituency Secretary K Murali has issued a statement. Speaking on the occasion, Murali criticized that wine shop owners in Madanapalle town are running wine shops against the rules, liquor is being sold 24 hours a day, belt shops have increased exponentially, and excise police officers are acting as if they have not seen anything and have made friends with wine shop owners. Both excise officers and wine shop owners consider wine shops as an emergency service and are constantly looking for drug addicts, due to which crime is also increasing in the town, he said. He said that youth are committing atrocities under the influence of alcohol, and behind every crime that happens in the town, it is because of loss of judgment under the influence of alcohol. He said that the excise police officers who are responsible for controlling such things are in cahoots with the wine shop owners, and therefore, wine shops in the town are running as they please. Therefore, the Annamayya District SP has demanded that action be taken against the wine shops running in Madanapalle town against the rules and the exchange officials who are cooperating with them.

## Jaha, Sugavasi inaugurate surveyors' cricket tournament on the occasion of Survey Day

**Madanapalle, April 05(Skyline daily):** A cricket tournament jointly organized by the district surveyors on the occasion of Survey Day began on Saturday in the premises of an engineering college in Madanapalle town of Annamaya district. Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha and Rajampet Parliament TDP President and former TTD Governing Council member Sugavasi Prasad Babu were present as the chief guests and inaugurated the competitions. The guests inaugurated the cricket tournament and played cricket with the surveyors for a while, making the program more exciting. Later, the surveyors gave a grand welcome to the guests and organized an introductory program. Wreaking on the occasion, the chief guests said, surveyors play a key role in land measurements, government land management and implementation of development projects.



They said that the performance of surveyors who serve the people is commendable. He also said that such sports programs are very useful in reducing job stress. He gave a message that unity and friendship among district surveyors will increase through this tournament and that the youth should develop interest in sports. District surveyors, local leaders, college representatives, and surveyors from various mandals participated in this program.

## Nisar Ahmed, Naresh Kumar Reddy attend Suman TV journalist's sister's wedding ceremony

**Madanapalle, April 05(Skyline daily):** Annamayya district, Madanapalle constituency, Ramasamudram mandal Suman TV journalist Hariprasada's sister Mounika and Anand's wedding ceremony was held in a grand manner at the TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Punganur town on Saturday night. Madanapalle constituency YSRCP coordinator Nisar Ahmed, former MLC Naresh Kumar Reddy and former chairman of Madanapalle Market Yard and Ramasamudram mandal observer Tatti Srinivasulu Reddy, Mayuri Raghunath Reddy, Chippili Mallikharjuna Reddy, Kothapalli Nagarjuna Naidu and others attended the wedding ceremony and blessed the newlyweds. Speaking on the occasion, Nisar Ahmed said, Suman



Hariprasada is known to everyone as a TV journalist. He praised him for responding immediately to public issues and working to resolve them through his channel, making him a name for himself. He said he was happy to attend his sister's wedding. Journalists Easwar Reddy, Lakshmi pathi, Srinivasulu Reddy, Vijay, Harinad, Mani Kumar, Nagaraju, Mallikharjuna and others participated in this wedding.

## IFFCO Records Pre-Tax Profit of Over Rs.4,106 Crore in FY 2025-26 : Dileep Sanghani

**Visakhapatnam, 05th April:** This achievement is not merely a story of statistics, but a saga of victory—a testament to the hard work of farmers, the dedication of employees, and the enduring values of the cooperative movement: Dileep Sanghani IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani stated that the financial year 2025-26 has emerged as a milestone in the history of the Indian cooperative movement. IFFCO's journey, which began in 1967 with just 57 cooperative societies, has today become a symbol of trust for over 36,000 societies and millions of farmers. Establishing itself as the second-largest cooperative institution globally is not merely an achievement, but a living testament to the power of India's cooperative spirit. In this golden year, IFFCO achieved an all-time record pre-tax profit of over Rs.4,106 crore. IFFCO also set new



benchmarks in production and sales. A record sale of 118.75 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizers, coupled with a nationwide supply of 119.68 lakh metric tonnes, stands as proof that the institution accords the highest priority to farmers' needs. The rising sales of urea and DAP have further solidified IFFCO's pivotal role in the agricultural sector. In FY 2025-26, the popularity of nano-fertilizers witnessed rapid growth, with sales exceeding 30.1 lakh bottles. Products such as Nano Urea Plus, Nano DAP, Nano Zinc, Nano Copper, and 'Dharamrut' have emerged as highly effective, eco-friendly, and cost-efficient alternatives for farmers. Furthermore, Nano NPK Liquid (8-8-10) and Nano NPK Granular (20-10-10) have been notified under the Fertilizer Control Order—these are the first products of their kind in the world. They can be utilized through both foliar spraying and soil application, enhancing nutrient use efficiency and creating a positive environmental impact.

## Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram's services to the country are memorable

**Madanapalle, April 05(Skyline daily):** Joint Collector Shiv Narayan Sharma and MLA Shahjahan Basha said that the services rendered by freedom fighter and former Deputy Prime Minister of India, Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram to the country are memorable and everyone should take his ideals as inspiration. On Sunday, the 119th birth anniversary of Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram was

celebrated in a grand manner at the Madanapalle Collectorate under the auspices of the District Social Welfare Department. JC Shiv Narayan Sharma, MLA Shahjahan Basha, DRO Madhusudhan Rao participated in the program as chief guests. On this occasion, they garlanded the portrait of Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram and paid tributes in a grand manner. Later, JC said that Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram, an egalitarian, humanitarian and good administrator, had rendered a great service to the country. Born on April 5, 1908, Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram had a sense of morality and devotion towards his teachers since childhood. He said that he had served the country with great efficiency for more than three decades as a Union Cabinet Minister and a Member of Parliament.

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## Currency Control

When a central bank moves to shut down parts of a \$100-billion-plus daily market, it is not merely regulating ~ it is signaling distress. The recent actions by the Reserve Bank of India to curb offshore rupee trading and cap onshore positions mark one of the most forceful interventions in India's currency markets in over a decade. The message is unmistakable: stability now matters more than sophistication later. The rupee's slide to record lows has not occurred in isolation.

It reflects a convergence of pressures ~ geopolitical shocks, volatile capital flows, and growing concerns about trade disruptions. In such a moment, policymakers face a familiar dilemma: allow markets to discover a price, however painful, or step in to prevent disorder. The RBI has chosen the latter, deploying administrative controls rather than relying solely on interest rates or forex reserves. In the short term, the approach appears effective. By restricting access to offshore derivative instruments and squeezing arbitrage positions, the central bank has disrupted speculative bets against the rupee. But this success comes with caveats that are harder to ignore. Currency markets thrive on depth, participation, and the credibility of rules.

Over the past decade, India has attempted to move cautiously toward greater openness ~ encouraging foreign participation, improving liquidity, and aligning with global financial practices. By abruptly tightening access, the central bank risks reversing these gains. Investors, particularly those operating across jurisdictions, value predictability as much as returns. Sudden constraints introduce a perception of policy risk that can linger long after the immediate crisis has passed. There is also a structural cost. Offshore markets, for all their imperfections, provide price signals that reflect global sentiment. Curtailing them may reduce volatility in the near term, but it also fragments the process of price discovery.

A widening gap between onshore and offshore rates would not signal strength; it would indicate distortion. For businesses seeking to hedge currency exposure, this could translate into higher costs and reduced efficiency. Yet it would be simplistic to view the RBI's actions as purely regressive. Central banks are ultimately custodians of stability, not market idealism. In moments of acute stress, orthodoxy often yields to pragmatism. The deeper question is not whether intervention was justified, but how long such measures can persist without undermining broader ambitions. India has long aspired to elevate the rupee's global standing, aligning with the economic vision articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. That goal requires trust ~ trust in markets, in institutions, and in the continuity of policy. Temporary controls may buy time, but they cannot substitute for confidence. The current episode, therefore, is less about the rupee's level than about India's financial trajectory. If the restrictions remain a short-lived response to exceptional conditions, they may be remembered as prudent crisis management. If they become a recurring tool, they risk signaling a retreat from openness. In defending the currency, the central bank has drawn a line. The challenge now is ensuring that this line does not become a boundary.

## From Colombo to Dhaka and Male, pumps are running dry and New Delhi is answering

As the war in the Middle East grinds on, energy markets are convulsing, shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz remain choked, and the collateral damage is falling hardest on the smaller, import-dependent countries that didn't start the conflict and have no leverage to end it.

Bangladesh. Sri Lanka. The Maldives. All three have reached out to New Delhi. When a nation's power plants go dark, when fishing boats cannot leave harbour, when hospitals run low on diesel for their generators - that crisis is immediate. A road project taking a decade to complete is an abstraction. A tanker arriving in port at dawn is a fact.

India's Neighbourhood First Policy India has long proclaimed a "Neighbourhood First" foreign policy. Critics argue India's engagement with its immediate neighbourhood has been reactive rather than proactive - impacted by growing Chinese influence rather than an independent vision. The Middle East crisis has changed the landscape completely.

The Maldives is a tiny island nation with no refining capacity, no alternative large neighbour, and a fragile economy already under severe strain. When fuel supplies from the Gulf dried up, there was quite simply nowhere else to turn. India, rather than reminding the Maldivian government about a strident "India Out" campaign - answered the call without conditions. That decision would be remembered long after the political slogans of the Muizzu era have faded.

What makes this significant is that India absorbed real costs to do it. The Indian crude basket hit \$114 per barrel last month - up from a range of \$65-70 - and the rupee has depreciated nearly 10%, its sharpest fall in 14 years. So, while its energy economics is becoming more unfavourable, India is still supplying fuel to its neighbours. This makes the generosity strategically meaningful - and costly.

Bangladesh Relationship The Bangladesh case is more nuanced and more instructive. The two countries share a long 4,100-kilometre border, deep civilisational and cultural ties. But they also carry the weight of

recent friction under the tenure of Mohd Yunus' tenure, which mainstreamed the anti-India fringe.

When India chose one of its first gestures to the new Dhaka government to be the dispatch of 5,000 metric tonnes of diesel, it was sending a powerful message: that India deals with nations, not just with governments perceived to be favourably disposed.

New Delhi's fuel diplomacy shows that neighbours that lean away, run domestic campaigns against Indian influence, and test the relationship - they still get the phone answered.

Sri Lanka Remembers Who Came First

Sri Lanka does not need to be reminded of these lessons. It lived them. When Colombo's economy collapsed in 2022, which caused massive shortages, brought citizens onto the streets, and forced a president to flee - it was India that moved first.

Before the International Monetary Fund arrived with its structural adjustment conditions, India extended fuel, food, medicines, and credit lines to stabilise Sri Lanka.



When the current energy crisis struck, Colombo's instinct was again to reach toward New Delhi. This is what sustained engagement over time produces - trust that survives government changes and shifts of diplomatic weather.

India's neighbourhood policy is often framed as being in opposition to China's Belt and Road Initiative - a framing that's simplistic and erroneous. China's infrastructure model is about leverage at scale: ports, roads, and telecom networks that reshape a country's strategy and come at exorbitant costs with strings attached. It is also, as several nations have discovered, not necessarily available when

the lights go out. Geography and economics always win over political slogans. India's task is not merely to fill tankers - but to convert that immediate goodwill from fuel diplomacy into the durable architecture of a neighbourhood that chooses New Delhi. Vaccines. Aid. Fuel. Each crisis has reminded the neighbourhood of what India can do when it chooses to lead. The next chapter of Indian foreign policy will be defined by how India will sustain the same clarity of purpose and speed of decision when the present crisis is over.

## Nutrition should be life-skill for our kids

Achid today does not learn about food first from a classroom, a parent, or even a textbook. More often, the first lessons come from packaging, jingles, cartoon mascots, celebrity endorsements, delivery apps, and the glowing screens that turn snacks into status. Before a child understands what protein does, he may already know which chips are "cool." Before they learn why water matters, they may have memorized the logo of a sugary drink. Recent data suggests a jarring disparity in the information ecosystem of our children.

For every one message they receive about hydration or balanced nutrition, they are bombarded with roughly 50 advertisements for ultra-processed foods (UPFs) high in fat, salt, and sugar. That is not a trivial cultural shift. It is a public health crisis disguised as "consumer freedom". India today is living with what nutrition experts call a dual burden of malnutrition - persistent under-nutrition on one side, and rising overweight, obesity, and diet-related disease on the other. In many homes, these are no longer separate realities. One child may be undernourished, while another family member is already at risk of diabetes, fatty liver, or hypertension.

UNICEF India notes that poor nutrition in India is not simply about 'too little' food. Often it is also about unhealthy, low-diversity diets and micronutrient deficiencies. Good nutrition, it reminds us, is fundamental not only to survival but to learning, growth, and life-long well-being. The World Health Organization has repeatedly warned that children remain heavily exposed to the marketing of foods high in saturated fats, sugars and salt, and that such marketing affects not only food preferences but purchase requests, dietary intake and even the norms children develop around food itself.

WHO's 2023 guideline calls for stronger, mandatory protections because self-regulation has proved

inadequate, especially in the digital era. (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240075412>). India has not been indifferent to this challenge. The country has expanded food support through programmes such as 'PM POSHAN', school meals, 'POSHAN' initiatives, anaemia reduction campaigns, and school health efforts. 'PM POSHAN' itself explicitly aims not only to improve attendance and retention but also to improve children's nutritional levels, with convergence around micronutrients and school health.

As policymakers gathered at the 2026 Nutrition Conclave in Delhi on 13 March 2026, by 'Nourishing Schools Foundation', 'Food Future Foundation', and partners, focusing on behaviour change, child nutrition, and policy outcomes, a consensus emerged that was as much about pedagogy as it was about public health. The policy makers believed that India's nutrition crisis can no longer be solved by feeding programmes alone. To combat a marketing machine that spends billions to shape a child's palate, nutrition education must move from the fringes of so-called extra-curricular activities, to the very core of the school curriculum. India is currently caught in a unique and dangerous demographic pincer movement. On one hand, the United Nations' 2025 State of Food Security and Nutrition (SOFI) report highlights that India still grapples with the world's highest rate of child wasting (18.7 per cent). On the other, the Economic Survey 2025-26 warns of an exploding childhood obesity epidemic, with over 3.3 crore children currently classified as obese, a figure projected to soar to 8.3 crore by 2035. This dual burden of malnutrition is no longer a tale of two Indias. Today, stunting and obesity often coexist within the same neighbourhoods, and sometimes the same households. The root cause is frequently the



same, which is a profound lack of 'nutrition literacy'. We have expanded food access through monumental schemes like 'PM Poshan' and 'Poshan Abhiyaan 2.0', thereby ensuring millions receives a daily meal. But access without education is a half-measure. Providing a meal satisfies hunger for the afternoon, but teaching children why that meal matters protects them for a lifetime. On the other hand, a child may receive a nutritious meal in school and still spend the rest of the day aspiring to the brightly marketed foods that dominate television, neighbourhood shops, and smartphone feeds. This is where public policy often stops too early.

