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Telangana to be transformed into textile capital of south Asia: CM



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : Chief Minister A.Revath Reddy, along with Ministers D. Sridhar Babu and Tummala Nageswara Rao, inaugurated the 13th Asian Textile Conference (ATEXCON 2026), a premier global summit for the textile and apparel industry jointly organised by Telangana government and Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister highlighted Telangana's vision to become the textile capital of South Asia by 2047. He said the government can offer industrialists and investors the best of infrastructure, land, power, water, incentives, and quick execution. As part of Telangana Rising vision and the goal to become one trillion dollar economy by 2034 and three trillion dol-

lars economy by 2047, we have policies that can match the best globally and most importantly, we have the best human resources, the Chief Minister said. Mentioning Telangana's famous Pochampally Ikats, Gadwal sarees, Warangal durries and the weaves of Narayanpet, the Chief Minister stated that textile is not just an industry but a lifeline for the state's weaving communities. **Turn to Page 2**

NDDB, Mother Dairy chairmen call on Revanth to discuss dairy growth

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman Dr. Minesh Shah and Mother Dairy (Delhi) Chairman Jayatheertha Chary paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills on Friday.

During the meeting, discussions were held regarding the development of the dairy industry in the Telangana state.

Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Alair MLA and Government



Whip Beerla Ailaiah, Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Chairman Gutha Amit Reddy, Principal Secretary Ilambarthi, and Mother Dairy Chairman Madhusudan Reddy and others were present.

"BRS HAS LOST RELEVANCE IN TELANGANA": TPCC CHIEF MAHESH GOUD

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday launched a scathing attack on opposition parties, declaring that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has "lost its relevance" in Telangana and the BJP has no foothold in the state. Addressing media persons here at Gandhi Bhavan, he claimed internal rifts have weakened the opposition

BRS, pointing to tensions within K. Chandrashekar Rao's family. He alleged a power struggle between K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao, while KCR has "withdrawn from active politics". With former MP Kavitha charting her own independent course, the BRS party finds itself in a precarious and desperate situation, he remarked. Goud also dismissed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), saying it lacks a foothold in the state. No matter what conspiracies the opposition parties hatch, the public retains immense faith in the ruling Congress party and that the results of the recent elections stand as proof of this fact, he claimed. He exuded confidence that the ruling Indian National Congress would secure a clean sweep of 100 seats if elections were held now.



Jupally directs officials to fast-track pending projects

Hyderabad, April, 3 : Vani Prasad, recently appointed as the Special Chief Secretary of the Tourism and Culture department, along with P. Gouthami, who has taken on the role of Managing Director of the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTDC), paid a visit to Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Friday. During the meeting, the Minister extended his congratulations to the newly appointed officials and emphasised the importance of enhancing tourism infrastructure, developing various destinations, and accelerating the progress of new projects in the Telangana State.



Vote for Congress candidates: Bhatti urges people in Puducherry



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka urged voters to elect the candidates supported by the Congress-DMK alliance with a huge majority to protect democracy and safe-

guard the dignity and freedom granted by the Constitution. On Friday evening, along with Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Puducherry PCC President Vaidyalingam, Bhatti Vikramarka campaigned extensively in the Manavelly Assembly constituency in support of Congress candidate Anantharaman, and in the M. Balam constituency in support of party candidate Lakshmikanth in the Puducherry State. Addressing the people, the Deputy Chief Minister appealed to voters to bring the Congress party back to power and "save

Puducherry." He assured that the SPA alliance, comprising Congress and DMK, is firmly committed to implementing all the promises it has made. Bhatti Vikramarka cautioned voters not to believe the misinformation being spread by the NDA alliance regarding the implementation of these guarantees. He emphasised that electing the SPA alliance is the only way to ensure a bright future for Puducherry. Responding to doubts about whether guarantees can be implemented, the Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana itself is the an-

swer. He stated that immediately after coming to power, the Congress government in Telangana began implementing its guarantees from the very first Cabinet meeting. Expressing confidence, the Deputy Chief Minister said that under the Telangana Rising Vision Document-2047, the state aims to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He added that Telangana's growth rate stands at 10.8% and asserted that development is possible without increasing taxes, which the government has successfully demonstrated.

Congress govt prioritising public welfare, development: Vivek



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : Minister for Labour and Mines G. Vivek Venkat swamy stated that the Congress government in Telangana is implementing wide-ranging programmes with a clear focus on public welfare and development.

He noted that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, several welfare schemes are being successfully implemented across the state. The Minister said the party leadership is actively visiting every district to understand people's issues, and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud is touring across the state to strengthen party activities. Vivek alleged that during the previous government, DMFT funds meant for Mancherial district were diverted to other regions, but clarified that the present Congress government has ensured that these funds are

fully allocated to the district. He criticised the previous regime, stating that large buildings were constructed primarily for commissions rather than public benefit. The Minister highlighted that schemes such as Indiramma housing and 200 units of free electricity are directly benefiting the poor. He added that Indiramma houses have been sanctioned not only in Chennai but also in Siddipet. Vivek Venkatswamy stated that several welfare programmes are being implemented keeping in mind the needs of the people, and adequate funds have been allocated in the

recent state budget. He also announced that the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme will be launched soon. The Minister called upon party workers to take the government's schemes and programmes to the grassroots level and explain them to the people. He assured that the party will support and recognize those who work towards strengthening it. Vivek further stated that despite the financial strain caused by heavy borrowings during the previous government, the current administration is continuing governance with a focus on public welfare.

CYBERABAD CP INAUGURATES "INDIA ART FESTIVAL" IN HYD

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

Cyberabad Police Commissioner M Ramesh on Friday inaugurated the "India Art Festival" at the Jubilee Hills Convention Centre, highlighting the cultural vibrancy of the city. Speaking at the event, the police commissioner said the artworks on display "engage in a silent dialogue", offering viewers a sense of mental tranquility and creative inspiration. He encouraged citizens to visit the exhibition, noting its role in nurturing Hyderabad's artistic spirit. Thudi Devender Reddy, former president of Jubilee Hills club, said the three-day festival has emerged as one of the largest and most dynamic art showcases in the city. The exhibition features over 3,000 artworks by nearly 300 artists, presented through around 30 galleries. It includes a wide range of artistic expressions - paintings, sculptures, mixed media, and experimental works - bringing together renowned and emerging talent on a single platform. The festival, which has drawn large crowds on its opening day, will remain open to visitors from 11 AM to 8 PM until April 5 (Sunday).

