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Judicial infrastructure not optional but essential, says CJI Surya Kant

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April 5
Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, opined that strengthening judicial infrastructure was essential for the delivery of justice, and the State governments in the country were doing their best in this sphere.
He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for Telangana High Court Zone II in Rajendernagar, on the city outskirts, on Sunday (April 5, 2026). The Zone-II includes residential buildings for judges and the chief justice.
Justice Surya Kant stressed that the judiciary and the executive must align in purpose for the



Constitution to truly come alive. He said he had the privilege of laying foundation stones for judicial court complexes in several States, including Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, and now Telangana. He hoped that the proposed 100-acre new Telangana High Court

complex would be among the best in the country after going through the drawings and models on display. He said the Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had assured him that the project would be completed within two years.
Describing the occasion as a rare and historic moment in public life, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that building a court campus is akin to constructing a "temple for people of all faiths."
"One may build a temple, mosque, church or gurdwara, but to build a court complex comes rarely in the life of any leader. A campus for justice, is like building a temple for all cit-

izens," he remarked.
Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant seeing the drawings of the new High Court building after laying the foundation stone for Telangana High Court Zone II in Hyderabad on April 5, 2026
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The Chief Minister said that the legislature, executive and judiciary function with autonomy, inter-dependence and mutual respect. For the common citizen, he said, the court represents the final door to knock and the
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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 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
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Another India-flagged tanker Green Asha crosses Strait of Hormuz amid tensions



New Delhi, April 5 : An India-flagged vessel, Green Asha, has safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz, marking the ninth Indian tanker to transit the crucial maritime corridor since the onset of the ongoing West Asia conflict.
The development comes even as tensions remain elevated and security concerns continue to disrupt one of the world's most

vital oil and energy supply routes.
According to reports, Green Asha is an LPG carrier and its successful passage highlights India's continued reliance on the strait despite mounting risks.
The transit follows a series of similar crossings by Indian vessels navigating the conflict-hit region under heightened surveillance.
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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 cylinders, 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 FTL cylinders have been sold," the Oil Ministry said in a statement.
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WUAs have to ensure optimum utilisation of water resources, says Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Amaravati, April 5
The Water Users' Associations (WUAs) have a significant role to play in the conservation of water resources and they need to do their best to enable the government to provide irrigation facility to every acre in the State, observes Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.



Amaravati: AP Chief Minister Chandrababu has announced 100 days of action on water conservation - water resource conservation issues. The government will undertake this program from April 6 to July 14 under the name of 'Water Security - Responsibility of Irrigation Communities'. Chandrababu will participate in the program to be

held in Yadiki of Tadipatri constituency on Monday. In this context, Chandrababu held a tele-conference on Sunday with the members of irrigation associations in the state on the action plan. Directions were given on the measures to be taken for water conservation. Addressing members of the WUAs through a tele-conference, on the eve of

the launch of a 100-day action plan on optimum utilisation of water resources, on Sunday, Mr. Naidu stressed the need for water security and called for collective efforts to achieve it through proper coordination among the departments of Water Resources, Forest, Panchayat Raj, Agriculture and Animal
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Macherla Town CI Venkata Ramana suspended on graft charges

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Macherla, April 05 :
In a new twist to the alleged 'honour' killing in Palnadu district, Macherla Town Police Station Circle Inspector Venkata Ramana, was suspended for acting in favour of the father of deceased Chowdeswari, who is accused of killing her.
Orders to this effect were issued on Sunday.
The accused, Chandra Sreenu, is reported to have strangled his 22-year-old daughter Chowdeswari to death on March 18, as she married against his wishes.
"Following allegations that CI Venkata Ramana



did favour to the accused by accepting money, the police officer was suspended," said Guntur Range Inspector of Police (IGP) Sarvashresth Tripathi.
The victim, Chowdeswari, had left her

Govt committed to providing drinking water to people of Anantapur, says minister

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Anantapur, April 5
Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav on Sunday inaugurated the water treatment plant at Muddalapuram village of Kuderu mandal in Uravakonda Assembly constituency. The plant, which has a capacity to treat 16 million litres per day, was constructed at a cost of Rs.15.35 crore using Central government funds under the AMRUT scheme.
Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Keshav said the State government is committed to providing potable drinking water to the people of the district in the



summer. He appreciated the efforts of Anantapur Urban MLA Daggubati Venkateswara Rao for assisting with the completion of the construction works.
Mr. Keshav said that unlike the previous YSR