We have tried to feed the child, but not sufficiently to educate the chooser. That is why nutrition education (read literacy) must no longer be treated as an occasional awareness drive, a poster on a wall, or a forgettable chapter before examinations. It must become part of how children learn to live. We must understand that nutrition is not merely about calories. It is about overall growth and development. Children form habits before they form ideologies. Their taste, appetite, reward systems and food routines are shaped long before adulthood.

If unhealthy consumption becomes normal in childhood, later correction becomes much harder. Schools therefore are not just places of instruction; they are one of the last democratic spaces where society

can intervene before lifelong patterns settle in. Therefore, a nutrition-literate child does not simply identify carbohydrates, proteins and fats for marks. That child begins to ask practical questions like "why does a packet snack feel satisfying for ten minutes but leave me hungry again?" "Why does a meal of dal, rice and vegetables keep me fuller longer?" "Why do sugary drinks create bursts of energy followed by lethargy?" "Why is a colourful label not the same thing as a healthy product?" These are not elite questions.

They are survival questions for the twenty-first century. The case for schools is especially strong because schools are among the few institutions that still reach children across class, caste, region, and social background. Therefore, a well-designed nutrition curriculum can do what most health messaging fails to do. "Down to Earth" reports that the Indian government, guided by recommendations in the Economic Survey 2025-26 (released January 2026), is accelerating a shift in public health policy from merely ensuring food availability to regulating the consumption of unhealthy food through education and restriction.

Facing a rapid surge in ultra-processed food (UPF) consumption and childhood obesity, the policy focus is combining, what they call, a 'marketing shield' with an 'educational sword'. (<https://www.downtoearth.org/in/>

ood/economic-surv ey-2026-flags-surge-in-ultra-processed-food-consumption-recommends-higher-gst). Recognizing that marketing bans alone are insufficient, policymakers are pushing for mandatory nutrition education to enable children to navigate a world of processed goods. In this direction, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has already laid groundwork with the "Eat Right School" programme, which uses "Yellow Books" - activity books available in 11 languages to teach food safety and nutrition to students.

The goal is to move from theoretical knowledge to practical life skills, such as reading nutrition labels and making healthier food choices. But here lies the danger - if nutrition education is introduced badly, it will fail. Children do not need another dry, moralising chapter that reduces food to guilt, fear, or memorised diagrams, or be shamed about what is in their tiffin boxes. They need something much more intelligent, where they are practically taught how food fuels energy, growth, concentration and immunity, while helping them understand the everyday importance of protein, fibre, iron, calcium and hydration.

They need to be taught in creative ways what processed and ultra-processed foods mean in real life, how to read food labels, how advertising shapes cravings through colour and celebrity, and why traditional diets often hold valuable nutritional wisdom worth preserving. As we move toward the 2030 global nutrition targets, India has the opportunity to lead the world in school-based health interventions. By making nutrition education as fundamental as literacy and numeracy, we can ensure that the next generation isn't just 'fed,' but truly nourished. Moreover, in an age where the marketplace speaks to children all day, the classroom cannot afford to whisper.

## Not just vrat food! Singhara's shocking health benefits are turning heads everywhere

This humble fasting ingredient is quietly gaining attention for its powerful Ayurvedic health benefits. From boosting energy to supporting digestion, singhara is more than just a vrat staple.

If your kitchen suddenly smells like vrat food and your family is quietly munching something "healthy," chances are, singhara or singhara has entered the chat. Yes, the water chestnut, often seen only during fasting days, is now becoming the star of wellness gossip. From dadi's nuskhas to Ayurveda experts, everyone seems to be whispering the same thing: "Don't underestimate this fruit."

So what's the real story behind singhara? Let's break it down. Why singhara is a fasting favourite

Acharya Balkrishna says, during vrat (fasting), people switch to



light, sattvik food, and that's where singhara flour comes in. It is considered phalahaari, meaning it fits perfectly into fasting diets.

But this isn't just about tradition. According to Ayurveda, singhara is packed with minerals and alkaline elements that make it deeply nourishing. It gives energy slowly, keeps you full for

longer, and doesn't feel heavy on the stomach.

Basically, it's the quiet overachiever of fasting foods. Natural shield against common diseases

Here's where things get interesting. Ayurveda doesn't just treat singhara as food—it sees it as medicine. Regular consumption is

believed to help manage: Blood sugar levels (helpful for diabetes)

Heart health

Ulcers

Joint pain like arthritis

From Tooth Pain to TB:

Traditional remedies that surprise

Old-school remedies involving singhara are honestly wild, and fascinating.

For dental issues like loose teeth, a mix including singhara has been traditionally used for relief. Even more surprising, Ayurveda texts mention its use in managing symptoms related to tuberculosis when combined with herbs like triphala and pippli.

Sounds intense, right? That's because singhara has long been treated as a powerful healing ingredient, not just a snack. Stomach problems? Singhara

might help

Had too much spicy food and now regretting life? Singhara has your back.

It is known to:

Help control diarrhoea

Improve digestion

Boost appetite

Balance pitta (which often causes stomach issues)

Energy booster without the crash

Unlike sugary snacks that give quick energy and then drop you hard, singhara releases energy slowly.

Its natural "guru" (heavy) and "madhur" (sweet) properties mean:

You feel full for longer  
Your body stays energised  
You avoid sudden fatigue  
Skin, hair & sleep: The hidden glow-up benefits  
This is where singhara quietly turns into a beauty secret.

## Royal family leads Easter celebrations with church service in UK

Britain's King Charles III and his wife, Queen Camilla, were joined by senior members of the royal family for the annual Easter Sunday church service at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. With the King's scandal-hit younger brother Andrew and his family missing from the line-up, the procession was seen as a major show of strength by the royals as they waved to the crowds gathered to greet the

77-year-old monarch. The Prince and Princess of Wales, William and Kate, were accompanied by their three children — Princes George and Louis and Princess Charlotte. Britain's Princess Charlotte, Kate, the Princess of Wales, Prince George, Prince Louis, William, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Edward arrive to attend the Easter Matins Service at St. George's Chapel in Windsor. Reuters "This Easter comes at a time of real anxiety for many people. Conflicts abroad, pressures at home, and uncertainty about the future weigh heavily on



families and households," said British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in his Easter message from 10 Downing Street. "In moments like these, faith offers reassurance and grounding a reminder that we are not alone, and that hope can still take root even in difficult soil." Our country is at its best when we choose community over division, kindness over indifference, and service over self-interest. I thank everyone who gives their time through churches and Christian charities, and wish Christians across the UK and around the world a very happy Easter filled with peace, hope

and the promise of new life," he said.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England, also used her first Easter sermon since installation at Canterbury Cathedral to call for an end to "violence and destruction" in the Middle East.

Dame Sarah Mullally said: "This week our gaze and our prayers have been turned towards the land where Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead." Today, as we shout with joy that Christ is risen, let us pray and call with renewed urgency for an end to the violence and destruction in the Middle East and the Gulf.

"May our Christian sisters and brothers know and celebrate the hope of the empty tomb and may all people of the region receive the peace, justice and freedom they long for." Thousands have been killed in the ongoing US-Israel strikes on Iran, responded to by Tehran with attacks on Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf.

## Displaced by war, Lebanon's Christians mark Easter far from homes, churches

It was not how the Rev. Maroun Ghafari had envisioned this Holy Week — for years, he had held Easter sermons in his predominantly Christian village of Alma al-Shaab in southern Lebanon, near the border with Israel. This year, he is preaching from a Beirut suburb, beside a cardboard cutout depicting his church in Alma al-Shaab, now caught in the crossfire between Israeli forces and Hezbollah fighters.

Since hostilities erupted last month between Israel and Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group — in the shadow of the wider, US-Israeli war on Iran — over 1,400 people have been killed in Lebanon, and more than 1 million have been forced to flee their homes.

Among those displaced from the war-torn south are thousands of Christians. They now find themselves far from their ancestral churches in Lebanon, where Christians have maintained a strong presence through centuries of Byzantine, Arab and Ottoman conquest and plenty of modern-day crises. Christians are estimated to

make up around a third of Lebanon's population of roughly 5.5 million people. With 12 Christian sects, the country is home to the largest proportion of Christians of any nation in the Arab world.

Huddling in a church, hoping for protection Christian villagers who stayed behind in southern Lebanon, ignoring Israel's blanket evacuation warnings for the area, have increasingly hardened into enclaves surrounded by fierce clashes. And though villagers in Alma al-Shaab had been uprooted before, in the 2024 Israel-Hezbollah war, this time around, they were adamant they wouldn't leave, even as airstrikes came closer and closer. The villagers huddled in their church for protection as Israeli warplanes pounded large swaths of southern and eastern Lebanon while Israeli troops stepped up a ground invasion and Hezbollah kept firing rockets at Israel.

In his annual Easter homily, Patriarch Beshara al-Rai of Lebanon's Maronite Church blamed both Hezbollah and



Israel for the suffering wrought by the war.

"The country is going through a critical situation due to Iranian interference through Hezbollah and Israeli aggression," he said. "Our hearts bleed for the victims of the conflict imposed on Lebanon."

Ghafari's brother, 70-year-old Sami Ghafari, was among the villagers who sought refuge at the church in Alma al-Shaab. But he dashed out briefly on March 8 to tend to his garden, and was killed by an Israeli drone strike. His killing prompted the remaining villagers — including his brother — to pack up their

belongings. The UN peacekeepers in the area — a force known as UNIFIL that has monitored the region for nearly five decades — evacuated them to the northern suburbs of Beirut.

"We wanted to stay, but it was always possible that one of us could be targeted or killed at any moment," the Rev. Maroun Ghafari told The Associated Press from St. Anthony Church in the northern Beirut suburb of Jdeideh, where the displaced from Alma al-Shaab came to worship. "Everyone is tired, and we see that war brings nothing but destruction, death and displacement."

## Pope Leo marks first Easter as pontiff with call for hope amid global conflicts

Pope Leo celebrated his first Easter Mass as pontiff with a call Sunday to exercise hope against "the violence of war that kills and destroys," saying "we need this song of hope today" as conflicts spread around the world. With the US-Israeli war on Iran in its second month and Russia's ongoing campaign in Ukraine, Leo has repeatedly called for a halt in hostilities. In his Easter homily, the pope singled out those who wage war, abuse the weak and prioritise profits.

Leo, the first US-born pope, addressed the faithful from an open-air altar in St. Peter's Square flanked with white roses, while the steps leading down to the piazza where the faithful gathered were filled with spring perennials, symbolically resonating with the pope's message of hope.

The pontiff implored the faithful to keep their hope in the face of death, which lurks "in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most vulnerable."

"We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that rises from every corner because of the abuses that



crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth's resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys," he said. He quoted his predecessor Pope Francis in warning against falling into indifference in the face of "persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty," because "it is also true that in the midst of darkness, something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit."

He will later deliver the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message - Latin for "to the city and the world."

Christians in the Holy Land were marking a subdued Easter

Traditional ceremonies at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered by Christians as the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, were scaled back under an agreement with Israeli police. Authorities have put limits on the sizes of public gatherings due to ongoing missile attacks.

The restrictions also dampened the recent Muslim holy month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr holiday, as well as the current weeklong Jewish festival of Passover. On

Sunday, the Jewish priestly blessing at the Western Wall - normally attended by tens of thousands - was limited to just 50 people.

The restrictions have strained relations between Israeli authorities and Christian leaders. Police last week prevented two of the church's top religious leaders, including Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa, from celebrating Palm Sunday at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On Tuesday, the pope had expressed hope that the war could be finished before Easter.

## "If US gets three more victories like this, it will be ruined," Iran Speaker shares pic of downed jet

Tehran [Iran], April 5 (ANI): Iran's Parliament Speaker MB Ghalibaf on Sunday shared images of destroyed aircraft and said that the US would be ruined if it were victorious in this manner.

If the United States gets three more victories like this, it will be utterly ruined," he said in a post on X. Iran's Military on Sunday claimed that it had shot down two US Black Hawk helicopters and a C-130 military transport plane.

"After enemy attempts to rescue their downed fighter pilot, invading drones in southern Isfahan were shot down in a joint operation by IRGC and Basij forces, with support from local law enforcement. Two Black Hawk helicopters and a C-130 military transport plane were shot down in southern Isfahan," Spokesman of the Khatam Al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said, according



to Press TV.

United States President Donald Trump confirmed on Sunday that the military rescued the second F-15 crew member, who went missing after Iran downed the jet amid the West Asia conflict. In a post on social media portal Truth Social, Trump called it the "most daring" search and rescue operation for the US military, stating that the government will "not leave a warfighter behind."

He also confirmed that the crew

member sustained injuries.

He wrote, "We got him! My fellow Americans, over the past several hours, the United States Military pulled off one of the most daring Search and Rescue Operations in US History, for one of our incredible Crew Member Officers, who also happens to be a highly respected Colonel, and who I am thrilled to let you know is now safe and sound! This brave Warrior was behind enemy lines in the treacherous mountains of Iran, being hunted down by our enemies, who were getting closer and closer by the hour, but was never truly alone because his Commander in Chief, Secretary of War, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and fellow Warfighters were monitoring his location 24 hours a day, and diligently planning for his rescue."

## Nepal introduces two-day weekend holidays in wake of fuel crisis

Kathmandu [Nepal], April 5 (ANI): The Government of Nepal on Sunday decided to implement a two-day public holiday—Saturday and Sunday—in response to the ongoing fuel crisis linked to prolonged conflict in West Asia, which has caused major disruption to the global energy trade due to the virtual closure of the Strait of Hormuz. The decision was taken during a meeting of the Council of Ministers held at the Office of the Prime Minister

in Kathmandu. Government offices and all educational institutions will observe the new weekend schedule starting April 6 to help facilitate petroleum supply, government spokesperson Sasmit Pokharel said. Pokharel stated that the move to close offices and schools on Sundays was prompted by ongoing disruptions in petroleum supplies and added that government offices, excluding educational institutions, will now operate from 9 am to 5 pm on working days.

The Cabinet has also decided to prepare the necessary legal framework to support the conversion of petrol- and diesel-powered vehicles into electric vehicles. According to the spokesperson, the decision was taken as fuel supply has become increasingly uncertain due to escalating conflict in West Asia.