EAGLE team briefs Governor on anti-drug initiatives in Telangana

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

Sandeep Kumar Shandilya, Director of Narcotics and EAGLE team, along with Vijay Kumar Additional Director General of Police (intelligence) called on the Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Friday. During the meeting, the officials made a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the EAGLE Force and its initiatives aimed at combating the growing menace of drugs. The presentation highlighted various enforcement strategies, awareness programmes, and inter-agency coordination efforts to address substance abuse. The Governor was apprised of ongoing measures to curb drug trafficking and prevent its spread, particularly among the youth. M. Dana Kishore, Special Chief Sec-



retary to the Governor, was also present on the occasion. Officials said the programme combined strict enforcement with public outreach. While enforcement targeted supply chains, awareness campaigns aimed to reduce demand. Therefore, the EAGLE anti-drug initiative sought to tackle both aspects of the issue simulta-

neously. They noted that inter-agency coordination played a crucial role in improving outcomes. Different departments worked together to track, intercept, and prevent drug-related activities. As a result, authorities aimed to build a sustained response against narcotics. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla was apprised of the ongoing measures

and their impact. He reviewed the strategies presented and took note of efforts to strengthen monitoring systems. M. Dana Kishore, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor, was also present during the meeting. Officials said such reviews would help refine and strengthen the EAGLE team brief in the coming months.

BEWARE THE SHINE: CP SAJJANAR WARNS AGAINST TOXIC MANGOES

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar has urged the residents to stay alert against chemically ripened Mangoes this summer. In an advisory, he cautioned the consumers not to be misled by bright-looking fruits or labels like "organic" without verification. He warned that some traders use harmful substances like calcium carbide to artificially ripen the mangoes, posing serious health risks. Sajjanar noted that naturally ripened mangoes lack uniform colour, unlike chemically treated ones that appear shiny outside but remain raw inside. Health experts link such fruits to nausea, vomiting, throat irritation and long-term neurological and respiratory issues. H-FAST was maintaining a strict vigil on the sale of adulterated mangoes and legal action was being initiated against those who violated the rules, he noted. The Hyderabad City Police, along with H-FAST teams, are monitoring markets and taking action against the offenders. Citizens are advised to report suspicious sales via Dial 100 or the helpline - 8712661212.



Harish accuses Revanth of misleading people on key promises



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 : Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for misleading the people regarding numerous commitments.

He charged the Chief Minister with betraying tribal communities, disregarding the needs of farmers, providing misleading information regarding job opportunities, and neglecting the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Speaking to the media in Kodangal on Friday, Harish Rao said it was deeply ironic that Revanth Reddy was travelling to other states and speaking about governance and welfare, while in his own constituency of Kodangal, ST communities continue to face injustice, land-related harassment, and official neglect. Referring to the region's tribal identity and sentiment, the BRS MLA said the Lokamasand Maharaj Bavoji temple,

which is considered sacred by tribal communities in the area, had once remained difficult to access due to the absence of proper connectivity. He said it was during the BRS government that, with the efforts of former MLA Narender Reddy, then Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao sanctioned Rs.8 crore for a bridge across the stream, making access possible.

He further said that Rs.80 lakh was sanctioned by KCR for the temple and 750 lakh for a Banjara Bhavan, demonstrating the BRS government's commitment to the dignity and welfare of tribal communities.

Harish Rao said that despite decades of struggle by tribal organisations such as the Lambada Porata Samithi, earlier governments had failed to respond meaningfully. He said it was only under KCR's leadership that 3,100 tribal hamlets were converted into gram panchayats, a major step in protecting tribal self-respect and decentralised

governance.

He also recalled that the BRS government had officially celebrated Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti, increased ST reservations from 6% to 10%, distributed pattas for six lakh acres of podu land, and provided reservations for SCs and STs in market committees and wine shop allotments. Harish Rao said it was the BRS government that ensured Mission Bhagiratha drinking water connections to tribal tandas in Kodangal and also brought degree colleges for girls, helping improve access to education in backward areas. In contrast, he said the Congress government has not done justice even in representation, stating that not a single Lambada leader has been made a minister in the present government so far.

He accused the Congress government of completely failing to honour the promises it made to SC and ST communities. Harish Rao said the government had shown Rs.2,730 crore in the

budget for the ST Corporation, but had spent only Rs.52 crore, exposing what he called the hollowness of the government's commitment.

The BRS MLA said that in the last two and a half years, not a single meaningful rupee of support has reached ST beneficiaries, and added that ST students are not receiving fee reimbursement. Harish Rao accused Revanth Reddy of bending before SC and ST communities during elections for votes, only to turn against them after coming to power. He alleged that tribal lands are being taken away in Kodangal, and that members of the ST community are being subjected to harassment and police excesses.

Harish Rao also questioned Revanth Reddy's public claims in other states, especially in Kerala, where the Chief Minister has reportedly been speaking about the implementation of welfare guarantees in Telangana.

Throwing an open challenge to the Chief Minister, Harish Rao said he was speaking from Kodangal itself, and asked Revanth Reddy to identify even a single village in Kodangal where 100% farm loan waiver has been completed.

He also took a swipe at Revanth Reddy's campaign politics outside Telangana, saying that people in other states, including Kerala, are capable of seeing through exaggerated claims, especially when the ground reality in Telangana.

Telangana to be transformed into textile capital of south Asia: CM

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"There are historic reasons why Telangana is a leader in textiles. We are one of the largest producers of cotton in India. Our cotton is known globally for quality and richness," he said.

Revanth Reddy said that India has a rich history and tradition of creating the best cloth. For centuries, art and culture helped India perfect its traditional textiles, he explained.

"As per our tradition, as Chief Minister of Telangana, I carry divine dreg for Lord Sri Rama at Bhadrachalam temple on Sri Rama Navami," Revanth Reddy said. He also touched upon the rich history of trade during the rule of Nizams, stating that traders from all over the world

came to buy clothes and pearls in Hyderabad.

The Chief Minister said Telangana has both 'skill and will' to become a top textiles destination. "We have established Kakatiya Mega Textile Park at Warangal with many apparel parks. We are leaders in many verticals, from deep-tech to pharma and life-sciences, from aerospace to defence, from manufacturing to energy," he said.