Congress Party (YSRCP) government, which was confined to just the allocations of funds, their government translated words into deeds. Mr. Keshav said the NDA government had allocated
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As U.S. sanctions deadlines expire this month, exporters urge govt to revive oil-rice barter trade mechanism with Iran

New Delhi, April 5: The government's acknowledgement on Saturday (April 4, 2026) that it is procuring oil and LNG from Iran after a gap of seven years has sparked hope for Indian traders that it may consider restoring trade with Iran and its interest in the Chabahar port, even as U.S. sanction deadlines loom again in April. The U.S.'s

temporary sanctions waiver for Russian oil specifically for India expires on Sunday (April 5), while another general waiver for all countries will expire on April 11. In addition, the U.S. waiver for Iranian oil will expire on April 19, and its six-month waiver for India's stake in Chabahar port ends on April 26. On Friday (April 3), the Ministry of

External Affairs said it "remains engaged" with the U.S. and all parties on the issue of Chabahar, while officials expressed hope that Washington would consider extending the waivers on oil, given that the war in West Asia continues, with no end in sight.
However, there's no clarity on whether the government will reject U.S. President Trump's demands if the U.S. decides to re-impose sanctions.

Iran's continued restrictions on the Hormuz Strait are a big concern, say exporters, given that more than 80% of India's Basmati exports are destined for West Asian countries and a large number of export consignments are currently stranded in the Strait, stuck in transit at ports or on the high seas, leading to heavy financial losses for them.
In a letter to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the
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Babu Jagjivan Ram's services are memorable

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, April 05 : Former Deputy Prime Minister of India Babu Jagjivan Ram's 119th birth anniversary celebrations were held in grand style in the district on Sunday. Various programs were organized in community halls, schools and hostels. He informed the students about his life. On this occasion, Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari, Pendurthi MLA Panchkarla Ramesh Babu, North

Constituency MLA Vishnukumar, VMRDA Commissioner Tej Bharat, SC Commission Member Rawada Sitaram and others participated in the program organized at his statue on Beach Road under the aegis of Social Welfare Department. Tributes were paid.

The guests who spoke on the occasion praised the services of Babu Jagjivan Ram. His services to the country are memorable. He emphasized that his efforts for the uplift-

ment of the downtrodden sections were immense and the measures taken for social equality gave direction to the country. It was recalled that as a parliamentarian for a long time, he served in various key departments and contributed significantly to the development of the country. On this occasion, JC Vidyadhari suggested that his life is an inspiration to the youth and that they should follow the path shown by him
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Jagan has least regard for public opinion, says I&PR Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Vijayawada, April 5



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Andhra Pradesh I&PR Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy said on Sunday that YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's "drama of decentralisation" was built on lies and that he betrayed the people's trust by proposing the three-capital plan, which had few parallels in the world. Addressing the media at the TDP central office, near Mangalagiri, Mr. Parthasarathy criticised Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy for making serious mistakes and justifying them later on strange grounds. "The former Chief Minister has least regard for public opinion," the Minister said, and slammed the YSRCP chief for suggesting that the area between Vijayawada, Guntur and Machilipatnam, which he coined as 'MAVI-

tracts of land pooled for construction of the capital city. He noted that Hyderabad was generating lakhs of crores of revenue for Telangana, and Amaravati would do the same upon its completion. Revenue from Amaravati was estimated to be ₹5 lakh crore, he said, while insisting that it (the upcoming greenfield capital) was a self-financing project. Highlighting the progress made during the 20 months of the coalition government assuming office, Mr. Parthasarathy said funds were secured on a large scale from the Centre, which the YSRCP dispensation failed to do. "Investor confidence has been restored after TDP and its allies came to power in 2024," he stated, adding that Mr. Naidu was moving forward with a vision even as Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy continued to play politics.

Centre fully supporting construction of Amaravati, says BJP A.P. chief Madhav

Vijayawada, April 5: BJP State president P.V.N. Madhav asserted on Sunday that the Union government was fully supporting the construction of the capital city Amaravati and it helped in firmly establishing it as the sole capital by having the A.P. Reorganization (Amendment) Bill, 2026, passed in Parliament. The Modi Government had initially provided Rs.1,500 crore for construction of the capital after bifurcation of the unified State and a special financial assistance of ₹1,000 crore later for creation of essential infrastructure, Mr. Madhav said

in a press release. The fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation for Amaravati at Uddandarayanipalem reflected the importance that was attached to the capital project by the Centre, Mr. Madhav pointed out. Crucial infrastructure Further, he said the creation of crucial infrastructure like major arterial roads, power grids, and water pipelines was going on at a brisk pace, and reminded that the Centre provided funds on a large scale for the establishment of prestigious educational institu-

tions like the IIT and AIMS. He said the formation of the NDA Government at both the Centre and in the State in 2024 restored Amaravati's glory. A massive financial package of ₹15,000 crore was announced in the 2024-25 Union Budget for expeditious development of Amaravati, he said. Mr. Modi had relaunched the Amaravati construction works costing about ₹43,000 crore in May 2025. The passage of the Bill was a defining moment in the history of Amaravati, Mr. Madhav added.