The government believes that promoting the conversion of petrol- and diesel-powered vehicles into electric ones could help address potential fuel



shortages while supporting the country's transition toward cleaner transportation. The ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States has disrupted global petroleum supply, contributing to shortages and a sharp rise in fuel prices in Nepal. Petroleum prices in Nepal have reached an all-time high, with the latest revision by the state-owned Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) pushing petrol prices to NPR 202 per litre in the Kathmandu Valley. Diesel and kerosene prices have also increased to NPR 182 per litre.

The decision follows a meeting of the NOC's board of directors last week, which approved an NPR 15 per litre hike for petrol, diesel, and kerosene. This marks the third price increase in just 18 days, following hikes on March 15 and March 25. Petrol prices in Nepal have now surpassed the previous record set in June 2022, when petrol reached NPR 199 per litre and diesel NPR 192 per litre.

After fluctuating over the years, petrol prices had dropped to NPR 156 per litre and diesel to NPR 137 per litre in January 2026. Prices had previously surged during the Russia-Ukraine War, but the current increase marks an unprecedented peak. Over the past 18 days alone, petrol prices have jumped by NPR 45 per litre, while diesel and kerosene have risen by NPR 40 per litre. The price of aviation fuel for domestic flights has surged by NPR 124 per litre, while for international flights in Kathmandu it has reached USD 819 per kilogram. With the revision, domestic aviation fuel prices increased from NPR 127 per litre to NPR 251 per litre. Despite the latest adjustments, NOC reports losses of NPR 34.36 per litre on petrol, NPR 120.54 per litre on diesel, and NPR 416.37 per LPG cylinder, estimating fortnightly losses at NPR 11.71 billion. Prices are likely to rise further depending on international market trends.

## Indian-origin couple jailed for operating UK companies despite ban

An Indian-origin couple has been sentenced for breaching a disqualification order to operate companies in the UK for over five years despite a ban following tax fraud claims.

Bharat Jogia, 71, from England's West Midlands region was disqualified as a company director for 13 years in 2014 after not disputing that he caused Jogia Jewellers (UK) Limited to wrongfully claim more than 2 million pounds from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The UK's Insolvency Service discovered that he ignored that ban to continue to control pharmaceutical companies Diamond Pharma Limited and BHH Consulting. Bharat Jogia showed complete contempt for the law by breaching his director disqualification ban for more than five years," said Mark Stephens, Chief Investigator at the Insolvency Service. Louise Jogia acted as a front to shield her husband, providing signed documentation and support where needed.

"Ignoring a disqualification is a serious criminal offence that undermines the entire system designed

to keep rogue directors out of positions where they can cause further harm to creditors, employees and the wider economy," he said.

Stephens explained that director disqualifications exist to protect the public and maintain confidence in UK businesses. "When someone is banned from running companies, it is because they have proven themselves unfit to do so," he added. Jogia's disqualification order ought to have prevented him from running, managing or promoting any company until 2027. His breach of the ban resulted in a sentence of nine months in prison, suspended for 18 months, when he appeared at Birmingham Crown Court last week.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of unpaid community work and disqualified as a company director for another 10 years. His wife was sentenced to seven months in prison, also suspended for 18 months, at the same hearing and disqualified as a company director for 10 years. The suspended sentence means the couple has avoided immediate custodial terms, provided they commit no further offences and comply with court-imposed community requirements.

Jogia, based in Streetly near Birmingham, signed a disqualification undertaking or an agreement



where company directors suspected of misconduct voluntarily disqualify themselves instead of taking the case to court in June 2014.

In the signed document, Jogia did not dispute that he caused Jogia Jewellers (UK) Limited to participate in transactions which formed part of a scheme to defraud HMRC. The undertaking meant that Jogia could not be a director of any UK-registered company or be involved in forming, marketing or running a company.

However, he continued to run Diamond Pharma Limited and BHH Consulting Ltd in all but name from the day of his disqualification until August and July 2019 respectively, just before liquidators were appointed to both companies.

Investigations by the Insolvency Service revealed that Jogia instructed lawyers on conveyancing matters, approved company accounts, authorised agreements with customers and suppliers, managed staff and received more than 80,000

pounds in consultancy services, all for Diamond Pharma Limited.

"Under Jogia's management, Diamond Pharma Limited also racked up more than 445,000 pounds in tax debts, leading to HMRC applying to have the company wound-up," stated the Insolvency Service. "For BHH Consulting Ltd, Louise Jogia provided the trading history to the liquidator by email, noting that she and her husband set up the company 'as a consultation service to the pharmaceutical industry'. However, matters which as a director Louise Jogia would be expected to deal with such as instructions to lawyers on conveyancing matters, the company's IT decisions and payment to creditors, were all dealt with by her husband," it noted. Their analysis of BHH Consulting Ltd's bank account showed it was used to pay personal bills for Bharat and Louise Jogia. The Insolvency Service said it is now seeking confiscation of funds against the Jogias under the UK's Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

## Sobhan Brothers have finally fallen in the Groove

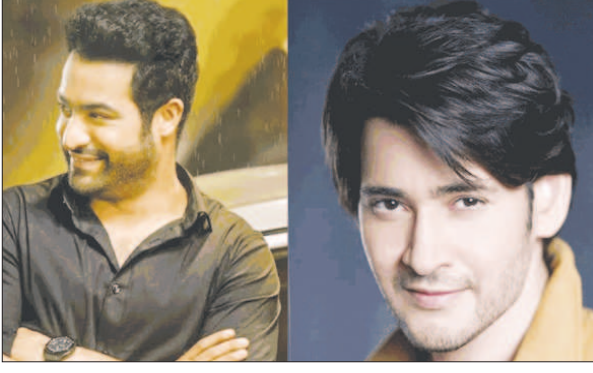


At one point in time, the elder son of former director Sobhan looked like quite a chap with good potential to make it big at the box office. He's Santosh. And the way he chose a few projects has resulted in scoring flops at the box office with more than a dozen movies. Later came his younger brother, Sangeeth, who has made himself a name with the MAD movie, but acted in a couple of OTT projects that didn't even get him a name, though one of them worked out well. Finally, it looks like both

Santosh and Sangeeth have scored big out there with the theatrical releases, Couple Friendly and RaaKaaSaa, respectively. Though Couple Friendly hasn't scored big numbers at the box office, surely the movie made huge noise and proved that Santosh Shobhan is a terrific actor and would pull off great numbers if he could find the right content that would click. At the same time, RaaKaaSaa is getting a good reception now, and this movie also proves that Sangeeth could pull audiences to theatres if he

finds proper comedy films. That means, we can sum up that both the Sobhan brothers have definitely fallen in groove with their cinema career. That said, it is high time that both the Sobhan brothers get the right scripts so that their foothold in the film industry will get stronger. Otherwise, if they chose films for just remuneration and production banners, surely they will be heading towards a direction that would never give them any chance to do course-correction.

## Mahesh and NTR laud Adivi Sesh's Dacoit Trailer



Superstar Mahesh Babu has encouraged Adivi Sesh and produced films with him previously. Now, he appreciated the actor's upcoming Dacoit Trailer. Man of Masses Jr. NTR, who praises the talented filmmakers loved the trailer and expressed the same. Mahesh Babu wrote, "From Major to #Dacoit... great to see you push further Sesh... The Trailer is a solid setup for what's to come. Wishing you and team the very best..." Tarak aka Jr. NTR wrote, "Loved the #DACOITTrailer....so

gripping and very well made. All the very best to Sesh, Supriya, Mrunal and the entire team. Looking forward to April 10th!" Everyone who watched the trailer is intrigued by the story and are praising Adivi Sesh, Mrunal Thakur for their performances. Anurag Kashyap is playing a prominent role in the film directed by Shaneil Deo and produced by Supriya Yarlagadda, Suniel Narang. Annapurna Studios is presenting the film marked for release on 10th April, worldwide.

## Rahman's Profit Sharing Deal In Big Discussion!!



With the arrival of the glimpse of 'Rama' from the much hyped film "Ramayana" out the other day, various aspects related to the movie are being widely discussed now. One of them is the music scored by Oscar-winning composers AR Rahman and Hans Zimmer together. The sound design is very interesting, and the score is quite compelling. At this juncture, it's coming out that Rahman is now going the way of 'superstars' when it comes to charging from producers. Rather than taking a huge chunk of money as an advance, it is coming out that AR Rahman is going the star's way, demanding a share in the profits of the movie. While the composer will anyway get royalties on the songs forever, every time the

song gets played anywhere, or publicly performed by someone at any show, event, or pub, this profit-sharing deal is something new. In this model, only the composer will get a huge chunk if the film turns out to be a big hit at the box office. Otherwise, he might not get huge money like he would get by taking remuneration. That's a win-win move for both. At the same time, there are those who say that composers should just provide songs, take money and forget it, rather than demanding royalties, copyrights and profits in shares for life. Anyway, this profit-sharing model works only for a few like AR Rahman, Shashwat and others, but not for every composer who is just starting their career in Film Nagar now.

## Tollywood Box office gets Back on Track

After many weeks of poor performance, the Telugu film industry is finally seeing some positive change at the box office. For a long time, theatres were almost empty, and new releases failed to attract audiences. But now, two recent films, Rakasa and Biker, have brought some hope back. These films may not be huge blockbusters, but they are doing a decent job. They have started pulling audiences back to theatres, especially in city areas. In big cities and multiplex theatres, more people are coming to watch these movies. This is a good sign for the industry, which was struggling recently.

One important reason for this improvement is positive word of mouth. People who watched these films are sharing good opinions with others. Because of this, more viewers are getting interested. Even without big promotions or festival holidays, these movies are slowly gaining attention. Another good sign is the increase in weekend collections. Usually, Saturdays and Sundays bring more crowds, and this time too, theatres are seeing better occupancy.

Sunday, in particular, is expected to perform well, as families and young audiences prefer to watch movies on weekends. However, there is one small challenge. On the same day, two big IPL cricket matches are happening — Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Lucknow Super Giants and Chennai Super Kings vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Cricket is very popular in India, and many people prefer watching matches during the evening and night time. Because of this, some shows in theatres may see fewer audiences, especially night shows. Even with this challenge, the overall situation looks better than before.

Both Rakasa and Biker are expected to continue their steady run in the coming days. Since there are no big movie releases immediately, these films have a good chance to perform consistently. This positive phase may continue until April 10, when a new film, Dacoit, starring Adivi Sesh, is set to release. His film might bring fresh competition to the box office. Until then, the current films can take advantage of this gap.



## Adivi Sesh Rejected Pawan Kalyan Movie at First; Opens Up On His Struggles

During the promotions of his upcoming film Dacoit, Adivi Sesh spoke openly about his life, struggles, and dreams. Adivi Sesh said that he grew up in the United States, but from a very young age, he loved Telugu movies. He shared that he started watching films when he was just four years old. That love slowly turned into a dream of becoming an actor and creating his own identity in the film industry.



While studying in college, Adivi Sesh worked in a grocery store. There, he used to teach English to Telugu people and build contacts. He hoped that these connections might help him enter the film industry one day. Adivi Sesh also shared an interesting story about his early days. When he was just 15 years old, he went for an audition for a film. To look older, he used pencil lead to draw a beard on his face. Even though he did not get selected, his passion to become a hero became stronger.

Later, he joined a film course in the US. However, he realized that degrees alone would not give him movie opportunities. So, he left his studies in the final year and started working in web designing. After that, he made his film Karma, where he worked as a writer, director, and actor. He also revealed that he first rejected a role in Panjaa starring Pawan Kalyan. But after advice from his cousin, he accepted it. That role brought him recognition and opened many doors.

## Why is this Mega Hero Rejecting A lot of Films?

Ever since he was involved in a bike accident, Mega Hero Sai Dharam Tej aka Sai Durgha Tej has become quite choosy with the kind of movies he picks. He has come up with a horror thriller like Virupaksha, but after that, his next film hasn't been released yet. He signed only one movie, which happens to be Sambarala Yeti Gattu, and it's being made with a gigantic budget by the producer of the Hanuman movie.



Here's an interesting discussion being heard in Film Nagar now. Apparently, Sai Dharam has signed his new movie under the direction of "Ka" movie creators, which was announced a couple of days back. Even this film appears to be a big-budget fantasy flick only, and might take some

time to wrap up. However, Sai Dharam is not in a hurry to finish movies asap, and come up with lots of commercial films. Before signing this new film, many top production houses and directors who have scored hits with their debut movies have narrated movies to Sai Dharam Tej, but nothing worked out. The hero is said to have rejected a lot of movies, feeling that they are mostly routine. Many are saying that once Sai Dharam from the Mega family is known for churning out commercial masala movies back to back, most of them didn't do well. For that reason, he has decided not to come up with such movies, but only meaningful commercial films that will work at the box office. This decision by the hero has really altered the way even filmmakers look at him now.

## Filmmaker Reveals Worst Thing Happening In Mumbai Sets

Veteran filmmaker Priyadarshan is known for his Bollywood movies like Hera Pheri and his other associations with superstar Akshay Kumar. He has now made the movie 'Bhooth Bangla', a horror-comedy that stars Akshay, Tabu, and Wamiqa Gabbi in the leads. As the film is hitting cinemas on April 10th, the director interacted with the press and explained what is actually killing the work culture in Bollywood.



In fact, Priyadarshan openly said that huge entourage on sets are "the worst thing" happening in the Hindi film industry right now. According to him, actors are now coming with large teams including managers, makeup staff, and assistants, and sometimes these groups are even bigger than the actual film crew. When too many people are present on set, it not only becomes difficult for directors to manage but also slows down the entire process. At the same time, Priyadarshan even mentioned that some entourage members are earning more than experienced actors, which shows how much

things have changed. Also, Priyadarshan pointed out that in the South, things are more controlled, and people stick to their roles without crowding the set. On the other hand, some argue that big stars need these teams to manage their schedules, branding, and commitments. However, most of these team members don't get paid by the stars, but the production keeps feeding them, thus sucking the pockets of producers dry. For now, Priyadarshan's comments have triggered a discussion. We have to see if Bollywood takes note or continues the same way.

## All Time Highest Grossing Indian films: Who's on Top?



Indian cinema is generating massive revenues worldwide, as we are witnessing multiple big films that are arriving consistently at the ticket counters. But now let us have a look at the highest grossing Indian films of all time. A remarkable box office trend is drawing attention across the Indian film industry as recent numbers place two films from the Dhurandhar franchise among the highest grossing titles of all time. Trade trackers note that Dhurandhar 2 has reportedly amassed Rs 1536.53 crore within just 16 days of release, while its predecessor Dhurandhar stands at Rs 1354.84 crore worldwide. These figures position the franchise alongside some of the biggest milestones in Indian cinema history. At the top remains Dhangal with a staggering Rs 2059.04 crore

global haul. Close behind is Baahubali 2 The Conclusion at Rs 1800 crore, a benchmark that redefined pan India theatrical success. The recent surge of Pushpa 2 The Rule to Rs 1785.84 crore further highlights the growing appetite for large scale franchise storytelling. Industry analysts say the rapid rise of Dhurandhar 2 is particularly noteworthy because it achieved these numbers in just over two weeks, signaling extraordinary audience pull across markets. The performance also reflects how sequels and cinematic universes are increasingly driving box office momentum in India. With such records being challenged in quick succession, trade circles believe the coming weeks will determine whether Dhurandhar 2 can climb even higher in the all time rankings.