He appealed to the massive audience of over 1,200 delegates from textile hubs across India and the globe. "If you have a vision, we are your perfect partners for global success. Together, we can create an end-to-end textile ecosystem which can be a game-

changer for the world," he said. The Chief Minister explained that Telangana can be a major partner across the global value chain. From the cotton fields of Telangana to fashion shows in London, New York, Paris, Milan, Tokyo or Dubai, we will be your partners across the value chain, he added. "Hyderabad is a film production destination for not only India but the world. Recently, Netflix opened Eyeline studios here," Revanth Reddy said.

The Chief Minister expressed the government's vision to create green textile hubs, giving top priority to environmental sustainability. "We will be skilling our youth, especially women's work force, so they can combine tradi-

tional knowledge with the latest tools in designing, cutting and stitching," he explained.

The Chief Minister laid out the success story of Telangana in producing vaccines and medicines for the entire world. He also highlighted that Telangana now is a manufacturing hub for Apple Ear-pods, stating that the state now aims at manufacturing fashion wear for the world.

The ATEXCON conference, structured around the theme "Reimagining the Future of Global Textiles", includes thematic panel discussions. The sessions will be focused on three areas - Fibres & Fabrics, Manufacturing & Supply Chains (AI/Automation), and Markets & Trade.

SEVEN DRUG CONSUMERS APPREHENDED IN PUB RAID AT KONDAPUR

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

In a late-night operation on April 2-3, 2026, the EAGLE team of the Telangana State Task Force, along with Cyberabad Narcotics Police and Gachibowli Police, conducted a raid at "Quake Arena Pub" in Kondapur and apprehended seven individuals for drug consumption. Acting on credible intelligence about drug use at a special party featuring an international DJ, the authorities formed six teams to carry out a surprise operation without disrupting the event. Out of 64 suspected individuals, selected persons were subjected to

testing using ABONN urine drug test kits. Seven individuals tested positive for substances including ganja (THC), benzodiazepines, and methamphetamine.

The individuals reportedly admitted to drug use, and their details have been documented. Authorities stated that parents or guardians would be informed, and efforts would be made to ensure the individuals undergo de-addiction programmes.

A case has been registered at Gachibowli Police Station under various sections of the NDPS Act, 1985. Further investigation is underway.



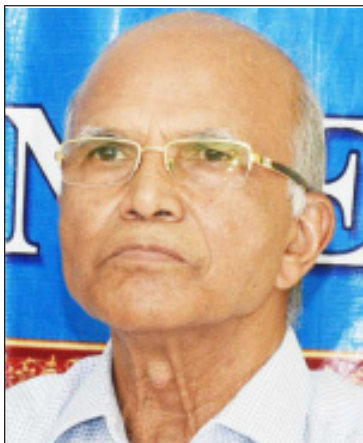
Police confirmed that the foreign artist Alexander (Spain) and DJ Kayvee tested negative.

The EAGLE (Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement) Force appealed to youth and students to avoid drugs, warning of serious consequences, in-

cluding crime and family distress. Parents were urged to remain vigilant about the activities of their children and to share information with the EAGLE team.

Citizens can share information with authorities via phone: 8712671111 or toll-free helpline: 1908.

CLEAN MUSI FIRST: FGG OPPOSES RELIGIOUS CONSTRUCTIONS IN POLLUTED RIVER



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

M. Padmanabha Reddy, President of the Forum for Good Governance (FGG), urged Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to prioritise cleaning of the Musi River before undertaking construction of religious structures. In a letter written to the CM, the FGG president while appreciating the government's initiative to rejuvenate the river, expressed concern over plans to construct temples, mosques, gurudwaras, and churches without first addressing the severe pollu-

tion in the river. The Chief Minister recently laid the foundation stone for a temple at Manchirevula on March 29, 2026. There are also plans to install a 108-foot statue of Lord Shiva in the middle of the river and complete the proposed Omkareshwara temple within two years.

The FGG highlighted that multiple attempts to clean the river have failed over the years despite significant expenditure. In 2001, a Rs.405 crore pollution abatement project yielded limited results. A rubber dam constructed by

GHMC at a cost of Rs.50 crore was later dismantled due to ineffectiveness. Subsequent proposals, including the Musi Phase II project (Rs.750 crore) and a comprehensive Rs.17,130 crore plan in 2012, were either not approved or found defective.

The Musi River Front Development Corporation (MRDCL), established in 2017 to implement a comprehensive plan, has reportedly made little progress in cleaning the river.

The FGG noted that due to encroachments, the river has narrowed significantly

and resembles a drain in many stretches. Untreated sewage, industrial discharge, and pharmaceutical waste have severely polluted the river, making it toxic and unfit for aquatic life, agriculture or human use. The National Green Tribunal has classified it as a priority polluted stretch.

Given the gravity of the situation, the FGG stressed that constructing places of worship in a polluted river is inappropriate. It strongly urged the government to prioritise cleaning efforts before undertaking any construction activities.

MODI MUST SPEAK ON GLOBAL CONFLICTS, SAYS CPI LEADER NARAYANA

From Our Staff Reporter Hanamkonda, April, 3 :

K. Narayana, Chairman of the CPI National Control Commission, on Friday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi break his silence on global conflicts, particularly U.S. military actions, which are harming India's interests.

Addressing a press conference at CPI district office in Hanamkonda, Narayana criticized the policies of U.S. President Donald Trump, alleging they have disrupted fuel supplies and adversely affected India's agricultural exports, including fruits, vegetables and rice. He said the fallout has triggered price rise, worsening the burden on common people.

He also took aim at the Centre's diplomatic approach, accusing Modi of not engaging directly with nations involved in conflicts, while holding talks with countries like Iran, which is inappropriate. He pointed out that millions of people across all 50 states in the United States are pro-



testing against Trump, yet Modi remains passive and ineffective.

Besides, Narayana criticized Union Home Minister Amit Shah for alleged remarks against communists and Maoists, asserting that the Communist Party played a key role in India's freedom struggle. Referring to revolutionary balladeer Gaddar, he questioned the Centre's stance, highlighting contradictions in statements by top leaders.