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last resort for justice. The new High Court complex, he said, would become an icon of justice and a functional lifeline for democracy. "For the next 100 years, the poor, the weak, the voiceless and the oppressed will come to this temple of justice seeking to be heard," he said. Reiterating his government's commitment to democratic values, he said providing world-class infrastructure to the judiciary is the responsibility of the executive. "We believe all pillars must work collaboratively with mutual respect and avoid confrontations. We give the highest respect not only to judgments and verdicts but also to the observations and feedback of the judiciary," he stated. The Chief Minister acknowledged the historical significance of the existing High Court building in Hyderabad but noted that it could no longer meet the growing demands of litigants, lawyers and judicial staff. This necessitated the decision to build a modern, state-of-the-art campus.

The new complex, coming up on 100 acres of land is envisioned as one of the largest High Court buildings in India and a benchmark in modern public infrastructure. While work is already underway for Zone-I, which comprises institutional buildings, the foundation was laid on Saturday for Zone-II, which will include residential facilities.

Supreme Court judges P.S. Narasimha, Ujjal Bhuyan, S.V. Bhatti, Alok Aradhe, and Telangana High Court Chief Justice Apresh Kumar Singh also spoke.

WUAs have to ensure optimum utilisation of water resources, says Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu

Husbandry. CM Chandrababu directed to take up the 'Water Security-Responsibility of Irrigation Communities' program in coordination with the Departments of Water Drainage, Forestry, Panchayat Raj, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. It has been clarified that work recognition programs should be carried out from April 6 to April 15. It was ordered to give administrative permissions for the identified works from April 16 to 20 and to undertake the works from April 21 to July 9. From 10th to 14th July.. it is suggested to submit the reports related to the completed works. Plans have been made to implement these programs centrally by the irrigated communities. Key responsibilities have been assigned to the 60,000 members of irrigation societies in the state.

The action plan would be launched at Yadiki in Tadipatri Assembly constituency on April 6 with the basic objective of conserving every drop of rainwater and increasing the groundwater levels.

The WUAs should do water budgeting by estimating availability and demand in their areas and take necessary steps, Mr. Naidu advised.

Lauds 'Jaladhara'
The Chief Minister told the WUAs to get the feeder canals desilted, check-dams repaired, and new structures built wherever required. He wanted that priority be given to micro-irrigation, and lauded the 'Jaladhara' initiative in Annamayya district for its success in recharging the groundwater and filling local tanks.

Mr. Naidu noted that Rayalaseema, which everyone feared would become a desert, emerged as a horticulture hub, and that the State government's priorities included completion of the Polavaram project and finishing pending works pertaining to the Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi, Galeru-Nagari Sujala Sravanthi, and Telugu Ganga.

Macherla Town CI Venkata Ramana suspended on graft charges

parents and then forcibly handed her over to them, an act that is now believed to have directly led to her death. Following an internal inquiry, officials reportedly found that the CI had played a serious role in the chain of events that ended in the honour killing.

Based on these findings, Palnadu District Superintendent of Police Krishnarao issued orders suspending the officer.

Preliminary reports suggest that Venkataramana not only failed to protect the couple, but also allegedly mis-

used his position by facilitating the woman's return to her parents in exchange for a large amount of money. Mr. Chandra Sreenu lodged a 'woman missing' complaint with Macherla Town police, later. He even staged a protest and threatened to commit suicide by dousing with petrol alleging that police were negligent in tracing his daughter.

Police traced the newly married couple and during questioning, Chowdeswari reportedly said that she was in love with Nagaraju, and the wedding was performed with her consent.

However, police counselled the woman and sent her along with parents, though she was a major.

As per the police, the accused allegedly killed her by strangulating her and fabricated a scene to make it appear as though she had ended her life.

The accused had reported that Chowdeswari had ended life due to family problems. But, the post-mortem report indicated that it was not a suicide, the police said.