## Janhvi Kapoor Getting Special Privilege In Tirumala? Here's Truth!



Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor has this habit of visiting the world, famous Tirumala Temple ever so frequently, and now she has opened up the same in an interaction. Janhvi Kapoor recently opened up about her deep devotion to Lord Venkateswara, sharing a personal reflection on her visits to the Tirupati temple. She noted that while countless devotees wait for hours in long queues hoping for a glimpse of the deity, she feels fortunate to have special access that allows her darshan with-

out the usual wait. However, Janhvi emphasized that this privilege alone does not make her experience complete. She explained that for her, the spiritual journey is incomplete unless she climbs all 3,500 steps to reach the temple each time. This act, she said, forms an essential part of her devotion and connection with the deity. The climb, despite being physically demanding, symbolizes dedication, faith, and respect, turning the pilgrimage into a deeply personal and meaningful experience. Through her words,

Janhvi highlighted the essence of true devotion that it goes beyond convenience or shortcuts and requires effort, patience, and sincerity. She also brought attention to the emotional and spiritual significance of the Tirupati pilgrimage for millions of devotees, reflecting how rituals and personal acts of faith strengthen one's spiritual bond. Her reflection serves as an inspiration for those who undertake similar pilgrimages, reminding them that the journey itself holds as much value as the destination.

# Logical Reasoning in Calendar

## (For all Competitive Exams)

- There are ----- days in one week.  
Ans:7
- The first day of the week is-----  
Ans:Sunday
- The last day of the week is -----  
Ans:Saturday
- The day after Monday is -----  
Ans:Tuesday
- The day before Friday is -----  
Ans:Thursday
- The day between Tuesday and Thursday is -----  
Ans:Wednesday
- Two days after Monday is -----  
Ans:Wednesday
- Three days after Friday is -----  
Ans:Monday
- Two days before Sunday is -----  
Ans: Friday
- One week after Monday is -----  
Ans: Monday
- The weekend days are-----and-----  
Ans: Saturday, Sunday
- A weekday is -----  
Ans:Monday-Friday
- The 3rd day of the week is -----  
Ans:Tuesday
- The 5th day of the week is -----  
Ans:Thursday
- The day that comes after Saturday is -----  
Ans:Sunday
- The day that comes before Tuesday is -----  
Ans:Monday
- If today is Wednesday, tomorrow is -----  
Ans:Thursday
- If today is Friday, yesterday was-----  
Ans:Wednesday
- If today is Sunday, tomorrow is -----  
Ans: Monday



- If today is Monday, yesterday was -----  
Ans:Sunday
- The longest school day is usually a -----  
Ans:weekday
- There are -----weekend days.  
Ans:2
- The middle day of the week is -----  
Ans:Wednesday
- The day before Sunday is -----  
Ans:Saturday
- The day after Thursday is -----  
Ans:Friday
- The 6th day of the week is -----  
Ans:Friday
- The 7th day of the week is -----  
Ans:Saturday
- The 2nd day of the week is -----  
Ans: Monday
- The 4th day of the week is -----  
Ans: Wednesday
- The day before Monday is -----  
Ans: Sunday

- Ans: Sunday
- If today is Tuesday, two days later is-----  
Ans: Thursday
- If today is Saturday, two days earlier was -----  
Ans:Thursday
- One day after Sunday is-----  
Ans:Monday
- One day before Friday is -----  
Ans:Thursday
- Three days before Thursday is -----  
Ans: Monday
- Four days after Monday is -----  
Ans: Friday
- Five days after Tuesday is -----  
Ans: Sunday
- Five days before Sunday is -----  
Ans: Tuesday
- Two weeks have-----days.  
Ans: 14
- One week has-----days.  
Ans:7
- There are ----- months in a year.  
Ans: 12
- The first month of the year is -----  
Ans: January
- The last month of the year is -----  
Ans: December
- The month after January is -----  
Ans: February
- The month before March is -----  
Ans: February
- The month between April and June is -----  
Ans:May
- The 6th month of the year is -----  
Ans:June
- The 12th month of the year is -----  
Ans:December
- The 3rd month of the year is ----  
Ans:March
- The 9th month of the year is ----  
Ans:September
- The month that has Valentine's Day is -----  
Ans: February
- The month that starts summer (June) is -----  
Ans: June
- The month after October is -----  
Ans: November
- The month before August is -----  
Ans:July
- The shortest month is -----  
Ans:February
- The longest months have ----- days.  
Ans:31
- April has ----- days.  
Ans:30
- June has ----- days.  
Ans:30
- September has ----- days.  
Ans:30
- November has ----- days.  
Ans:30
- January has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- March has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- May has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- July has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- August has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- October has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- December has ----- days.  
Ans:31
- February usually has ----- days.  
Ans:28
- February in a leap year has ----- days.  
Ans:29

- The month with New Year's Day is -----  
Ans:January
- The month with Independence Day (USA) is -----  
Ans:July
- The month after February is -----  
Ans:March
- The month before October is -----  
Ans:September
- The month between July and September is -----  
Ans:August
- The month between November and January is -----  
Ans:December
- Half a year is ----- months.  
Ans:6
- A quarter of a year is ----- months.  
Ans:3
- A full year has ----- months.  
Ans:12
- The calendar year repeats every -----months.  
Ans:12

- Summer usually starts in -----  
Ans:June
- Winter usually starts in -----  
Ans:December
- Spring usually starts in -----  
Ans:March
- Fall usually starts in -----  
Ans:September
- The year begins in -----  
Ans:January
- The year ends in -----  
Ans:December
- The month with Halloween is -----  
Ans:October
- The month with Christmas is ----  
Ans:December

- 91.The month with New Year's Day is -----  
Ans:January
- 92.The month with Independence Day (USA) is -----  
Ans:July
- 93.The month after February is -----  
Ans:March
- 94.The month before October is ----  
Ans:September
- 95.The month between July and September is -----  
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96. The month between November and January is -----  
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97. Half a year is ----- months.  
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98. A quarter of a year is ----- months.  
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99. A full year has ----- months.  
Ans:12
100. The calendar year repeats every -----months.  
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## The Importance of Empathy: Its Role in Daily Life and Professional Life, and Ways to Develop This Quality

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. It involves placing oneself in another person's situation and responding with sensitivity, compassion, and respect. In today's fast-paced and competitive world, empathy has become an essential soft skill that strengthens relationships, improves communication, and promotes harmony. It is not merely an emotional response but a conscious effort to recognize others' perspectives. Developing empathy enables individuals to become better human beings and responsible professionals. Therefore, empathy plays a crucial role in daily life, professional life, and personal development.

The Importance of Empathy in Daily Life  
Empathy helps individuals build meaningful and lasting relationships. When people listen to each other with understanding, conflicts are reduced and trust is strengthened. For instance, empathy within families encourages emotional bonding and mutual respect. Parents who understand their children's emotions create a supportive environment, while friends who empathize with one another maintain strong and reliable friendships. Empathy also promotes kindness and cooperation in society. When individuals recognize the struggles of others, they are more likely to offer help and encouragement. This compassionate behavior leads to a more peaceful and inclusive community. Moreover, empathy improves communication in everyday interactions. Instead of reacting impulsively,

empathetic individuals consider the emotions behind words and respond thoughtfully. As a result, misunderstandings are minimized, and relationships become more harmonious.

The Role of Empathy in Professional Life  
Empathy is equally valuable in professional settings. It enhances teamwork and collaboration. Employees who understand their colleagues' perspectives can work together more effectively. Empathy also strengthens leadership qualities. A leader who listens to team members, acknowledges their challenges, and provides support fosters motivation and loyalty. Furthermore, empathy improves customer relations. Professionals who understand customer needs and concerns can provide better service, leading to satisfaction and trust. In fields such as education, healthcare, counseling, and management, empathy is particularly important.

Developing Empathy: Strategies and Practices  
Developing empathy is a gradual process that requires conscious effort. Some effective ways to develop empathy include:

- Active listening: Paying full attention to others, without interrupting, helps individuals understand emotions and viewpoints.
- Perspective-taking: Imagining oneself in another person's situation can help understand their feelings.
- Reading and engaging with diverse experiences: Exposing oneself to different stories and discussions can enhance empathy.
- Practicing kindness and compassion:

Small daily actions can strengthen empathetic behavior.

- Emotional awareness: Recognizing one's own emotions helps in understanding others more effectively.

Conclusion  
Empathy is a powerful quality that enriches both personal and professional life. It strengthens relationships, improves communication, and promotes cooperation. By cultivating empathy, individuals contribute to a more understanding and supportive society. Ultimately, empathy not only improves interactions but also reflects the true essence of humanity, making the world a more harmonious and respectful place.

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## Not easy being a skipper, Riyan deserves credit for his amazing captaincy against GT: Bangar

Former India cricketer Sanjay Bangar heaped praise on Rajasthan Royals skipper Riyan Parag for his composure and decision-making in a tense finish against the Gujarat Titans on Saturday, highlighting how leadership played a defining role in their six-run win. In a match that went down to the final over at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Rajasthan's decision to hand the ball to Tushar Deshpande proved decisive, with the pacer defending 11 runs under pressure.

Bangar underlined that the foundation of the win lay in Parag's captaincy during crunch moments. With multiple bowling choices available, the RR skipper's clarity stood out as he backed Deshpande for the final over, a decision that ultimately sealed the game.

"Riyan Parag deserves the credit for his amazing captaincy in this match against GT. It is not an easy job being a skipper, especially when you have tons of bowling options to choose from and you find yourself in a high-pressure situation. Riyan clearly trusted Tushar Deshpande to bowl the final over and when a captain chooses you to bowl an over that's a do-or-die one, then you have to do well. If you don't, your team will lose," Bangar told



JioStar. Bangar stressed that beyond tactics, a captain's role is also about instilling belief in players during high-stakes situations. "It is important for the skipper to motivate the bowler when asking him to do such a tough job. You have to constantly tell them that you can do it, and Tushar Deshpande lived up to the expectations by soaking in all the pressure and bowled the best over of his cricket career," he said.

Deshpande responded with an ice-cool over, conceding just four runs and dismissing Rashid Khan at a crucial juncture to swing the match decisively in Rajasthan's favour. Bangar also highlighted the long-term impact of such trust between captain and bowler, saying, "Once you get that kind of trust and faith from your skipper, it is a wonderful feeling. Every time Rajasthan finds themselves in a nail-biting situation, Riyan Parag will go towards Tushar

Deshpande because he has done it once and can do it again." He summed up the moment as a perfect blend of leadership and execution, stating, "So brilliant from the captain, great execution from the bowler. The celebration at the end tells us how hungry RR was for this win."

Apart from the final over heroics, Bangar also reserved praise for leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi, who turned the game with a four-wicket haul to derail Gujarat's chase. Bishnoi's control and discipline made it difficult for batters to settle, even without a wide range of variations. Explaining Bishnoi's effectiveness, Bangar pointed out his unique bowling approach.

"Ravi Bishnoi rarely bowls the leg break. He relies on just two deliveries - the googly and the one that goes straight on. The googly is his stock ball. He has limited variety, but he is very effective and accurate. He gets wickets when batters sit back to cut him, as Rahul Tewatia did. They end up edging the ball but, Bishnoi works well within his limitations," Bangar said. Despite not being a conventional leg-spinner, his impact was undeniable. "He doesn't have a conventional leg spinner, but his figures of 4 for 41 proved his class," he noted.

## AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup: India suffer 0-5 loss to Australia

The Indian U20 women's national team suffered a 0-5 defeat to Australia at the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2026 in the Pathum Thani Stadium, Thailand, on Sunday.

Skye Halmarick's (38' p. 39', 48') hat-trick gave Australia a strong lead, followed by goals from Danella Brutus (54') and Daisy Brown (90+4'). As a result, India remains at the bottom of Group C with no points after two matches. A victory in their final group-stage game against Chinese Taipei on Wednesday could still secure Joakim Alexandersson's team a spot in the knockout rounds.

Although the final score might suggest otherwise, the Young Tigresses started strongly in the early exchanges, frequently launching counter-attacks against Australia's possession-based approach.

Sulanjana Raul advanced down the left in the fourth minute, bypassed her marker, and delivered a low cross to Sibani Devi Nongmeikapam, who was forced into a tough angle by the defenders before losing possession. Moments later, Anju Chanu Kayenpaibam's cross from the opposite side was intercepted. Australia midfielder Avaani Prakash initiated the first real opportunity of the day when she was played through on the right and fired a shot that was saved by India's goalkeeper Monalisha Devi Moirangthem. Soon after, Anju attempted a long-range free-kick, but it went over the bar.

The Young Matildas scored their first goal in the 38th minute when Cindy Colney brought down Butrus inside the



Indian box, awarding a penalty. Halmarick successfully converted the penalty. Just a minute later, the Australian forward doubled the lead with a header from a cross on the right by Peta Trimis. The Aussies continued their momentum after the break, with Halmarick completing her hat-trick in the 48th minute as her shot deflected before finding the net. The Young Matildas quickly took a 4-0 lead in

the 54th minute, assisted by Butrus, who drove into the Indian box and pushed the ball past Monalisha. India kept rallying until late in the game, with Monalisha making saves off Trimis. India's best opportunity came in the 85th minute when Bhumika Devi Khumukcham was played through on the right and delivered a precise cross to Sibani, who headed it wide.