He alleged that the surrendered Maoists are be-

ing denied dignity and freedom, and demanded they be allowed to live peacefully and integrate into democratic society. Narayana reiterated that it was the CPI that first advocated for Maoists to join the democratic mainstream and had called for a ceasefire and suspension of operations like "Operation Kagar." He appealed to former Maoists not to join 'bourgeois parties', but instead become part of the Left movement, noting that they have sacrificed nearly

40 years of their lives.

On social issues, Narayana opposed the denial of Scheduled Caste status to Dalit Christians, stating caste identity does not change with religion. He also criticized the Centre's SIR initiative, alleging it undermines the federal structure.

CPI state assistant secretary Takkallapalli Srinivasa Rao, district secretary Karre Bikshapathi, state executive member Nedunuri Jyothi and others were present at the press conference.

KISHAN REDDY WRITES OPEN LETTER TO KERALA VOTERS, TARGETS CONG

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has penned an open letter to the voters in Kerala, urging them to support the BJP-led NDA in upcoming Assembly elections. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of making "misleading claims" during his recent Kerala visit and alleged that the Congress government in Telangana has failed to deliver on its promises. Reddy stated that the Congress party ascended to power in Telangana on the strength of "6 Guarantees" and "420 Promises" made to women, the youth, and the underprivileged sections of society, but failed to implement them. He listed the unfulfilled assurances, including financial aid to farmers, loan waivers and MSP hikes, Rs.2,500 monthly assistance under Mahalakshmi scheme, two lakh jobs and job calendar, pension hikes and unemployment allowance etc. He further alleged rising state debt and criticized governance, calling Telangana's situation a "cautionary tale." Appealing to voters, he said only the NDA under Prime Minister Narendra Modi can ensure development and good governance.



CPI SLAMS CM REVANTH, SEEKS CLARITY ON 'UNFULFILLED PROMISES'

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

CPI National Secretary K. Ramakrishna on Friday demanded that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy explain the status of election promises, alleging that most commitments remain unfulfilled. He, talking to newsmen, criticized the CM's recent remarks in Kerala claiming successful implementation of "six guarantees", calling them misleading. Ramakrishna accused the government of failing to deliver on key assurances, including farm loan waiver, job calendar, RTC merger, enhanced pensions, and welfare schemes like Mahalakshmi and Rythu Bharosa. He also alleged that promises such as Rs.500 gas cylinders, Rs.2,500 monthly aid to women, and land allocation to Telangana activists have not been implemented. Calling the claims "false propaganda", the CPI leader urged the Chief Minister to clarify achievements directly to CPI and CPM leaders as well as to the people of Telangana rather than making statements outside the state.

6 students fall ill after breakfast at Asifabad tribal welfare hostel

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 3 :

Six students became unwell following breakfast at a hostel affiliated with the Tribal Welfare department in an Ashram school located in Yellur village, within the Penchikalpet mandal of Kumram Bheem Asifabad district on Friday. According to officials, the affected students-Shashi, Anjana, Karthik, and Johnson from Class X; Suresh from Class IX; and Sammaiah from Class VII-began experiencing symptoms of vomiting after their meal at approximately 10:30 AM. They were promptly transported to a hospital in Kagaznagar, where their medical condition is reported to be stable, and they are currently under medical observation. Students at the institution have raised concerns regarding the inadequate quality of food served at the hostel. They have appealed to the authorities to implement measures that ensure adherence to the quality standards outlined in the government-approved menu. Furthermore, they have alleged that the school administration has exhibited negligence in managing the hostel's operations.

Jagan not able to digest Amaravati gaining legal backing: JSP

Anantapur: Apr 3
Leaders of the Jana Sena Party on Thursday welcomed the reported move to grant legal status to Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, while launching sharp criticism against YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Addressing a press conference, district president and AHUDA Chairman TC Varun alleged that Reddy was unable to "accept the legal recognition of Amaravati" and accused the YSRCP of obstructing the State's development. He claimed that the people of Andhra Pradesh were expressing happiness over Amaravati's progress, while dissent was growing within the YSRCP. The Jana Sena leaders credited the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, and



Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for ensuring legal backing to Amaravati in Parliament. They also expressed gratitude to all political parties that supported the move. Varun praised Kalyan's administrative initiatives, particularly in strengthening the Panchayati Raj system, stating that officials themselves had acknowledged his commitment and governance. Jana Sena leaders, includ-

ing city president Podili Baburao and other district representatives, reiterated that Amaravati would remain the permanent capital of the State. They announced that celebrations would be held in Anantapur to mark the development and invited party workers, leaders, and the public to participate. Several party functionaries, including corporation directors and women members, were present at the event.

Celebrations Sweep Sarvepalli with Victory of Amaravati bill passage

Amid passage of the Amaravati bill in parliament, the celebrations begin across the State in Andhra Pradesh. A large rally organised by TDP supporters stretched from Sangam Road Centre to the Police Station in Prodalkuru, with tributes paid to statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Potti Sreeramulu. In Manubolu, a grand motorcycle rally was held, followed by homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue. Both Manubolu and Muthukur witnessed festive atmospheres, with big cakes cut at ZP High Schools. In Venkatachalam, a candlelight demonstration took place, while sweets were shared in Sarvepalli. Thotapalligudur also hosted a similar candlelight event. At Vikram Simhapuri University, celebrations reached new heights under Vice-Chancellor Professor Allam Srinivasa Rao. Festivities extended to Somireddy's



office in Vedayapalem and his residence in Allipuram, where lamps were lit by TDP leaders. In Sarvepalli, residents celebrated with fireworks, chanting slogans like "Jai Amaravati!" and "Jai Jai Amaravati!" The public believes the Central Government has given an official seal of approval to the "three capitals game," a move seen as fulfilling Telugu aspirations and a victory for the community. Everywhere, the atmosphere was filled with joy, with the entire Sarvepalli constituency immersed in celebrations.