"The post-mortem report revealed that Chowdeswari died either due to strangulation or asphyxiation," a police officer told The Hindu on Sunday (April 05).

Police have already arrested Chandra Sreenu, and investigation is on.

Govt committed to providing drinking water to people of Anantapur, says minister

Rs.3,800 crore for widening and lining of Handri-Neeva canal in last year's budget and had completed the works. He said the government is completing irrigation projects and is simultaneously taking steps to overcome the drinking water problems. The Finance Minister added that the government had allocated ₹700 crore for resolving the drinking water problem in Municipalities.

Mr. Keshav also said that they would complete Amaravati capital works and the Polavaram project apart from bringing investments to the State.

Anantapur MP Ambica Lakshminarayana said that the completion of the plant before summer would resolve the drinking water problem of the city. He said Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is giving priority to development of Anantapur and this has been possible because of the 'doubt engine sarkar' in the State.

Mr. Venkateswara Prasad said that the construction of the plant had started in 2017 with the support of then Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. However, its construction did not go ahead during the previous regime. "We have completed the construction of the plant in just 20 months and it has been inaugurated after conducting a trial run for three months. The people of the city will no longer have to face the drinking water problem," he said.

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

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.

Another India-flagged tanker Green Asha crosses Strait of Hormuz amid tensions

The situation in the Strait of Hormuz has remained volatile since Iran tightened its control over the passage following US-Israeli strikes on February 28. The escalation has impacted global fuel supplies and rattled energy markets, with maritime data indicating that nearly 60 per cent of commodity-carrying ships using the route are either originating from or destined for Iran.

Despite these challenges, Indian shipping activity through the strait has remained relatively robust. Prior to Green Asha's journey, at least eight Indian ves-

sels had already crossed the corridor. Among them were LPG carriers BW TYR and BW ELM, which transported around 94,000 tonnes of cargo through the conflict zone.

In late March, four Indian-flagged LPG tankers, including Pine Gas and Jag Vasant, delivered more than 92,600 tonnes of LPG over a three-day period.

Earlier, MT Shivalik and MT Nanda Devi had carried close to 92,700 tonnes of LPG to Gujarat's Mundra and Kandla ports in mid-March.

Other shipments included crude and refined fuels. Oil tanker Jag Laadki transported over 80,000 tonnes of crude oil from the UAE to Mundra, while Jag Prakash crossed the strait carrying gasoline from Oman to African markets.

Another LPG carrier, Green Sanvi, also completed its transit recently with a cargo of approximately 46,650 metric tonnes.

Government steps up LPG supply, urges calm amid Hormuz concerns

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 suspended 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.

As U.S. sanctions deadlines expire this month, exporters urge govt to revive oil-rice barter

Punjab Rice Millers Exporters Association urged the government to arrange a barter agreement with Iran, exchanging Iranian crude oil for Indian rice shipments.

"This one significant step would ease India's oil crisis and revive our traditional trade with Iran," association director Ashok Sethi told The Hindu, adding that the exporters are urging the government to make use of the "Rupee payment mechanism", a corpus fund managed through UCO Bank set up in 2012 for commodities trade. He added that this would help farmers clear the stocks of Basmati rice from the previous crop season ahead of the new kharif sowing season from May.

If activated, the mechanism would also help India pay for crude oil from Iran, although at present Indian refiners are not taking very large quantities of it, given the high prices, low availability and the need to recalibrate refineries for it.

In 2019, the Modi government ended imports of Iranian and Venezuelan oil due to alleged U.S. pressure, and began to reduce imports of Russian oil in November 2025 because of the U.S.'s 25% penalty tariff, which was removed in February 2026. After Mr. Trump threatened another 25% tariff for any trade with Iran, MEA officials pointed out that these were at minimal levels of \$1.6 billion in 2024, dropping from about \$15.7 billion in 2014. The government also pulled out all staff and prepaid its investment commitment of \$120 million to Iran in November 2025 for the Chabahar port development project, indicating it was prepared to end the project due to the U.S. sanctions threat.

"On this particular issue (Chabahar port), the sanctions waiver that was given to us is valid till April 26, 2026. The Government of India remains engaged with all concerned in order to address the implications of these developments," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a briefing.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has stressed that decisions on buying oil were commercially driven, denying the U.S. claims that it

"allowed" India to buy Russian oil by issuing the waivers so as to keep oil prices low. Despite that, the price of oil has remained high, at more than \$110 per barrel.