## IPL 2026: 'We lost momentum in middle overs,' says Rashid Khan after GT fall short vs RR in last-over thriller

Ahmedabad: Gujarat Titans' stand-in captain Rashid Khan admitted his side lost crucial momentum during the middle overs of the chase as they went down by six runs to Rajasthan Royals in a high-scoring Indian Premier League (IPL) clash at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday. Chasing 211 after Rajasthan posted 210/6, Gujarat appeared well on course for much of the innings, especially with opener Sai Sudharsan anchoring the chase with a fluent knock. However, a cluster of wickets in the middle overs dented their progress before the Titans eventually finished at 204/8, falling short in the final over bowled by Tushar Deshpande. Reflecting on the defeat, Rashid, who led the side in the absence of regular skipper Shubman Gill, felt Gujarat's bowlers had done well to limit Rajasthan despite a strong start from the visitors. "We

bowled really well, especially the way they have started to restrict them under like, 210. I think it was a great effort on this wicket by the bowlers. And then we started really well with the bat too. I felt we have given a great start with the openers. And then I felt in the 12th and 13th overs, we lost back-to-back wickets. That's something that really put us on the back foot. But I think, if they were there, it wasn't that hard to score, but I think in that period of time, we just lost the momentum of the game," he said after the game. The Afghan all-rounder said the surface at the venue was conducive for strokeplay and believed the chase was well within reach before the momentum shift. "On the wicket like this, 9-10 per over, it's not that hard a job to be done. And I feel like we just, a little bit like you lose the momentum in that time and go harder and keep a

little bit for a longer period of time. And the boundaries were coming. I think on this wicket, boundaries were coming easily. But I think we just lost a few early quick wickets in that period of time, which just didn't allow us to go on and keep the momentum till the end," he added. Despite the narrow loss, Rashid stressed that the team would regroup quickly as the tournament progresses. "Everyone have their own game plan, and they know the condition and situation really well. And then just to make sure that you read the conditions and the requirements of the game. Everything is written on the board. I feel like that makes the job pretty much easier, but it's too early; it's still in the competition. We learn from our mistakes, what we do, and we keep getting better and come back stronger in the next game," he stated.

## Govt to invest Rs.40,000 cr to develop Rayalaseema into horticulture hub, says minister

By Skyline Staff Reporter Nandyal, April 5  
Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav said that the State government would be investing Rs.40,000 crore to develop Rayalaseema district into a horticulture hub, which is expected to bring in further development to the region. Mr. Keshav, along with Minorities Welfare Minister N. Md. Farooq and District Collector Rajakumari Ganiya participated in the Budget 2026-27 outreach programme held in the



District Collectorate. Mr Keshav said that the financial position of the State is very precarious and 99 per cent of the State revenues are being spent on salaries and

they have prioritised the payment of pensions to retired employees and the State government is considering payment of salaries only after meeting the pension commitments. Meanwhile, Mr. Farooq said that the budgetary allocations this year have been promising when compared to the previous years and a speciality has been the allocation of funds constituency-wise. He expressed confidence that the budget would be a turning point in the development of capital

Amaravati. The Minister said that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is focussing on development of the State and simultaneously taking steps for the welfare of women, farmers and common people through the 'Super Six' schemes. He said the government is implementing transparent policies and emphasised the need for the people's representatives and officials to create awareness about the budget to the public at the district and mandal level.

## Efforts to resolve the problems of retired electricity employees in the State

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 05 : The new general secretary of the State Retired Electricity Employees Welfare Association, K.N.V. Rama Rao, has revealed that the problems faced by retired electricity employees (pensioners) in Andhra Pradesh will be resolved through petitions. Speaking at a press conference organized at the Daba Gardens Vizag Journalists Forum Press Club (VJF) on Sunday, Rama Rao said that their problems will be resolved harmoniously through the coalition government. He said that there are thousands of retired electricity employees across the state and his working group will move forward according to plan, keeping their welfare in mind. He said that the state general meeting was held in Tirupati on March 30, and the presidents, general secretaries and other important members of the Electricity Pensioners Association of all the districts of the state attended the meeting. He said that after the general meeting, M. Krishna Reddy was elected as the president in the elections held for the State Retired Electricity Pensioners Association



and he was elected as the general secretary. Also, D.R.S.V. Prasad was elected as the working president, S. Masilamani and P. Polinayudu as vice presidents, S.V.R. Krishnamohan and A.N.K. Rayudu as organizing secretaries, N. Rama Satyanarayana and Katari Srinivasa Rao as organizing secretaries, Sai Raju Bapiraju and S. Narsingha Rao as additional secretaries, H. Sai Babu and Pappu Muralimohan as joint secretaries, and I. V. Ramana and C.H. Tirupati Rao were unanimously elected, Rama Rao said. Elections to the executive committee are held once every two years,

in which he said that representation will be provided to all regions across the state. He said that retired employees of all organizations including AP EPDCL and SPDCL have been given participation in the executive committee. Retired employees are the elderly, and they will appeal to the government authorities with their petitions and requests if they have any problems and achieve their rights in a harmonious manner. Speaking as a special invitee to this meeting, National Journalists Association Secretary Gantla Srinu Babu said that

K.N.V. Rama Rao, who was elected as the General Secretary of the Eastern Region Power Distribution Company Retired Employees Welfare Association, was a partisan of journalists and that when he was in service, he would immediately solve the problems of journalists who left. He praised the association members saying that it is a good idea to solve the problem with the word "request" to solve the problem of pensioners. After the meeting, the State General Secretary of the Retired Electricity Employees Association Rama Rao and the awardee Gantla Srinu Babu, who has been awarded as the best journalist three times by the Andhra Pradesh government, were felicitated. Along with the members of the association, senior journalists and international choreographer R.Nagaraju Patnaik were felicitated and felicitated. In this meeting, along with the new executive members, executive members P.V.V. Satyanarayana, J. Sriramamurthy, B.Gurunadha Rao, district executive members S.Varahalu, G. Satyanarayana, N.Viramana, B.Apparao and others participated.

## Andhra University cultural fest 2026: 3-day celebrations announced

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 5  
As a part of Andhra University centenary celebrations, a three-day mega cultural fest 2026 will be organised from April 6 to 8, according to AU Vice-Chancellor G P Rajasekhara. Addressing the media in Visakhapatnam, he stated that the first day's proceedings on would be inaugurated by State Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha. On the second day, Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament M Sribharat would participate in the celebrations as the chief guest. Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan would grace the event on the concluding day. The Vice-Chancellor noted that the fest was being organised on a massive scale at the AU Engineering College Grounds,



involving students from AU campus and its affiliated colleges. He invited the people of Visakhapatnam to attend the event, witness the students' talent, and encourage them. Cultural fest chairman N Vijay Mohan shared the schedule, stating that the festivities would kick off on the March 6 at 7 AM with a cycling event from the AU Convention Centre to

Rishikonda. It would be followed by a plantation drive. In the evening, the main stage at the Engineering College Grounds would host live bands and cultural performances, including thappeta gullu, yoga, performances by the 'AU United' student group, dances by international students, and a musical night. Anitha would grace the evening as the chief guest.

On the second day, the Engineering College would host rangoli competitions, salad decoration, and an 'Ethnic Day' photo booth contest. The evening stage would feature cultural programmes by students, a musical concert by renowned singer Vagdevi, and cultural dances by foreign students. Sribharat would attend it as the chief guest. On the final day, a walkathon would be organised starting at 7 AM from the AU Convention Centre. The evening highlights include live band performances, cultural shows by AU students, dhimsa dance, kolatam, and puli vesham. Cultural performances by the AU United Club and students from affiliated colleges would also take place. Pawan Kalyan would give away prizes to the winners.

## Škoda Auto India continues surge; records highest-ever quarterly sales in Q1 2026

Visakhapatna, April 5: Škoda Auto India continues its strong growth trajectory into 2026, recording its highest-ever quarterly sales in Q1 (January-March) with 20,028 units sold. This is a growth of 17% over the 17,138 cars sold in the same period last year. Building on a landmark 2025, Škoda Auto India has sustained its growth surge and is continuing to break its own records, further accelerating its momentum in the Indian market. Škoda Auto India's performance has been led by the strong and consistent demand for the Kylaq, which recently crossed the 50,000 sales milestone, the introduction of the new Kushaq, steady contribution from the Slavia, and the continued demand for the Kodiaq in the premium SUV segment. Commenting on the milestone, Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "Continuing our growth surge into 2026 with our biggest-ever quarter is a strong validation of the momentum we have built over the past year. After achieving a record in 2025, it is encouraging to see that we are sustaining this trajectory while also setting new benchmarks for ourselves. This growth is driven by a combination of a stronger and more accessible prod-



uct portfolio, deeper market reach, and a sharper focus on customer-centric initiatives. The Kylaq continues to take the brand to newer customers and regions, and the new Kushaq, which was recently introduced has made its mark. Meanwhile, the Slavia and Kodiaq continue to drive consistent demand in their segments. As we move ahead, we remain focused on maintaining this momentum with consistent execution by launching relevant products, expanding our network, and enhancing the overall ownership experience." **Building Trust:** Škoda Auto India continues to strengthen customer confidence through a sharper focus

on ownership experience and after-sales support. The introduction of Škoda Super Care has set a new benchmark by offering a standard 4-year warranty, 4 years of roadside assistance, and 4 labour-free services across the range, ensuring complete peace of mind and predictable maintenance costs for customers. This customer-first approach is complemented by continuous enhancements in service processes, transparency, and accessibility. With a growing network of 330 Customer Touchpoints in over 180 cities, Škoda Auto India is expanding its reach while ensuring a seamless and reliable ownership journey

across both established and emerging markets. Delivering Excellence Škoda Auto India's performance in the first quarter of 2026 is underpinned by a strong and evolving product portfolio that continues to resonate with changing customer expectations. The Kylaq remains a key growth driver, expanding the brand's presence in the sub-4m SUV segment and bringing new customers into the Škoda fold. Further strengthening this proposition, the recently-launched new Kushaq takes the brand's democratisation strategy to the next level, offering a wide range of safety, comfort, and convenience features as standard. With segment-first technologies such as an all-new eight-speed automatic transmission and features like the Rear Seat Massager, along with enhanced standard equipment across the range, the new Kushaq reinforces Škoda Auto India's focus on delivering higher value and accessible European technology. At the same time, the Slavia continues to deliver steady volumes, while the Kodiaq upholds the brand's presence in the luxury SUV range, ensuring a well-rounded portfolio across key segments.

## VPA celebrates 63rd National Maritime Day 2026



By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 05 : Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) celebrated the 63rd National Maritime Day on 5th April 2026, underscoring the vital role of the maritime sector in global trade and national economic development. The day also honours the invaluable contributions of seafarers, with the prestigious NMD Award of Excellence recognizing lifetime achievements in the Indian maritime industry. This year, National Maritime Day was observed under the theme:

"Maritime India – Empowering Progress." To mark the occasion, Dr. M. Angamuthu, Chairperson, VPA, and Roshni Aparanji Korati, Deputy Chairperson, VPA, along with Heads of Departments, laid a wreath in solemn remembrance of the sacrifices made by seafarers. A ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented by the VPA tug flotilla. Arun Prasad, Chief Vigilance Officer, and Rajesh Mittal, DIG, Indian Coast Guard, also paid rich tributes on the occasion.

As part of the celebrations, essay writing and elocution competitions were organized for school children, and the winners were felicitated with prizes. Additionally, Letters of Appreciation were awarded to officers and staff of the Marine Department in recognition of their exceptional service and dedication. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Heads of Departments, senior officers, employees, and students, making the celebration a grand success.

## Legalization of Amaravati as the capital is a key milestone for the development of the state

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 05 : Vishwa Brahmin Sangam State Working President and Visakhapatnam District President Sivakoti Srinivasa Rao (Vasu) expressed happiness over the passage of the Amaravati Legalization Bill by both the Houses. A statement was issued to this effect. He said that it is a day that will go down in history. He said that he is very proud to say that our capital is our Amaravati. He said that Amaravati has been suppressed a lot in the last five years and that the capital of Andhra Pradesh



has become something that cannot be said. He said that Amaravati has come to life after the NDA government came to power. He said that today is a day that every citizen of Andhra Pradesh can be proud of. He said that after a ten-year wait, Amaravati has become the capital

city today, and behind this, there is a lot of hard work by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. He expressed special thanks to the central government on behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh. He thanked everyone who supported the Amaravati capital. He reminded that farmers fought for the Amaravati capital for about 1600 days. Farmers have been subjected to many lawsuits and have suffered many insults.

## VISTA app by VMRDA is the future of tourism in Visakhapatnam!

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 2  
VMRDA Chairperson M V Pranav Gopal stated that, as the State of Andhra Pradesh takes strides towards digitalisation under the guidance of the Chief Minister, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, the recently introduced 'VISTA' App (VMRDA Integrated Smart Ticketing Application) will ensure hassle-free services for tourists in Visakhapatnam. Which tickets you can book in Visakhapatnam from the VISTA app? This app, designed to facilitate the ticket booking process for parks, museums, and tourist spots managed by VMRDA, is instrumental in providing easy, fast, and hassle-free services to the public.



Tourism in Visakhapatnam made easy! The VMRDA Chairperson, Pranav Gopal said, "In addition to offering convenient, rapid, and hassle-free services to tourists visiting Visakhapatnam from distant regions, the VISTA app also provides features such as map navigation, notifications, booking history, and a feedback system. It is evolving into a comprehensive digital ecosystem for tourism

services." He suggested that everyone download and utilize this app, as features like visit scheduling allow users to plan their visits efficiently, thereby saving both time and effort. Chairman M V Pranav Gopal issued directives to undertake measures to ensure widespread publicity for the VISTA App, thereby ensuring that its benefits reach people and tourists from all walks of life.

## Induction stoves push: Govt plans to reduce LPG dependence

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 2  
In the wake of LPG shortage, the Union government is planning to promote induction stoves and heaters. To discuss the issue, Union Minister for Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal had a meeting with officials of the departments concerned where it was proposed to take up 'go electric' campaign to minimise dependence on LPG. As a part of the initiative, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Power Ministry, and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade are collaborating to increase the pro-



duction of induction stoves and compatible cookware. Meanwhile, the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the Ministry of Power, proposes to procure five lakh induction stoves to meet surging demand. The government is implementing the National Efficient Cooking

Programme to promote 1200-W energy-efficient induction cooktops, which are estimated to provide 20-30 per cent savings on cooking cost compared to normal LPG cylinders. To minimise the use of LPG, the Andhra Pradesh government is planning to equip all Anganwadi centres with induction stoves.

# Brutal Betrayal in Hyderabad: Husband Orchestrates Heinous Crime Against Wife After Love Marriage

(By Our Staff Reporter) Hyderabad, Apr 5: A shocking and deeply disturbing incident has come to light in Kukatpally, raising serious concerns about women's safety and trust in relationships formed through casual acquaintance. A woman who entered into a love marriage has alleged that her husband, along with his brothers and a friend, subjected her to a horrific act of gang rape on their very first night after marriage. According to the victim, the accused, identified as Nawaz, initially approached her under the pretext of renting a shop. Over time, he built a relationship with her, gradually turning the acquaintance into a romantic bond. Concealing his true identity, he allegedly changed his name to "Navadurga" to gain her trust and convinced her to marry him in June 2025.