Ichchapuram-Palasa Rail Link Shifted to Vizag Zone

Visakhapatnam, April 3: The railway section between Ichchapuram and Palasa has been officially brought under the Visakhapatnam-based South Coast Railway Zone, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu announced on 2 April. According to orders issued by the Railway Board, the stretch—previously under the Khurda Road Division of the East Coast Railway—has now been transferred to the jurisdiction of the South Coast Railway Zone headquartered in Visakhapatnam. The Minister described the move as a significant milestone for Srikakulam district, the wider North Andhra region, and the state of Andhra Pradesh. Rammohan Naidu said the



development marked a long-awaited achievement for the people of North Andhra, who have been advocating for a dedicated railway zone since the state's bifurcation. He noted that although the South Coast Railway Zone had already been

established, the exclusion of the Ichchapuram-Palasa section had remained a concern. He added that he had raised the issue on multiple occasions with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, stressing that bringing the section under

SKU VC visits Sri Sai campus in Gooty



Anantapur: Apr 3
Gooty: The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Sri Krishna Deva Raya University, Prof Dr Jyothi Kumar, visited the Sri Sai Campus in Gooty. On this occasion, he inspected Sri Sai Degree College and PRR MBA College. During his visit, the Vice-Chancellor interacted with students and faculty members, providing valuable insights on the skills required to secure jobs in today's competitive world and how to adapt to emerging technologies. He also shared his experiences on how economically disadvantaged students can achieve higher goals through hard work

and determination. Recalling his own student life experiences from nearly 40 years ago, he inspired the students with motivating thoughts. Later, as per the instructions of the Chairman of Sri Balaji Educational Society, Dr Palle Krishna Kishore, the Vice-Chancellor was honored with a grand felicitation. The programme was attended by Campus CEO Sri Srimamulu, Degree College Principal Dr Venkateswarlu, PRR MBA College Principal Dr M Prasanna Kumar, Campus Placement Officer D Baba Fakruddin, along with teaching and non-teaching staff.

Three Killed after bus collides motorcycle in Anakapalli

Three young men were killed in a road accident that occurred around midnight in Anakapalli district, police said. The incident took place at approximately 12:00 am at Pothireddypalem junction in Yelamanchili Mandal, when a private travel bus collided with a two-wheeler. Two of the victims died at the scene, while the third succumbed to his injuries while being taken to Anakapalli for treatment. The deceased have been identified as Bangaru Nani (24), Govindu (25), and Bangari Durgaprasad (16). While Nani and Govindu were residents of Purushothapuram village, Durgaprasad hailed from Pothireddypalem village. According to police, two of the victims were employed as painters, while the third was a student. A case has been registered, and an investigation is under way. The families of the deceased have been informed, and the bodies have been shifted to a government hospital for post-mortem examination.

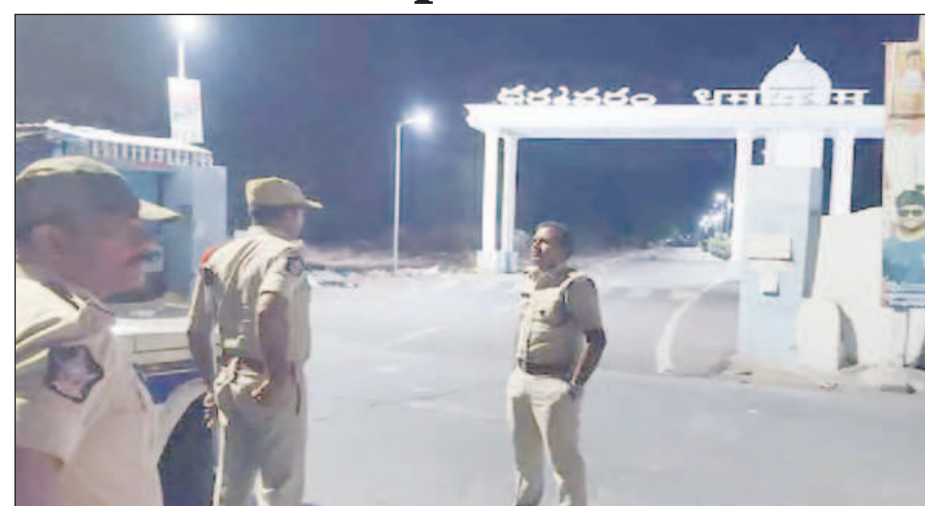
Minister Keshav conducts 'Prajadarbar'



Anantapur: Apr 3
Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav on Thursday conducted a 'Prajadarbar' at his camp office in Ram Nagar, Anantapur, to directly receive grievances from the public. During the programme, citizens and local leaders submitted petitions highlighting various issues. The Minister assured that all representations would be addressed promptly and necessary action would be taken without delay. Speaking on the occasion, Keshav stated that the State government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N

Chandrababu Naidu, is giving top priority to resolving public grievances. He emphasised that development and welfare are the two key pillars of the government's governance approach. He further noted that the government is committed to delivering welfare schemes to all eligible beneficiaries while simultaneously undertaking development initiatives to steer the State towards progress. The Minister personally received petitions from people arriving from different parts of the district and directed officials to take immediate steps to resolve their concerns.

SP inspects Dharmavaram Sub-Division police station



Dharmavaram: District Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar conducted surprise midnight inspections across Dharmavaram Sub-Division, covering One Town, Two Town, Mudigubba UPS, and Dharmavaram Rural police stations. During the inspections, the SP reviewed night patrolling arrangements and staff deployment in Dharmavaram, Mudigubba, and Puttaparthi areas. He interacted with on-duty personnel and assessed their performance,

vigilance, and adherence to prescribed night security protocols. The SP verified the deployment of night staff, allocation of duties, effectiveness of patrolling and vehicle checks, and monitoring of suspicious persons using MSCD fingerprint devices. He also reviewed preventive measures in place to curb thefts and anti-social activities. Issuing directions to the police personnel, Satish Kumar instructed them to intensify night patrolling across all localities and maintain strict vigilance on

suspicious movements. He emphasised restricting unnecessary public movement during late-night hours and strengthening surveillance through drones and other modern technologies. He also directed beat constables to remain alert, particularly in sensitive areas. Highlighting the importance of crime prevention and public safety, the SP stated that such surprise inspections would be conducted regularly to ensure effective policing and instil a sense of security among the public.