"Amid Middle East supply disruptions, Indian refiners have secured their crude oil requirements, including from Iran; and there is no payment hurdle for Iranian crude imports as per some rumours being circulated," the PNG ministry said on Saturday (April 4), adding that India now imports crude oil from over 40 countries. All eyes are now on whether the imports will continue, even if the U.S. snaps back any of its sanctions in April.

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and commit themselves to the development of the backward sections of the society. Today's youth are called upon to improve their skills and rise to higher positions by developing awareness of the modern technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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CREDAI calls for government action amid rising construction costs

Vijayawada, April 5: The construction sector in Andhra Pradesh has suffered a devastating blow due to the ongoing international conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, express the members of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India-A.P. (CREDAI). Dasari Rambabu, General Secretary, CREDAI A.P., said that the war has come at a time when the real estate business in the State had just begun picking up pace after experiencing a lull during the previous government.

"Now, with many local tile and sanitary business units in Gujarat shutting down due to the war-induced crisis, we are forced to depend on branded businesses for the supply of raw materials.

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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 "Chaattimpu" (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.

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.

Kakani Warns Officials Involved in False Cases Against YSRCP Workers.

Pellakuru, April 05
Daily Staff Reporter.
Nayudupeta Former Minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy has warned officials involved in filing false cases against YSRCP workers, stating that they will face consequences. He made the remarks while visiting the family of former DCCB Chairman K a m i r e d d y Satyanarayana Reddy, who is currently facing jail time for allegedly questioning illegal sand mining. Kakani Govardhan Reddy, accompanied by former MLA Kiliveti Sanjeevayya, condemned the actions of the police officials, saying that they are acting on the instruc-



tions of the coalition leaders. He questioned the imposition of non-bailable sections, which carry a 10-year prison sentence. YSRCP leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had personally spoken to K a m i r e d d y Satyanarayana Reddy's wife, Prabhavatamma, and assured her that the party would stand by them. Kakani Govardhan Reddy stated that the injured lion is dangerous and warned officials to take note of their actions. The event was attended by party leaders, local representatives, and a large number of YSRCP workers.

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.

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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

A child 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 lifelong 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/f>

ood/economic-surv ey-2026-flagsurge-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.

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 pip-pali.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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."

"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

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."

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

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 kilolitre. 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 Ltd. His wife, 57-year-old Louise Jogia, was found to have "aided and abetted" him in breaching the disqualification and acted as the official director of 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.

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 Yadaya, 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, emphasizing 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 emphasized 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)

Logical Reasoning in Calendar

(For all Competitive Exams)

1. There are ----- days in one week.
Ans: 7
2. The first day of the week is -----
Ans: Sunday
3. The last day of the week is -----
Ans: Saturday
4. The day after Monday is -----
Ans: Tuesday
5. The day before Friday is -----
Ans: Thursday
6. The day between Tuesday and Thursday is -----
Ans: Wednesday
7. Two days after Monday is -----
Ans: Wednesday
8. Three days after Friday is -----
Ans: Monday
9. Two days before Sunday is -----
Ans: Friday
10. One week after Monday is -----
Ans: Monday
11. The weekend days are ----- and -----
Ans: Saturday, Sunday
12. A weekday is -----
Ans: Monday-Friday
13. The 3rd day of the week is -----
Ans: Tuesday
14. The 5th day of the week is -----
Ans: Thursday
15. The day that comes after Saturday is -----
Ans: Sunday
16. The day that comes before Tuesday is -----
Ans: Monday
17. If today is Wednesday, tomorrow is -----
Ans: Thursday
18. If today is Friday, yesterday was -----
Ans: Thursday
19. If today is Sunday, tomorrow is -----
Ans: Monday



20. If today is Monday, yesterday was -----
Ans: Sunday
21. The longest school day is usually a -----
Ans: weekday
22. There are ----- weekend days.
Ans: 2
23. The middle day of the week is -----
Ans: Wednesday
24. The day before Sunday is -----
Ans: Saturday
25. The day after Thursday is -----
Ans: Friday
26. The 6th day of the week is -----
Ans: Friday
27. The 7th day of the week is -----
Ans: Saturday
28. The 2nd day of the week is -----
Ans: Monday
29. The 4th day of the week is -----
Ans: Wednesday
30. The day before Monday is -----
Ans: Sunday