However, the situation took a horrifying turn on the wedding night itself. The victim stated that Nawaz administered an intoxicating substance to her, leaving her unconscious. Taking advantage of her condition, he, along with his three brothers and a friend, allegedly committed a brutal gang rape. The victim further revealed that she was threatened with death if she dared to disclose the incident to anyone. The accused did not stop at this heinous crime. He allegedly exploited her financially as well, taking large loans using her flat and gold as collateral. After securing the money, he absconded, leaving the victim devastated and betrayed.

When the victim later began investigating his background, she was shocked to discover that Nawaz had already been married twice before, making this his third marriage. Realizing the extent of the deception and abuse, she approached the police and filed a complaint. Police at Kukatpally Police Station have registered a case and launched an investigation into the matter. Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend the accused and his associates. This incident highlights the urgent need for vigilance in personal relationships, especially those formed quickly or without proper background verification. Authorities and experts stress the importance of ensuring safety, conducting due diligence, and seeking support when entering into serious commitments like marriage.

# HYDRA Clarifies Policy on ULC Lands: No Action on Houses and Old Layout Plots



(By Our Staff Reporter) Hyderabad, Apr 5: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRA) has issued a strong clarification regarding its actions on Urban Land Ceiling (ULC) lands in Hyderabad, reassuring citizens that there is no need for panic over their properties. In an official statement, HYDRA made

it clear that no action will be taken against houses or vacant plots located in old layouts of ULC lands. The agency emphasized that it will also not target unregularized vacant plots in such layouts, putting to rest widespread concerns among property owners. However, HYDRA underlined that its primary focus is on removing encroachments on public spaces,

including roads, parks, and areas designated for community use. Authorities stressed that protecting government land and ensuring public access to these spaces remains their top priority. Importantly, HYDRA reassured residents that all houses constructed before July 19, 2024, are completely safe. It urged citizens not to fall prey to misinformation or false propaganda being spread by certain encroachers who are allegedly trying to mislead people for personal gain. Officials warned that such rumors are part of a larger conspiracy aimed at forcing property owners to sell their lands at undervalued prices. The agency advised people to directly approach the HYDRA office for any

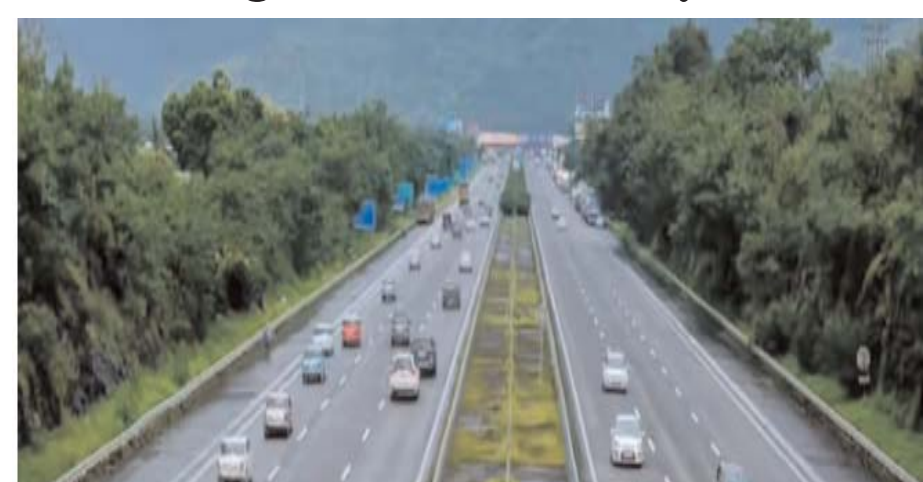
clarifications instead of relying on third-party claims. It reiterated that its policies have remained consistent since its formation and are being implemented as per government decisions. Citing recent actions, HYDRA explained that it has only removed illegal encroachments on public-use lands in areas like Kondapur, under Serilingampalli mandal. Encroachments in localities such as Rajarajeshwarannagar, OU Colony, and Raghavendra Colony were cleared strictly from designated public spaces. Similarly, a park in Gopalnagar layout in Hydernagar, under Kukatpally mandal, was protected from encroachment. Meanwhile, HYDRA Commissioner AV

Ranganath has directed officials to identify and secure government lands around ponds. During a field inspection at Sunnam Cheruvu and Tammidikunta in Madhapur, he reviewed restoration work and ordered its completion within two months. He further instructed authorities to verify documents of those occupying land near water bodies and take necessary action. Any government land, he said, must be protected "without losing even an inch," and integrated into ongoing lake development projects. Overall, HYDRA's message is clear: legitimate property owners have nothing to fear, while encroachments on public and government lands will continue to face strict action.

# Khammam-Devarapalli Greenfield Highway Opens for Traffic, Boosts AP-Telangana Connectivity

(By Our Staff Reporter) Khammam Apr 5: In a major boost to road connectivity between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, traffic has officially commenced on the N H - 3 6 5 B G Khammam-Devarapalli Greenfield Highway. Authorities have announced that the formal inauguration ceremony will be held soon, while motorists are already benefiting from the newly opened route. Officials stated that vehicles can use the highway free of toll charges for the first 15 days, after which toll collection will begin as per National Highway norms. Entry signboards have been installed at key points like Wyrā and VM Banjar to guide commuters and avoid confusion. This modern four-lane access-controlled high-

way connects Khammam district to Devarapalli, significantly improving travel between the two Telugu states. The road is expected to reduce travel distance by nearly 80 km and save up to two hours, making journeys—especially between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam—faster and more efficient. Recently, Sunil Dutt inspected the highway near Wyrā to review safety arrangements. He confirmed that traffic movement is increasing gradually and all necessary security measures are in place. Key Features of the Highway Designed as a four-lane road, with future expansion planned up to six lanes. Access-controlled entry and exit points every 18 km. Emergency median openings every 5 km. Equipped with AI-enabled CCTV cameras for monitoring. Built with



10 major bridges, 295 culverts, and 98 underpasses. Solar-powered lighting for enhanced safety and sustainability. Emergency helpline available at 1033. Currently, vehicles from Devarapalli are joining the main road at Wyrā, while those heading towards Andhra Pradesh are entering the highway

from the same point. Authorities have ensured clear signage at VM Banjar Ring Center on the Madhira road to streamline traffic flow. Economic and Regional Impact: The new highway is expected to significantly boost the economy of Khammam district. Areas like Tallampadu are likely to see rapid development,

with opportunities for warehouses, logistics hubs, and food processing industries. Overall, the NH-365BG Greenfield Highway stands as a major infrastructure milestone, enhancing connectivity, reducing congestion, and strengthening trade and travel links between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

# Hyderabad to Get Mega 100-Acre RTC Bus Terminal at Gajularamaram

(By Our Staff Reporter) Hyderabad, Apr 5: In a major step to ease growing traffic congestion, a new state-of-the-art RTC bus terminal is set to be developed in Gajularamaram, on the outskirts of Hyderabad. Spread across nearly 100 acres, the proposed terminal by Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) aims to transform public transport infrastructure in the city. Why the New Terminal? Hyderabad has been witnessing a sharp rise in traffic despite multiple flyovers, underpasses, and expansion of public transport systems like buses and metro. Major bus sta-

tions such as Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) and Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) are already operating under heavy pressure due to increasing inflow of buses from districts and neighboring states. To address this issue, authorities have decided to develop a large, modern terminal that will handle both interstate and city bus operations, thereby reducing congestion. Traffic Features of the Project: 100 acres total land allocation. 30 acres dedicated for interstate bus terminal. 20 acres for city bus terminal. 10 acres for electric bus depot. 15 acres for EV charging stations. Modern passen-

ger amenities and commercial spaces. Proposed underground multi-level parking facility. The land for this ambitious project has been allocated by the Medchal-Malkajgiri district administration. Focus on Electric Mobility: Under the central government's e-Drive scheme, TGSRTC has received approval for around 2,000 electric buses. With these buses expected to be introduced within the next 6 to 18 months, the new terminal will play a crucial role in supporting electric mobility infrastructure in Hyderabad. Traffic Decongestion Plan: In the future, buses arriving from other states and districts will

be stopped at this terminal instead of entering the city. Currently, buses halt at areas like Kukatpally, KPHB, Bachupally, Gandhisaram, Patancheru, BHEL, and Lingampally, often causing traffic disruptions. The situation is particularly challenging in Jagadgiritutta, where nearly 60 buses halt overnight daily, leading to space constraints and inconvenience for RTC staff. Economic and Urban Impact: The upcoming mega terminal is expected to: Reduce inner-city traffic congestion. Improve passenger convenience. Strengthen interstate connectivity. Support sustainable transport through EV infrastructure. Overall, this project marks a significant leap toward modernizing Hyderabad's transport system while addressing longstanding traffic challenges.

# Grand Felicitation to Padmashali Public Representatives in Karimnagar



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-05 A grand felicitation program was organized on Sunday at the Karimnagar district headquarters under the leadership of the United Karimnagar District Padmashali Association to honor newly elected Padmashali public representatives. On this occasion, Padmashali leaders who were elected as chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, corporators, councilors, sarpanches,

and deputy sarpanches from various municipalities in the district were felicitated. Notably, from Vemulawada town, councilors Vasala Lavanya, Dr. Srinivas, and Kokkula Balakrishna, who have been consistently working towards resolving public issues, were specially honored by the association leaders. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers praised the services rendered by Padmashali public representatives for the

upliftment of weaker sections and for addressing social issues. They expressed hope that these leaders, who are earning the goodwill of the people, will attain higher positions in the future. They also assured continuous support from the community to the public representatives. Prominent leaders, activists, and senior Padmashali public representatives from the united district participated in the program.

# Grand Celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti in Adilabad District



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-05 District Collector Rajarshi Shah called upon everyone to strive towards achieving the ideals of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram. On Sunday, he attended as the chief guest at the 119th birth anniversary celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram held at the STU building in the district headquarters. MP Godam Nagesh, local MLA Payal Shankar, SP Akhil Mahajan, and Municipal Chairperson Bandari Anusha were also present at the event. On this occasion, floral tributes were paid to the por-

trait of Babu Jagjivan Ram. Speaking later, the District Collector praised Jagjivan Ram, who was born into a humble family and went on to become one of the longest-serving parliamentarians in the country. He highlighted his remarkable services to the nation as Minister of Defence, Labour, and Agriculture, as well as Deputy Prime Minister. Earlier, at the premises of the SC Welfare Department office, floral tributes were offered on the occasion of his 119th birth anniversary to the portraits and statues of Jagjivan Ram, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and

Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule. At the Jagjivan Ram junction statue as well, the Collector, SP, MP, MLA, Municipal Chairperson, district officials, public representatives, leaders of various community organizations, and citizens paid their respects. The event was attended by SC Welfare Officer Sunita Kumari, ED Manohar, District Medical and Health Officer Narendra Rathod, RIMS Director Jaishigh Rathod, DYSO Srinivas, along with other officials, staff members, community leaders, public representatives, and citizens.

# "Services Rendered to the Nation Are Unforgettable : Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha"



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : April-05 The 119th birth anniversary celebrations of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram were held grandly at the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate. Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha paid floral tributes to the portrait of Babu Jagjivan Ram. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said that Jagjivan Ram rendered inspiring services during India's freedom

struggle as well as in the construction of modern India after independence. He stated that as a great politician, Jagjivan Ram fought throughout his life for social equality and left a lasting mark by holding several key positions. He also highlighted that Jagjivan Ram worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the underprivileged sections of society. The Commissioner noted that the path laid down by him as the Defence Minister contributed to safeguarding

the nation. He called upon everyone to work together for the development of society and the state while carrying forward the ideals of great leaders. He expressed special gratitude on behalf of uniformed services, mentioning that Jagjivan Ram gave special recognition to the armed forces and made everyone a part of national defense. He concluded by stating that the services rendered by Jagjivan Ram to the nation will always be remembered.

## Babu Jagjivan Ram's Services an Inspiration for Future Generations: Leaders at 119th Birth Anniversary Celebrations

(By Our Staff Reporter) Korutla : April-05  
Leaders stated that the services of Babu Jagjivan Ram will remain an inspiration for future generations.



1937 and later led labor movements. In 1946, he became one of the youngest ministers in the

government of Jawaharlal Nehru, and later served as Deputy Prime Minister, initiating several reforms.

On this occasion, BJP leaders announced that Rs.5 lakh from MP funds would be allocated for the con-

struction of a Babu Jagjivan Ram Mini Function Hall, responding to requests from Dalit community leaders. Later, Dr. Peta Bhaskar demanded that while honoring Jagjivan Ram's legacy, authorities must also protect the park land named after him and the road leading to the Mahalakshmi Temple. He urged strict action against the sand mafia allegedly damaging the area and turning a stream into a dumping ground. The event was attended by former Municipal Chairperson Annam Lavanya Anil, councillors, leaders from Congress, BJP, BRS, MIM, Samajwadi Party representatives, Dalit organization leaders, and several municipal officials and staff in large numbers.

## Leaders Urge to Follow Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's Ideals on His 119th Birth Anniversary in Mahabubnagar



(By Our Staff Reporter) Mahabubnagar : April-05  
MP DK Aruna stated that people should move forward by taking inspiration from the life of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram. She attended as the chief guest at the 119th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram held on Sunday at Ambedkar Kalabhavan under the auspices of the Scheduled Castes Development Department. She noted that he served as the Union Labour Minister in the early years of independent India and later rose in politics to serve as Union Minister for Agriculture and Defence, and also as Deputy Prime Minister, rendering significant services to the nation. She remembered him as a great leader who worked tirelessly for public welfare for nearly five decades. He also suggested that issues raised by Dalit

inspired by Jagjivan Ram, the Central Government is implementing several schemes for the economic and social upliftment of SC, ST, and weaker sections. She mentioned that women entrepreneurs are being provided loans ranging from Rs.10 lakh to Rs. 1 crore without bank guarantees. On this occasion, MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy stated that Jagjivan Ram played a crucial role in implementing reservations for Dalits by following the path shown by Dr. Ambedkar. He praised him as a grate leader who rendered exceptional services to the country as Labour, Agriculture, Defence Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister. He emphasized the need for everyone to work together to achieve his ideals. He also suggested that

organizations should be discussed with officials and resolved positively. He assured efforts to secure necessary funds for district development. He further stated that steps would be taken to improve food, accommodation, and provide RO water plants in hostels for student welfare. Plans are in place to establish digital libraries in every SC community hall and one for every two wards. Mayor G. Mamatha, Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. HariPriya, MUDA Chairman Lakshman Yadav, Municipal Commissioner Ramanujula Reddy, District SC Development Officer Sunitha, District Tribal Welfare Officer Chattru Naik, along with other district officials, public representatives, and Dalit organization leaders participated in the program.