Illegal sand mining in Tungabhadra raises alarm over Bridge safety and looming drinking water crisis



Kurnool, April 3: Large-scale illegal sand excavation in the Tungabhadra River has triggered serious concern among residents of Kurnool district, as hundreds of tractors are reportedly being used to extract sand unchecked. The activity is taking place dangerously close to the National Highway 44 bridge, a critical roadway connecting Kashmir to Kanyakumari, raising fears of structural damage and long-term consequences. Eyewitnesses state that the sand mining operations continue openly near the bridge, posing a direct threat to its stability. Experts warn that excessive removal of riverbed sand can weaken the foundation of bridges, increasing the risk of erosion and potential collapse. Given the strategic importance of NH-44 as one of India's longest highways, any damage to the bridge could disrupt national connectivity and lead to severe economic and logistical setbacks. Despite widespread awareness, officials from the police, revenue, and mines and geology departments are alleged to be turning a blind

eye to these illegal activities. Citizens have expressed frustration over the apparent inaction, accusing authorities of negligence and failure to enforce laws designed to protect natural resources and public infrastructure. The environmental impact has reached an alarming stage as the water flow in the Tungabhadra River has reportedly come to a complete standstill in certain stretches due to excessive sand removal. With peak summer yet to arrive, residents fear that the situation could worsen significantly. The stagnation of water not only affects the ecological balance but also raises serious concerns about the availability and quality of drinking water. The Tungabhadra River remains the primary source of drinking water for lakhs in Kurnool district, and the ongoing illegal excavation threatens to trigger a severe water crisis in the coming months. Citizens and environmental activists are now urging authorities to take immediate and stringent action, warning that any further delay could endanger both public safety and essential water resources.

State Library Director Krishnamohan Visits District Library

Kakinada, April 3: State Public Libraries Department Director A. Krishnamohan visited the United East Godavari District Library on Friday. He was warmly welcomed by the library staff in the presence of District Library Organization Chairman Bhupathi Raju Eswar Raju Varma (Saibaba Raju). During his visit, Krishnamohan thoroughly inspected the library premises. Officials brought to his notice the need for repairs to the library building, to which he responded positively and assured that the matter would be taken up with the concerned minister. He also stated that efforts



would be made soon to ensure all libraries in the United East Godavari district provide a pleasant and reader-friendly environment. Chairman Eswar Raju Varma explained the various issues currently faced by libraries in the district. Responding promptly, Krishnamohan assured

him that all concerns would be taken up with the concerned authorities and necessary steps would be initiated for their early resolution. District Library Organization Secretary P. Nagaraju, M. Sravya, Kishore, Sai, and others were present during the visit.

Two Minors Killed in Highway Crash in Tiruvuru

A tragic road accident claimed the lives of two minors and left three others seriously injured early on Friday morning at Lakshmiapuram in Tiruvuru Rural Mandal. According to police, an unidentified lorry struck five minors who had been travelling on a single motorcycle along National Highway 216H. The incident occurred when the group, returning from catering work in Nuzvid, had stopped near Lakshmiapuram to drop one of their companions at his home. While they were standing by the roadside, the lorry reportedly hit them from behind with considerable force. Two minors—Nakka Eshwar (16) and Modugu Sunny (17)—died instantly at the

scene. The severity of the impact left the bodies badly mutilated, creating a distressing scene in the locality. Three others sustained serious injuries in the accident. They were identified as Daida Venkateswara Rao (16), Dharavathu Ram Charan (17), and Balamarthi Charan Tej (17). All were initially rushed to a nearby hospital, with Charan Tej later shifted to Vijayawada for advanced treatment due to his critical condition. Circle Inspector K. Giribabu reached the scene soon after being alerted and initiated an investigation. Police have registered a case and shifted the bodies of the deceased to Tiruvuru hospital for post-mortem examination.

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The Squeeze

India's economic story has long rested on a simple promise: study hard, secure a stable job, and enter the middle class. That compact is now quietly breaking down, not at the margins, but at the very centre of the economy. For decades, policymakers ~ from the University Grants Commission to reform-era planners ~ expanded higher education on the assumption that skills would translate into upward mobility. And for a time, that assumption held. The rise of the IT and services economy, championed by bodies like NASSCOM, created a pipeline from degree to desk job. But the structure that sustained this pathway is weakening from both ends.

At the entry level, the number of graduates far exceeds the availability of quality jobs. At the top, the nature of those jobs is changing. Automation first hollowed out clerical and mid-skill roles; now artificial intelligence is beginning to compress even higher-end white-collar work. What was once considered secure employment ~ IT services, customer support, back-office processing ~ is becoming leaner, faster, and far less labour-intensive. The result is not just unemployment. It is something subtler and more destabilising: employment that no longer delivers economic security. Even those who find work are discovering that income growth has failed to keep pace with the cost of living. Housing, healthcare, education, and everyday consumption are rising at rates that outstrip wage increments. The middle-class household, once defined by modest surplus and incremental asset-building, is increasingly operating on a knife edge. This gap is being filled, not by productivity gains, but by borrowing.

Personal credit is no longer confined to aspirational spending; it is financing essentials. A growing share of household income is committed to servicing debt, leaving little room for savings or investment. The middle class is not accumulating capital; it is preserving liquidity. This shift has consequences that extend beyond individual distress. India's post-liberalisation growth model relies heavily on consumption, which accounts for roughly 60 per cent of GDP. When the middle class, its primary engine, begins to pull back, the effects ripple outward. Slower demand translates into weaker business expansion, which in turn feeds back into job creation. What emerges is a feedback loop: fragile jobs produce fragile incomes; fragile incomes suppress demand; weak demand limits the creation of better jobs. Economists from Joan Robinson onward have warned that employment quality matters as much as employment quantity.

India now confronts that reality at scale. The issue is no longer whether jobs exist, but whether they can sustain the economic role assigned to them. The deeper risk is not immediate collapse, but gradual erosion. An economy can withstand inequality; it struggles to function when its core consumers lose purchasing power and confidence simultaneously. India's challenge, therefore, is no longer confined to job creation. It is about restoring the link between work and stability. Without that, the aspiration that has driven three decades of growth may begin to unravel, quietly, but decisively

Threatened by memories, the world choose to forget

As a struggling filmmaker, I find myself watching the world with a kind of discipline d distance ; absorbing, observing, feeling deeply, and yet withholding any public articulation of what it all might mean about us, about the state of our civilization, and about the state of love that we, as humans, spend our lives chasing. But some time ago, I watched a video of Sonam Wangchuk speaking after his release from detention, and that distance quietly collapsed.