Ans: Sunday
31. If today is Tuesday, two days later is -----
Ans: Thursday
32. If today is Saturday, two days earlier was -----
Ans: Thursday
33. One day after Sunday is -----
Ans: Monday
34. One day before Friday is -----
Ans: Thursday
35. Three days before Thursday is -----
Ans: Monday
36. Four days after Monday is -----
Ans: Friday
37. Five days after Tuesday is -----
Ans: Sunday
38. Five days before Sunday is -----
Ans: Tuesday
39. Two weeks have ----- days.
Ans: 14
40. One week has ----- days.
Ans: 7
41. There are ----- months in a year.
Ans: 12
42. The first month of the year is -----
Ans: January
43. The last month of the year is -----
Ans: December
44. The month after January is -----
Ans: February
45. The month before March is -----
Ans: February
46. The month between April and June is -----
Ans: May
47. The 6th month of the year is -----
Ans: June
48. The 12th month of the year is -----
Ans: December

49. The 3rd month of the year is -----
Ans: March
50. The 9th month of the year is -----
Ans: September
51. The month that has Valentine's Day is -----
Ans: February
52. The month that starts summer (June) is -----
Ans: June
53. The month after October is -----
Ans: November
54. The month before August is -----
Ans: July
55. The shortest month is -----
Ans: February
56. The longest months have ----- days.
Ans: 31
57. April has ----- days.
Ans: 30
58. June has ----- days.
Ans: 30
59. September has ----- days.
Ans: 30
60. November has ----- days.
Ans: 30
61. January has ----- days.
Ans: 31
62. March has ----- days.
Ans: 31
63. May has ----- days.
Ans: 31
64. July has ----- days.
Ans: 31
65. August has ----- days.
Ans: 31
66. October has ----- days.
Ans: 31
67. December has ----- days.
Ans: 31
68. February usually has ----- days.
Ans: 28
69. February in a leap year has -----

days.
Ans: 29
70. The 2nd month of the year is -----
Ans: February
71. The 4th month of the year is -----
Ans: April
72. The 5th month of the year is -----
Ans: May
73. The 7th month of the year is -----
Ans: July
74. The 8th month of the year is -----
Ans: August
75. The 10th month of the year is -----
Ans: October
76. The 11th month of the year is -----
Ans: November
77. The month before January is -----
Ans: December
78. The month after December is -----
Ans: January
79. Three months after March is -----
Ans: June
80. Two months before December is -----
Ans: October
81. One month after May is -----
Ans: June
82. One month before April is -----
Ans: March
83. Summer usually starts in -----
Ans: June
84. Winter usually starts in -----
Ans: December
85. Spring usually starts in -----
Ans: March
86. Fall usually starts in -----
Ans: September
87. The year begins in -----
Ans: January
88. The year ends in -----
Ans: December
89. The month with Halloween is -----
Ans: October
90. 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 -----
Ans: August
96. The month between November and January is -----
Ans: December
97. Half a year is ----- months.
Ans: 6
98. A quarter of a year is ----- months.
Ans: 3
99. A full year has ----- months.
Ans: 12
100. The calendar year repeats every ----- months.
Ans: 12

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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 compas-

sion: 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 upto the expectations by soaking in all the pressure and bowled the best over of his cricket career," he said.

Deshpande responded with an ice-cold 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.

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.

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 posses-

sion-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.

Gopu Satyanarayana Pays Tribute to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram in Machilipatnam

By Skyline Staff Reporter Machilipatnam, April 5
Floral tributes were paid to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram on the occasion of his birth anniversary in Machilipatnam city. The program was organized in the 19th ward of Malkapatnam, where senior leaders and party workers gathered to remember the contributions of the great national leader Krishna district Telugu Desam Party (TDP) General Secretary Gopu Satyanarayana garlanded the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram and



paid rich tributes. Speaking on the occasion, he described Babu Jagjivan Ram as a great freedom fighter, a champion of social justice, and a prominent Dalit leader who dedicated his life to the upliftment of marginalized communities. He recalled that Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram served as one of the youngest ministers in the interim gov-

ernment led by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1947. Over a distinguished political career spanning more than three decades, he held several key portfolios at the Union level, including Labour, Food, and Defence, and discharged his responsibilities with exceptional efficiency and commitment. Gopu Satyanarayana stated that leaders like Babu Jagjivan Ram played a crucial role in shaping modern India and ensuring equal opportunities for all sections of society. He emphasized that his ideals continue to inspire present and future generations to work towards social equality and justice. Several TDP leaders, party workers, and supporters of Gopu Satyanarayana participated in the program. The event concluded with leaders reaffirming their commitment to follow the values and principles upheld by Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram and to work for the welfare of society.