## "Demand to Continue Singareni Medical Board Regularly; Workers Seek Immediate Action on Pending Cases"



(By Our Staff Reporter) Peddapalli Apr 5:  
A meeting was organized by the Singareni Coal Mines Workers Union (BMS) at GDK No. 2A mine. The chief guest, President Yadagiri Sattayya, addressed the

gathering and demanded that the Medical Board in Singareni be conducted twice a month as it was done earlier for the benefit of workers. He stated that workers, who have been eagerly waiting, are currently fac-

ing unrest, disappointment, and frustration due to the delay in conducting the Medical Board. He urged the management to conduct it regularly as before and to immediately issue job appointment orders to eligible dependents of work-

ers declared unfit, as per company rules. He further demanded that justice be done to all workers who have applied for the Medical Board and have been waiting for over a year by conducting it without delay. He also called upon the state government to take urgent steps to clear pending electricity coal dues amounting to Rs. 51,149 crore from various organizations, including Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited, Andhra Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, National Thermal Power Corporation, Maharashtra State Power Generation Corporation Limited, Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, Tamil Nadu State Power Distribution Corporation

Limited, and Telangana State Power Coordination Committee. The meeting was conducted under the leadership of FIT Secretary Tatla Lakshmaiah and chaired by Area Vice President Karravula Mahesh. Several leaders and members, including Madasu Ravinder (Central Sangani Secretary), Sambayya (Joint Ellavula Secretary), Bodakunta Rajesh (Joint Secretary), Aarelli Srikanth, Puppala Nagendra Prasad, Palle Ravinder, Kummari Nagesh, Cheekatla Mallesham, Meda Ajay Kumar, Vemula Srinivas, Pingili Ajay Kumar, Chiguru Lakshman, Godugu Sammayya, Devunuri Gattaiah, and others participated.

## Demand to Declare Buddha Purnima as official State Holiday in Telangana



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-05  
On Sunday, a memorandum was submitted to District Collector Rajarshi Shah at the Collectorate Camp Office under the leadership of the district branch of the Bharatiya Bauddha Mahasabha. Speaking on the occasion, Telangana State General Secretary Ratnajade Pragna Kumar and District President Vittal Bukte stated that on May 1 next month, marking the 2570th birth anniversary of Tathagata Gautama Buddha, who delivered a message of

peace to the entire world, the Telangana Government should declare a general public holiday and officially organize the celebrations on Buddha Jayanti (Vaishakha Purnima). They further said that since Buddha Jayanti is observed as a public holiday in 15 states across India, Telangana should also declare a holiday and celebrate Buddha Purnima officially and in a grand manner. District General Secretary Dayanand Potafode, former District President Dayanand Kamble, Rahul Jandade, and others participated in the program.

## Grand Tributes Paid to Babu Jagjivan Ram on His Birth Anniversary: Congress In-Charge Pujala Harikrishna

(By Our Staff Reporter) Siddipeta Apr 5:  
On the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram, floral tributes were paid at his statue located at Block Office Chowrasta in Siddipeta town. Congress Party In-Charge Pujala Harikrishna offered garlands and paid homage. Babu Jagjivan Ram is remembered as one of the grate leaders in Indian political history who dedicated his life to the cause of social justice. His contributions towards the upliftment of marginalized communities, equality, and public welfare remain unforgettable. Every year on April 5, his birth anniversary is celebrated across the country with great respect. In 1977, he served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India in the government led by Morarji Desai.

During his tenure, he made several decisions aimed at national development and public welfare. Babu Jagjivan Ram devoted his life to the upliftment of marginalized communities, especially advocating for the rights of Dalits, improving access to education, and increasing employment opportunities. His efforts for social equality remain an inspiration for the nation. He served the public for nearly five decades and is regarded as one of the most experienced leaders in Indian political history. His honesty, dedication, and commitment to the people were his defining qualities. He passed away on July 6, 1986, but his ideals and services continue to live on in the hearts of the people. Babu Jagjivan Ram stands as a symbol of self-respect for marginalized communities. The path he showed



for building an equal society continues to inspire future generations. Several leaders and party members participated in the event, including Town President Attu Imam, senior leaders Bommala Yadagiri, Kaleemuddin

Ahmed, Marka Satish, Dasa Anjanna, DCC Women President Muddam Lakshmi, Pujala Gopikrishna, Urban President Bikshapathi, Erra Mahender Wahab, Gayasuddin, Rashad, Akbar, Vijay, Ajmath,

AMC Vice Chairman Vamsi (Chinnakodur), Venkateswara Temple Director Upperetla Santosh, Janardhan Reddy, Burgupalli Sarpanch Balayya, Rakesh, Rajani, Sana, and others.

## MP and MLA Participate in Babu Jagjivan Ram Birth Anniversary Celebrations in Adilabad



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-05  
On Sunday, Member of Parliament Godam Nagesh and MLA Payal Shankar jointly participated in the birth anniversary celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram held in the town. On this occasion, they paid floral tributes to the portrait of the Jagjivan Ram. Speaking at the gathering held later, MLA Payal Shankar said, "Great personalities become remarkable by facing courage, sacrifice, and hardships. If we can follow even 10 percent of their lives, we can bring about change in society." She further stated that some issues in society have continued even after independence, and there is a need to

openly discuss them and find solutions. She mentioned that efforts are being made to establish an industrial park in Adilabad, which would create employment opportunities and improve the living standards of people. She emphasized that development is not possible if there are divisions among different sections of society and called for unity among all. She urged everyone to work towards building an equal society by following the ideals of Babu Jagjivan Ram. District Collector Rajarshi Shah, SP Akhil Mahajan, Municipal Chairperson, public representatives, officials, party leaders, and a large number of people participated in the program.

## Tributes Paid to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram on His 119th Birth Anniversary in Mahabubnagar

(By Our Staff Reporter) Mahabubnagar : April-05:  
On the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary in Mahabubnagar district on Saturday. The commemorative event was held at Telangana Chowrasta, where district officials and public representatives gathered to honor the legacy of the great leader. District Collector Khushboo Gupta, along with Government Whip and local MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy, paid floral tributes by garlanding the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram. The ceremony witnessed

the presence of several officials, leaders, and members of Dalit organizations who came together to remember his invaluable contributions to society. Addressing the gathering, Collector Khushboo Gupta highlighted the remarkable journey of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, describing him as a symbol of resilience and determination. She recalled his relentless efforts for the upliftment of Dalits and backward classes, noting that his life continues to inspire generations across the country. She emphasized that his vision of equality and social justice remains relevant even today and called

upon people to work collectively towards achieving these ideals. Whip Yennam Srinivas Reddy also spoke on the occasion, praising the leader's role in shaping modern India and advocating for the rights of marginalized communities. He urged the younger generation to learn from his life and dedication to public service. The event was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. HariPriya, Municipal Commissioner Ramanujula Reddy, District Scheduled Castes Development Officer Sunitha, along with other district officials, public representatives, and lead-



ers from various Dalit organizations. Participants reiterated the importance of following the principles and values upheld by Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram.

The program concluded with a renewed commitment from all attendees to uphold his legacy and continue working towards an inclusive and equitable society.

## Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar Inaugurates Mayor Camp Office in Karimnagar

(By Our Staff Reporter)  
Karimnagar, Apr 5:  
Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday inaugurated the newly established Mayor Camp Office at Theegalaguttapalli in Karimnagar. The office has been set up under the initiative of Mayor Kolagani Srinivas to improve accessibility and streamline civic administration for the public. The inauguration ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, corporators, and party workers. On arrival, the Union Minister was accorded a warm welcome with traditional honors, including shawls and garlands, reflecting the party cadre's respect and admiration for his leadership. Speaking on the occasion, Bandi Sanjay Kumar



appreciated the efforts of the municipal leadership in establishing the Mayor Camp Office closer to the people. He emphasized that such initiatives play a crucial role in addressing public grievances efficiently and

ensuring that governance reaches the grassroots level. He also highlighted the importance of strengthening urban infrastructure and providing better civic amenities in rapidly growing cities like Karimnagar.

Mayor Kolagani Srinivas stated that the camp office was set up with the aim of making the municipal administration more accessible and responsive. He said that residents of surrounding areas would now find it easier to approach

civic authorities for resolving their issues without having to travel long distances. He expressed confidence that the office would serve as a vital link between the public and the municipal administration. During the event, BJP District President Ganga Krishnareddy, current Mayor Sunil Rao, BJP corporators, and a large number of party workers were present. The gathering highlighted the party's organizational strength in the region and its commitment to public service. The inauguration of the Mayor Camp Office is expected to enhance administrative efficiency and improve delivery of civic services in Karimnagar. Local residents expressed hope that the new facility would help resolve civic issues more quickly and contribute to the overall development of the area.

## "Great Response to Happy Sunday Program in Mahabubnagar: Govt. Whip Yennam Srinivas Reddy"



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-05  
Great Response to Happy Sunday: Govt. Whip Mr. Yennam Srinivas Reddy As part of the 99-day Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika program, the "Happy Sunday" event was successfully organized at New Town Chowrasta in Mahabubnagar town. Honorable Government Whip Mr. Yennam Srinivas Reddy attended the program as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that under the Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika initiative, extensive development activities are being carried out in both villages and

towns. He mentioned that officials and public representatives are actively engaging with people to identify and resolve their issues. He further informed that the program will continue until June 2. Additionally, "Happy Sundays" are being organized every Sunday in the town for about three hours in the morning. During these events, people of all age groups, including children and elders, are participating in yoga, sports, and cultural activities. He noted that people between the ages of six and sixty are enthusiastically taking part in the

program. Expressing happiness, he said that the initiative has received an overwhelming response from the town residents, who are participating together like one family. He appreciated the citizens for their support in making the program a success. Cultural performances presented by children as part of the "Happy Sunday" program impressed the guests. MUDA Chairman Lakshman Yadav, City Mayor Mrs. Gummala Mamatha Srinivas, Corporator Ramesh Babu, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ramanjaneyulu Reddy, and others participated in the event.

## "Babu Jagjivan Ram's Ideals Are Inspirational" : District Collector K. Haritha



(By Our Staff Reporter)  
Asifabad Apr 5:  
District Collector K. Haritha stated that the

ideals of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram are exemplary and inspirational for today's generation.

On Sunday, the 119th birth anniversary celebrations of former Deputy Prime Minister of India and a

beacon of hope for the downtrodden sections, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, were held grandly at the District Collector meeting hall in the district headquarters under the aegis of the Scheduled Castes Development Department. The event was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) David, Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi, Revenue Divisional Officer Lokeshwar Rao, District Library Organization Chairman Anil Kumar, District Market Committee Chairman Irukulla Manga, Asifabad Municipal Chairperson Mengre Akash, Vice Chairperson Md. Ahmed, and representatives of various community organizations.

They paid rich tributes by lighting the ceremonial lamp and garlanding the portrait of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram relentlessly fought for the welfare of marginalized communities. She described him as a social reformer, freedom fighter, and an efficient administrator who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of weaker sections. She added that he served the nation as a Union Minister for over three decades and as Deputy Prime Minister, and remains an inspiration to the present generation. She urged everyone to follow his ideals and work collectively for the development of the district.

## Government Taking Steps Towards Development of Education Sector: District Collector K. Haritha

(By Our Staff Reporter)  
Asifabad Apr 5:  
District Collector K. Haritha stated that the government is taking several measures for the development of the education sector. On Sunday, she, along with officials, inspected the proposed site for the establishment of a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Kagaznagar mandal headquarters in the district. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the government is implementing various initiatives to strengthen the education sector and is committed to developing all government schools to provide quality education with all

necessary facilities to students. As part of these efforts, a proposal has been made to establish a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the district, and the site inspection was conducted accordingly. She instructed officials to expedite the process of setting up the school. As part of the Special Summary Revision of the electoral rolls, she visited Polling Station No. 62 and reviewed the work with the Booth Level Officer. She directed that the voter list revision process be carried out strictly as per the guidelines of the State Election Commission. Applications received through Forms 6, 7, and 8



for new voter registration, corrections, additions, and deletions should be verified at the field level and

resolved promptly. She also emphasized the importance of taking cooperation from Booth

Level Agents appointed by recognized political parties in preparing an accurate voter list.

## Collector Ankit Directs Strengthening of Government Hospitals in Bhadradi Kothagudem District

(By Our Staff Reporter)  
Bhadradi Kothagudem Apr 5:  
District Collector Ankit has directed officials to take comprehensive measures to strengthen government hospitals and ensure quality healthcare services for the public across the district. A detailed review meeting was held on Saturday at the IDOC office conference hall, attended by superintendents of area hospitals and medical department officials. During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the overall performance of government hospitals, progress of development works, and implementation of the Aarogyasri scheme. Focusing on healthcare accessibility, the Collector inquired about the effective implementation of Aarogyasri services in all government hospitals. He stressed that the scheme should be utilized to its full

potential so that economically weaker sections can avail advanced medical treatment free of cost. He also reviewed the status of ongoing construction and repair works in various hospitals and instructed officials to complete them within the stipulated timelines without compromising quality. Highlighting the need to build public trust in government healthcare institutions, Collector Ankit advised officials to create widespread awareness about the availability of advanced medical services in government hospitals. He emphasized that poor patients should not feel compelled to approach private hospitals due to lack of information or confidence in public facilities. The Collector also reviewed key healthcare indicators, including the number of normal deliveries and

cesarean sections being conducted in government hospitals. He suggested improving medical services and infrastructure wherever necessary to ensure better maternal and child healthcare outcomes. Sanitation and hygiene were given top priority during the review. The Collector directed officials to ensure cleanliness in all hospitals by deploying adequate sanitation staff and maintaining strict hygiene standards. He also examined the functioning of blood banks across the district and instructed that sufficient blood reserves must be maintained at all times to handle emergency situations effectively. Further, the Collector emphasized the importance of regular monitoring and inspections of private diagnostic and scanning centers to ensure compliance with medical standards. He also directed special



attention towards addressing Sickle Cell Anemia cases in the district. Officials were asked to submit a detailed report covering high-prevalence mandals, testing procedures, and the availability of diagnostic kits. District Medical and Health

Officer Ravibabu, hospital superintendents, and officials from concerned departments participated in the meeting. The Collector reiterated that strengthening government hospitals remains a top priority to ensure accessible and affordable healthcare for all.

## Jagtial SP Pays Floral Tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on His Birth Anniversary

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-05  
On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, a freedom fighter, social reformer, and a prominent symbol of the equality movement, Jagtial District Superintendent of Police, Sri Ashok Kumar, IPS, paid floral tributes by garlanding his portrait at the District Police Office. Speaking on the occasion, the SP stated that Babu Jagjivan Ram was a great social reformer who boldly challenged social inequalities and worked tirelessly for the upliftment of oppressed and marginalized communi-



ties. He added that Jagjivan Ram made remarkable contributions in the fields of education, agriculture, defence, and labour, playing a key role in nation-building. The SP urged everyone to

follow the ideals of this great leader and work towards building a society based on equality and brotherhood. He emphasized that the true tribute to freedom fighters lies in serving the nation with dedication.