What I saw was not an activist, not a figure of resistance, but a human being carrying the visible weight of care. His face was drawn, marked by fatigue; there was a faint, almost fragile smile, the kind that seems less an expression of ease and more an act of endurance. I could see a thousand quiet wounds etched across his face. And yet, there was dignity, an unbroken composure that did not harden into hate, nor dissolve into despair. He spoke gently, almost tenderly, as though the very thing he was fighting for, his mountains, his home, still required softness to be protected. What stayed with me was not what he said, but how he remained: unbitter, without rage, still capable of care and love. It is difficult to understand how someone can move through such strain and not be altered into something unrecognizable to love. And perhaps that is where the unease begins, not in his suffering, but in ours. In how easily we receive such moments, process them, and move on, as though they belong to the ordinary rhythm of things.

As though this quiet erosion of the human spirit, this demand that love must endure struggle to justify itself, is somehow normal. His suffering did not turn into hatred; it remained, stubbornly, a form of love. And in that persistence, something about the rest of us, our ease with forgetting, our fluency in indifference, the quiet coldness of the human heart feels far more unsettling. Why is it that those who love hardest, feel deepest, think most clearly and remember, like elephants, with a quiet and unrelenting fidelity are the ones the world turns against? They are the ones who are made to suffer, to be broken, to be silenced, jailed, even erased.

As though memory itself were a threat, and love, when it refuses to fade, becomes something the world must discipline, its hunger to possess, to command; because a world that can inflict and endure violence often cannot bear the persistence of memory, nor the clarity of those who refuse to forget. Orhan Pamuk is someone who has a deep love affair with his city, Istanbul; his words carry the power of visuals. He has captured memories and emotions of himself and of his city and his people in ways no historian ever could, not just recording the past but inhabiting it. There is something quietly disconcerting about a novelist needing protection. Pamuk was not inciting violence; he was naming it, speaking about histories his country preferred to leave unspoken.

And yet, words were enough to endanger him, to require a body-

guard. It suggests that even language that preserves the past, when it carries the truth of memories, can become a threat in a world that depends on forgetting. It isn't that the world has suddenly turned against memory; what is more unnerving is that, even after extraordinary leaps in science and technology, even as we now build systems of artificial intelligence that can store, process, and simulate vast realms of human knowledge we have barely begun to understand love. We remain uncertain about something far more immediate: how to let another human being live, love, and remember in their own way.

The arc of human evolution appears advanced on the surface, but emotionally and ethically, we circle the same unresolved questions. What happened to Socrates, the silencing of a voice that challenged his time, repeats itself in different forms across generations. It is one of our greatest failures as human beings that a profound artist like Ai Weiwei could be detained for 81 days, not for violence, but for remembering too precisely, for insisting that memory must remain visible. His work does not merely express; it preserves, it records, it refuses disappearance. In giving form to loss, to absence, to lives that might otherwise dissolve into statistics, he turns art into a kind of moral archive. And that is where the discomfort begins.

Because a world that is both comfortable and complicit in wars and human suffering at a



distance begins to resist when memory becomes specific, too close; when it acquires names, faces, and permanence. His art is not loud, it does not argue, it remembers. And in doing so, it denies the world its most convenient escape: forgetting. Perhaps that is why such acts are met not with dialogue, but with containment. Because when memory is held with care, when it is shaped by love and carried into the public realm, it begins to unsettle the very structures that depend on erasure. And so the punishment is not just of the individual, but of what they represent; a refusal to look away and feel nothing. I might sound cynical, but that day may not be far away when the same impulses that drive wars and concentrate power will begin to shape not just the world we inhabit, but the reality we are allowed to remember.

We already live within architectures of algorithms that decide what is seen, what is amplified, what quietly disappears. It is not difficult to imagine a future that resembles the controlled world of Severance or the constructed

consciousness of Westworld. And yet, for all our technological advancement, there remains one limit we have not fully surpassed: we cannot yet erase memory at will. Perhaps that is why, in its absence, the world continues to rely on more visible forms of erasure ~ containment, isolation, slow psychological attrition. What happened to Julian Assange was not just punishment; it was an attempt to exhaust memory itself. To confine a body long enough that the mind begins to dim, that clarity becomes fatigue, that truth becomes too heavy to carry and finally pain engulfs the human. And that may be the most unnerving truth of all: when memory cannot be erased, it is made to suffer until it begins to fade; and then, like Yayoi Kusama, we retreat into an asylum and keep making art just to hold on to ourselves, not because we are broken, but because the world outside is, where those who feel and remember are ostracized, and those who do not are left to rule.

War without mandate places world in peril

The United States now finds itself drawn into yet another conflict in the Middle East, one whose origins are as troubling as its consequences are far-reaching. The decision to wage war against Iran raises profound concerns about legality, prudence, and responsibility. At its core lies an uncomfortable reality: this is a war under taken without an imminent threat, without congressional sanction, and without a clearly defined objective. For a nation that prides itself on constitutional governance, the sidelining of Congress in matters of war is deeply unsettling.

The framers of the Constitution vested in the legislature the authority to declare war precisely to prevent unilateral executive action of this nature. When that safeguard is ignored, the implications extend far beyond procedure. They speak to a deeper erosion of democratic norms. Equally troubling is the absence of compelling evidence that Iran posed an immediate danger to the United States. Nor was there conclusive proof of an operational nuclear capability that might justify preemptive action. In the absence of such justification, the war appears less a necessity than a choice ~ one shaped by external pressures and strategic alignments rather than sober assessment. The lack of clarity surrounding the objectives of this conflict only compounds the problem.

Is the aim to weaken Iran's regime, to secure energy routes, or to reassert regional dominance? Without a clearly articulated goal, military engagement risks becoming an open-ended commitment. History has shown that such ambiguity often leads to mission creep, mounting costs, and diminishing returns. Those costs are already staggering. The war is reportedly draining billions of dollars each day from American coffers. This is occurring at a time when domestic priorities ~ from infrastructure to healthcare ~ remain underfunded. The burden on taxpayers is immense, and the justification increasingly tenuous. Beyond its domestic impact, the war has triggered a cascade of global consequences. Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted one of the world's most critical energy corridors. The resulting shortages of oil and gas have reverberated across continents, unsettling economies and deepening existing vulnerabilities. The effects are particularly severe in developing countries. Nations across South and Southeast Asia are grappling with rising energy costs, supply disruptions, and economic instability. Businesses are shutting down, industries are slowing, and unemployment is rising. What began as a regional conflict is rapidly evolving into a global economic crisis. The repercussions are being



felt in the United States as well. Financial markets have reacted sharply to uncertainty, and rising fuel prices are affecting everyday life. Inflationary pressures are intensifying, eroding purchasing power and straining household budgets. The economic ripple effects of this war are proving both immediate and enduring. Even more alarming is the escalation now underway. The decision to deploy ground troops to seize key oil infrastructure represents a dangerous turning point. Military experts have long warned that introducing troops on the ground in such a volatile environment can transform a limited engagement into a prolonged and costly conflict. The shadow of past misadventures looms large. Conflicts that began with confidence and limited aims have often descended into protracted struggles with

heavy human and material costs. The lessons of history are clear, yet they appear to be going unheeded. Compounding these concerns is the lack of clarity in official communication. Instead of transparency, there have been shifting narratives and premature claims of progress. Such inconsistencies erode public trust and undermine the credibility of leadership at a critical moment. Leadership in times of crisis demands more than resolve; it requires judgment and humility. It calls for the willingness to reassess decisions and to acknowledge missteps.