Rajkumar's Role Key in Machilipatnam Urban Bank Development, Say Speakers

By Skyline Staff Reporter Machilipatnam, April 5
A grand farewell ceremony was organized in Machilipatnam to honor Elishetty Rajkumar, who retired after rendering 28 years of dedicated service at the Machilipatnam Cooperative Urban Bank. The event was held under the leadership of Bank Chairman Imada Battula Dileep Kumar and was attended by several officials, public representatives, and political leaders. Speakers at the lauded Rajkumar's exceptional contribution to the growth and reputation of the Urban Bank. They stated that his tenure as CEO brought recognition to the institution, especially through initiatives that supported economically weaker sections. His efforts in extending financial assistance to the poor and ensuring smooth banking operations were widely appreciated. Many speakers praised that Rajkumar's services would remain a significant chapter in the bank's history. Despite



changes in political leadership and administrative bodies over the years, he maintained a professional approach and ensured that the bank functioned efficiently without disruptions. His dedication, discipline, and commitment to duty were cited as exemplary qualities. On this occasion, Machilipatnam Market Yard Chairman Kunche Nani, former Machilipatnam Bar

Association President Balaji, BJP State Executive Member Pantham Venkata Gajendra Rao, former Urban Bank Chairman Borra Vithal, and former DCC Bank Director Ambati Kantharao were present along with district-level society officials and Urban Bank directors. The programme began on a cheerful note with Rajkumar and his wife Padmavathi cutting a cake in the

presence of family members. He was later felicitated with shawls and garlands by various dignitaries and colleagues as a mark of respect and appreciation for his long-standing service. The farewell ceremony concluded with heartfelt wishes from all attendees, who praised Rajkumar's integrity and wished him a happy and peaceful retired life.

Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram a Great Leader with Noble Values: SP V. Vidyasagar Naidu

By Skyline Staff Reporter Machilipatnam, April 5
On the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, rich tributes were paid at the District Police Office in Machilipatnam. District Superintendent of Police V. Vidyasagar Naidu, along with police officials, garlanded the portrait of the great leader and remembered his remarkable contributions. Speaking on the occasion, SP Vidyasagar Naidu described Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram as an inspirational figure for present and future generations. He highlighted that Jagjivan Ram dedicated his life to the cause of social justice and equality, especially for the upliftment of marginalized and oppressed sections of society. He noted that even during his stu-



dent days, Jagjivan Ram actively opposed social evils like untouchability and worked tirelessly to eradicate discrimination. The SP further stated that Jagjivan Ram inherited values such as humanism, idealism, and

resilience from his father, which shaped his personality and leadership. He fought numerous battles and organized protests to ensure justice for the underprivileged, leaving a lasting impact on society. The programme was attended by police officials and staff, who paid homage and reflected on the life and legacy of the great leader.

Recalling his role in India's freedom struggle, Vidyasagar Naidu mentioned that Jagjivan Ram actively participated in key movements alongside Mahatma Gandhi, including the historic Quit India Movement and civil disobedience movements. His efforts in fighting untouchability and promoting equality made him one of the most respected leaders of his time. The SP emphasized that remembering such a leader and freedom fighter is a matter of pride for everyone. He urged people to follow the ideals and principles of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram in building a just and inclusive society.

Implement Ongole Master Plan for Planned Urban Growth, Citizens Urge Authorities



By Skyline Staff Reporter Ongole, April 05 : Residents of Ongole have appealed to the district administration to ensure the proper implementation of the city's Master Plan to enable structured and sustainable urban development. Ongole Citizens Association President Kolla Madhu submitted a representation to District Collector and Municipal Special Officer P. Rajababu, highlighting the urgent need for action. Despite Ongole completing nearly 150 years as a municipality and being upgraded to a municipal corporation about 14 years ago, the city has not witnessed the expected level of infrastructure development. Compared to other district headquarters, even 30 percent of the required development has not been achieved, the association pointed out. Over the years, multiple Master Plans have been prepared for the city, but their implementation has remained largely on paper. A Master Plan is intended to guide the city's growth over the next 20 years, taking into account population increase, traffic expansion, and infrastructure needs. However, Ongole has repeatedly failed to translate these plans into reality, resulting in unplanned growth and civic challenges. With the city's population now estimated at around four lakh and voter strength about 2.5 lakh, the pressure on existing infrastructure has increased significantly. The number of vehicles, including two-wheelers,