## Two Lakh Farmers to Participate in 'Raithu Maha Garjana' Rally in Karimnagar on April 28



Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-05  
In a major protest against the state government's alleged failure to fulfill its election promises, a massive farmers' rally titled "Raithu Maha Garjana Samara Bheri" is scheduled to be held on April 28 in Karimnagar. The rally is expected to witness the participation of nearly two lakh farmers from across Telangana, organized under the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Farmers' and People's Organizations. Poladi Ramarao, National President of the Federation of Farmers' and People's Organizations, demanded that the gov-

ernment immediately stop its negligent attitude and fulfill all promises made to farmers, students, and various sections of society. On Sunday, Poladi Ramarao, along with other leaders, met Jagtial MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar and former Minister Jeevan Reddy at their residences in Jagtial and invited them to the state-level farmers' meeting. On this occasion, both leaders unveiled wall posters related to the "Maha Garjana Samara Bheri" rally. Speaking at the event, former Minister Jeevan Reddy expressed full support for the rally and confirmed his participation. He urged people from all political parties to rise above differences and participate in large numbers. He stated that it is the responsibility of both the Central and State governments to fulfill promises made to farmers. Poladi Ramarao criticized the government's indifferent approach towards farmers, students, and various communities, and demanded immediate implementation of all assurances.

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## District-wide Nakabandi Checks Conducted Under Police Supervision to Curb illegal Activities: SP Rohith Raju

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem : April-05  
Under the directions of District SP Rohith Raju, a district-wide Nakabandi (vehicle checking) operation was conducted simultaneously across all police station limits. The special checking drive was carried out on Saturday from 8 PM to 10 PM, as informed by SP Rohith Raju. He stated that the operation was strategically planned to prevent any anti-social activities in the district. As part of the drive, police conducted vehicle inspections, drunk-and-drive tests, and used fingerprint devices to identify history-sheeters and old offenders. The SP further explained that strict



measures were taken to curb the illegal transportation of narcotic substances like ganja, and to prevent road accidents through drunk-and-drive checks. Fingerprint verification was also carried out to identify known offenders. SP Rohith Raju urged the public to immediately inform the police if they come across any individuals involved in anti-social activities.

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# We Will Move Forward Inspired by Babu Jagjivan Ram : Govt Whip MLA Adi Srinivas

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : April-05  
 Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas stated that they would move forward inspired by the ideals of former Deputy Prime Minister of India, late Babu Jagjivan Ram. The birth anniversary celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram were held grandly on Sunday at the Ambedkar statue premises near the Government General Hospital in Rajanna Sircilla district headquarters under the auspices of the District SC Welfare Department. Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas attended the event as the chief guest, along with SP Mahesh B. Gite and Additional Collector Gaddam

Nagesh. He further stated that a statue of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule had been installed in front of the district library in Rajanna Sircilla within a year. He informed that the Telangana State Government would unveil a statue of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule in Hyderabad on April 11 under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He assured that efforts would be made to install statues of Babu Jagjivan Ram in Sircilla and Vemulawada. The Government Whip added that birth and death anniversaries of great leaders are being observed to remember their contributions. The event was attended by Sircilla Municipal Chairperson



Jindam Kala, District Library Chairman Nagula Satyanarayana Goud, Sircilla Market Committee Chairperson Swarupa Reddy, SC Welfare Officer Ravinder Reddy, PD Housing Venkata Madhava Rao, Mining AD Kranthi Kumar, Horticulture Officer Sharath Kumar, Municipal Commissioner

Khadeer Pasha, DYSO Ramdas, Irrigation Department Officer Kishore Kumar, Fisheries Officer Soujanya, ED SC Corporation Swapna, Minority Welfare Officer Bharathi, ASWO Vijayalakshmi, representatives of various community organizations, municipal ward members, and others.

# Grand Celebrations Held in Jagtial to Mark Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's 119th Birth Anniversary

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-05  
 The 119th birth anniversary of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Sunday at the Municipal Fresh Water Well premises in Jagtial town. The event was organized under the aegis of the Scheduled Castes Welfare Department. Jagtial MLA Sanjay Kumar and District Collector B. Satyaprasad attended the programme as chief guests. District Collector B. Satyaprasad, addressing the gathering, said that Dr. Jagjivan Ram, who hailed from a small village in Bihar, served the nation with distinction as a Union Minister and



Deputy Prime Minister. He described him as a prominent freedom fighter who actively participated in India's independence movement. The Collector highlighted Dr. Jagjivan Ram's significant contribution as Defence Minister during

the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 and noted that he worked tirelessly for social justice and equal opportunities. He described Dr. Jagjivan Ram as a role model for the youth and expressed hope that the younger generation would follow his

path and contribute to the development of the district, state, and nation. Earlier, representatives of various associations spoke about the life and achievements of Dr. Jagjivan Ram. The celebrations concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony. The programme was attended by Municipal Chairperson Samindla Vani, District SC Welfare Officer K. Raj Kumar, municipal officials, councillors, members of the SC/ST Atrocities Committee, representatives of various associations, public representatives, government staff, and a large number of citizens.

# Accused Arrested and Remanded in Kamareddy New Bus Stand Murder Case



Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy: April-05  
 Police have solved the sensational murder case that took place in February at the New Bus Stand in Kamareddy town. The accused, who brutally murdered a fellow laborer for a mobile phone and cash, has been arrested and remanded, informed Kamareddy ASP

B. Chaitanya Reddy. On the night of February 12 at around 8:55 PM, a dispute broke out between two individuals near the bus stand enquiry counter over a mobile phone. During the altercation, the accused attacked the victim, Srinivas (a laborer), indiscriminately on the face and chest, causing his death on the spot. After

committing the crime, the accused fled the scene with the victim's mobile phone and Rs. 300 in cash. Based on a complaint filed by Bus Stand Controller Sherla Satya Goud, Kamareddy police registered a case and began an investigation. Incident Details: On February 12 at around 8:55 PM, the accused, identified as Akash Nagurao Kove, got into a quarrel with another laborer, Srinivas, over a mobile phone near the bus stand enquiry counter. In the course of the argument, the accused assaulted Srinivas severely on his face and chest, leading to his death at the scene. The

accused then stole an Oppo mobile phone and Rs. 300 from the victim and absconded. During the course of the investigation, police identified that the accused had been hiding in various locations in Maharashtra. Acting on credible information, police apprehended the accused near Kamareddy Railway Station while he was moving suspiciously. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime. Police recovered the stolen mobile phone from the accused and produced him before the court, following which he was remanded to judicial custody.

# Grand Celebration of 119th Birth Anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram in Kamareddy



Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April- 05  
 The 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram was celebrated grandly on Sunday at the Municipal Office in the district headquarters. District Collector Ashish Sangwan attended the event as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to the portrait of Babu Jagjivan Ram. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector remembered the invaluable services rendered by Jagjivan Ram

to the nation and urged everyone to follow his ideals. The Collector mentioned that as a Union Minister, he successfully handled various portfolios and contributed to the development of agriculture, defense, and labor sectors. Particularly, during his tenure as India's Defense Minister, he played a crucial role in strengthening national security. He also served as Deputy Prime Minister and earned

the trust of the people through his leadership. Jagjivan Ram was praised as a grate statesman who dedicated his life to social justice and equality. On this occasion, several speakers recalled his contributions. The event was attended by Additional Collector Madhumehana, RDO N.V. Giri, Municipal Chairperson Uma Rani, SC Corporation Officer Venkateshwarlu, district officials, and members of various organizations

including Kottapalli Mallanna, Parki Prem Kumar (Ex-ZP Vice Chairman), Kotholla Gangaram (Ambedkar Association President), Ketham Siddiramulu, Akula Babu, Dubasi Narendra, Batta Venkata Ramulu, Battanki Balaraju, Shiva Ramulu, Vemula Balaram, Balamani, Ganesh Nayak (LHPS), Sampath, Gaddam Bikkanur Yadayya, Boleshwar (Dalit Shakti), Gaini Raju, Sanghi Rajalingam, Erra Shivaraj, district leaders of Ambedkar Association, Rajanars (Mala Mahanadu), C. Chakali Rajayya (Rajaka Sangham), Neela Nagaraju (BC Students Union), Vittal Mudiraj, Vittal (BVM State Secretary), Raj Kumar, Sai Gautham (District President, BAM-CEF), Kogala Venkat (State President, SC/ST), Lakshmi (District Women President), Jangam Srisailam (DETA), Chityala Sayanna, and Patri Ashok (Dalit Shakti Coordinator), Kankana Ramesh (Mala Mahanadu President), among others.

# 119th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Held in Siddipet

Skyline Correspondent Siddipet : April-05  
 The 119th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram were held grandly under the auspices of the District Scheduled Castes Development Department at BJR Chowrasta in Siddipet district headquarters. District Collector K. Haimavathi attended the event as the chief guest. Along with Dalit community leaders, she paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram at BJR Chowrasta. Later, the Collector and leaders jointly lit the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the program. She stated that the district administration is committed to providing quality food and better facilities to students in government



schools. Special focus is being given to the mental and physical development of children, and efforts are being accelerated for the allocation of funds for Scheduled Castes. Meanwhile, prizes were distributed to the winners

of a cricket tournament organized by the BJR Welfare Association. Additional Collector Abdul Hameed, DRO Nagarajamma, Siddipet RDO Sadanandam, District SC Development Officer Hameed, and several community leaders

including Bommala Yadagiri, Bairi Rajesh, Erra Mahender, Lingampalli Srinivas, Bayyaram Istari, Parusharamulu, D. Shankar, Bhimasena, Ellesh, Ramaswamy, and Chunchu Ramesh participated in the event.

# KTR highlights Telangana's growth story at Columbia Business School



Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): Former minister and BRS working president KT Rama Rao highlighted Telangana's remarkable growth journey during the BRS rule, describing it as the 'most successful startup state of independent India. Addressing students, entrepreneurs, and global investors at the 21st Annual India Business Conference at Columbia Business School in New York, USA, KTR said the Telangana - born out of a long struggle - has emerged as a trendsetting model of governance, innovation, and economic growth under the leadership of its first Chief

Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. Speaking about the 'Telangana Decade', he said Telangana's journey represents dignity, aspiration, and progress, emphasising that the state did not wait for opportunities but instead built institutions, infrastructure, and investor confidence to attract growth proactively. He noted that as India approaches 80 years of independence in 2027, Telangana stands out for achieving significant economic transformation within just a decade of its formation. "Clarity of purpose in leadership builds credibil-

ity and accelerates progress, even in a diverse country like India. The best way to predict the future is to create it," the BRS leader said. Highlighting India's federal strength, KT Rama Rao stressed that the country's rise will come from states leveraging their unique strengths rather than uniform policy approaches. He compared India's potential to a Formula 1 grid with 28 engines, where each state contributes to national progress through competitive development. "India's growth will not come from sameness - it will come from regions playing to their

strengths," KTR said. He pointed out that while national leadership attracts global attention, investment decisions are ultimately made at the state and city levels. Sharing key statistics, KTR said Telangana's technology ecosystem witnessed rapid expansion between 2014 and 2023 with IT exports increasing from Rs. 57,000 crore to Rs. 2.72 lakh crore and technology sector employment growing from 3.23 lakh to nearly 10 lakh jobs. He emphasised that Hyderabad became a preferred destination for global technology majors due to speed of governance and strong ecosystem support. KTR highlighted that Hyderabad today hosts major global campuses of leading multinational corporations. He noted that Amazon's largest campus globally is in Hyderabad and companies such as Google, Apple, Meta Platforms, Salesforce, Uber, and Micron Technology have major operations in the city. He credited the BRS government's policy clarity, rapid approvals, and ecosystem readiness for attracting global investments. (NSS)

# SCR successfully completes Kavach Field trials for 487 Rkm during 2025-26

Hyderabad, April 5 (NSS): The special thrust was given by the Zone towards safety enhancement measures and in this direction, steps were taken for installation of Kavach 4.0 across SCR network during the last Financial year 2025-26. Accordingly, the Zone has successfully completed field trials for a distance of 487 Route Kms by surpassing the Railway Board's target of 402 Route kms. The meticulous planning and effective implementation has resulted in this stupendous achievement. The Zone has also commissioned Automatic Block Signalling, which helps in increasing section capacity, for distance of 479 Route Kms against the target of 357 Rkms during the last financial year. The field trials of Kavach 4.0 installation were con-

ducted in the sections Kazipet - Peddapet (101 Rkm), Malkajgiri - Kamareddy (106 Rkm), Charlapalli - Raghunathpalli (79 Rkm), Guntakal - Raichur (120 Rkm), Mudkhed - Parbhani (81 Rkm). Loco Kavach trials were also successfully commissioned in the above sections. During the last financial year 2025-26, SCR has commissioned Automatic Block Signalling in different sections between Kazipet - Balharshah, Vijayawada - Duvvada & Wadi - Renigunta for a distance of 479 Rkms. Automatic Block Signalling is a system of train working in which movement of the trains is controlled by the automatic stop signals. These signals are operated automatically by the passage of trains. ABS operation is designed to allow trains



operating in the same direction to follow each other in a safe manner without risk of rear-end collision. It reduces rail-ways costs, helps in improving the capacity of the section and also in increasing the average speed of the trains. This system is initially being commissioned in the High density & Grand Trunk routes of SCR network. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR has complimented the

Signal & Telecommunications Wing officials at both the Zonal and Divisional levels for their extraordinary contribution which helped the Zone to achieve the record commissioning of Automatic Block Signalling and Kavach filed trials. General Manager also stated that Kavach and ABS will be taken up with top priority during the current financial year also to strengthen safety. (NSS)

# BJP bags Khanapur municipal chairperson's post

Nirmal, April 5 (NSS): The suspense surrounding the election for the Khanapur Municipal Chairperson in Nirmal district has finally ended on Sunday. BJP candidate Ankam Mounika was elected as the Chairperson. The Councilors from both the BJP and BRS parties raised their hands in her favor. The BRS party candidate Mohammed Shoib was elected as the Vice-



Chairperson. The Khanapur Municipality comprises a total of 12 municipal

councilor seats. In the recent elections, the BRS party won 4 seats, the BJP won 4, the ruling

Congress party won 3 and one seat was secured by an independent candidate. With the support of the independent candidate and the ex-officio vote, the Congress party's strength rose to five. However, the BRS party declared its support for the BJP. Consequently, seven members from the BRS and the BJP raised their hands in support of the BJP candidate ensuring her smooth victory. (NSS)