cars, buses, autos, and goods carriers, has grown rapidly over the years. Roads that were sufficient 10-15 years ago are no longer adequate to handle current traffic volumes. Citizens expressed concern over the lack of road widening and proper drainage systems. During the rainy season, many parts of the city experience severe waterlogging, causing inconvenience to residents and commuters. The modernization works of the Poturaju Canal have also stalled, further aggravating drainage issues. Without removing encroachments, it is impossible to widen roads or ensure smooth flow of rainwater into canals, they stressed. Several major roads in Ongole, which were originally planned to be 80 to 120 feet wide, are currently only 30 to 60 feet wide due to encroachments and lack of execution. This has resulted in traffic congestion, parking issues, and reduced business opportunities for



traders. The association also proposed the construction of a second bypass ring road on the western side of the city to divert traffic and support expansion. They further recommended developing roads along both sides of the Poturaju Canal as part of the Master Plan to improve connectivity and drainage. Additionally, rapid urbanization has led to the growth of educational institutions, shopping complexes, hospitals, and residential colonies, putting further strain on civic infrastructure. Students, employees, and daily commuters face increasing traffic difficulties, especially during peak hours. Citizens believe that if the Master Plan is implemented effectively, it will not only resolve traffic and drainage problems but also transform Ongole into a well-planned and modern city. Proper execution will ensure that rainwater does not stagnate, roads are widened as per standards, and the city can compete with other developed municipal corporations in the state.

Pearls High School Student Achieves Telugu Book of Records Honor for Innovative Sensor Project



Guntur, April 05: A proud moment unfolded at the Hindu College of Engineering campus on Amaravati Road in Guntur, where a grand Telugu Book of Records award ceremony was held to celebrate young talent and innovation. Master Akkamahanti Hariram, an 8th class student of Pearls High School, was honored with the prestigious recognition for his remarkable achievement of completing projects using 10 electronic sensors within just 100 minutes. His accomplishment stood out as a fine example of creativity, technical skill, and presence of mind at such a young age. Speaking at the felicitation ceremony, S.

Baburao, Director of Pearls High School, lauded the student's achievement and emphasized the importance of identifying and nurturing hidden talent among students. He stated that such initiatives help bring forward innovative minds capable of developing solutions to real-world problems. He further added that recognition through platforms like the Telugu Book of Records motivates students to push their limits and excel in various fields. The chief guest of the event, Dr. P. S. Jyotsna, highlighted the significance of providing the right opportunities to young minds. She remarked that with proper encouragement and guidance, talented individuals like Albert Einstein can be discovered and nurtured within the country. The ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including Dr. Chivukula Sambasiva Rao, Patri Venugopal, Chintapatla Ramarao, Founder Principal S. Madhavi, Principal S. Sai Kiriti, and Vice Principal S. Sai Prasanna. Parents, teachers, and fellow students gathered in large numbers to witness the proud moment and congratulate the young achiever. The event concluded on an inspiring note, encouraging students to explore innovation and pursue excellence in academics and beyond.

Joyalukkas Kakinada set to light up with the 'Brilliance Diamond Jewellery Show' from 4th April, 2026



Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, 04th March 2026: The world's favourite jeweller, Joyalukkas, is set to dazzle Kakinada with the Brilliance Diamond Jewellery Show, from 4th April 2026 at its Kakinada

showroom. This much-awaited exhibition promises an unforgeable celebration of craftsmanship, elegance, and innovation in diamond jewellery. From statement bridal sets to contemporary everyday

sparkle, the show features pieces that marry timeless tradition with modern aesthetics. Every design is a masterpiece, available only for a limited time during the show. Dr. Joy Alukkas, Chairman

and MD of the Joyalukkas Group, remarked: "The Brilliance Diamond Jewellery Show is our tribute to the enduring allure of diamonds and our passion for perfection in jewellery design.

Kakinada is a special milestone in our journey, and this exhibition during the festive season will offer our customers an exclusive opportunity to discover designs that reflect beauty, individuality, and craftsmanship at its finest." To mark the occasion, customers will receive a free gold coin with every purchase of diamond jewellery worth ₹1 lakh and above during the exhibition period, adding even more brilliance to the shopping experience. The Brilliance Diamond Jewellery Show will be held exclusively at the Kakinada showroom, until 19th April 2026. Visitors are invited to explore an exquisite world of diamonds, where every piece tells a story of luxury, love, and timeless charm. Rejish O S - Andhra Zone Regional manager Geo Sebastian - Kakinada Showroom Branch incharge