Pride and inflexibility can turn difficult situations into irreversible ones. The current trajectory of the conflict suggests a deepening quagmire. Each escalation narrows the path to resolution and increases the risks involved. The longer the war continues, the greater the toll ~ on lives, on economies,

and on the stability of an already fragile world order. There is, however, an alternative. Diplomacy, often dismissed as a sign of weakness, remains the most viable path forward. It offers the possibility of de-escalation, of negotiated settlement, and of restoring a measure of stability. Engaging in dialogue does not diminish strength; it reflects a mature understanding of the complexities of conflict. The United States has, in the past, demonstrated its capacity for such leadership. It has helped broker peace, build coalitions, and navigate crises through negotiation rather than force. That tradition must now be revived.

Ending this war will not be easy. It will require difficult conversations, concessions, and a willingness to rethink entrenched positions. But the alternative ~ a prolonged and expanding conflict ~ carries far greater risks. The responsibility now rests with the American president. The moment calls for statesmanship of a high order: the courage to step back, to reassess, and to pursue peace with sincerity and resolve. The world is watching, and the stakes could not be higher. History will judge this moment not only by how the war was waged, but by how it was ended. There is still time to choose a different course ~ one guided not by force, but by wisdom.

The mint drink.. for perfect digestion and instant relief

Acharya Balkrishna suggests a simple glass of mint water with lemon and black salt to calm an upset stomach. This natural Ayurvedic drink may help with bloating, gas, indigestion, and even mild IBS symptoms.

If your stomach is giving you trouble after meals, you might want to check your kitchen before running to the pharmacy. Turns out, the humble mint leaf could be your new digestive BFF. Yes, the same fresh green leaves you toss into your chai or garnish your salad with could help soothe your tummy like a pro.

Ayurveda expert Acharya Balkrishna recently shared a super-easy remedy on Facebook that's creating a buzz online. Here's the recipe: take 8-10 fresh mint leaves, crush them, and mix in a glass of water.



Squeeze in half a lemon and sprinkle a pinch of black salt. Drink it slowly.

According to Acharya Balkrishna, this simple drink can improve poor digestion, calm an upset stomach, and even reduce bloating and gas. The combination of mint, lemon, and black salt is thought

to stimulate your digestive system and balance your gut naturally.

Peppermint for IBS? Science gives a nod. If you've ever struggled with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), which often brings stomach pain, gas, bloating, and irregular bowel habits, mint might help

here too. Research shows that peppermint oil, a concentrated form of the herb, contains menthol, which relaxes the muscles of the digestive tract. This can ease IBS symptoms.

A 2014 review of nine studies including over 700 IBS patients found that peppermint oil capsules significantly improved symptoms compared to a placebo. However, a 2021 study suggested that while peppermint oil might help, more rigorous research is needed to confirm its effects.

Most studies used peppermint oil capsules, not fresh leaves, so the effectiveness of mint water may vary. But it doesn't hurt to try!

Mint for everyday indigestion. Even if IBS isn't your issue, mint could still help with common indigestion, you know,

when food sits too long in your stomach and makes you feel heavy, bloated, or gassy.

Studies suggest peppermint oil can help food move faster through the stomach, reducing discomfort.

Again, most research focuses on peppermint oil rather than raw leaves, but a fresh mint drink is a gentle, natural approach that many people swear by.

How to make the most of your mint

~ Use fresh leaves: Crushing them releases natural oils.

~ Add lemon and black salt: Helps stimulate digestion and balance acidity.

~ Drink it slowly: Let your tummy absorb the benefits.

~ Try consistently: Regular use may help prevent bloating and digestive discomfort over time.

US embassy warns of Iran-linked attacks in Baghdad within 48 hours, tells Americans: 'Leave now'

Washington, Apr 3: A former US military veteran has been accused of carrying out assassinations for the United Arab Emirates and has made millions of dollars in the process, according to a report by the Associated Press.

According to Anssaf Ali Mayo, a Yemeni lawmaker, Abraham Golan was hired as a mercenary to kill him back in 2015. He said it was part of a larger effort by the UAE to eliminate people who opposed them politically.

The court documents state that Golan started a private military contracting firm called Spear Operations group in San Diego along with a former Navy SEAL, Issac Gilmore. Many of their employees were former US special forces operators.

The lawsuit claims that they reached an agreement with the UAE to carry out "targeted assassinations" on behalf of the Emirates and were allegedly getting paid \$1.5 million per month along with bonuses for successful killings in Yemen. However, Mayo has only accused two military veterans and the founder of Spear Operations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and an attempted extrajudicial killing. Golan, Gilmore and another US Army Special Forces member Dale Comstock have admitted to their roles in the assassination campaign and including the attempt to kill Mayo.

"There was a targeted assassination program in Yemen," Golan told



Buzzfeed in 2018. "I was running it. We did it. It was sanctioned by the UAE within the coalition."

Although the UAE has acknowledged supporting counterterrorism efforts in Yemen, it denies ever targeting political figures there.

Although Mayo is not a US resident, a US law called the Alien Tort Statute allows foreigners to sue in American courts when international law has been violated.

Daniel McLaughlin, legal director at the Center for Justice & Accountability, stated that this lawsuit underscores the need to hold former US military members accountable for illegal actions.

"Our government has a duty to regulate how former members of our military use their training and know-how, and a responsibility to hold them accountable when they break the law," he said in a statement.

In 2015, the UAE joined a regional coalition, backed by the United States, to intervene in Yemen's civil war, which had erupted after

Iranian-backed Houthi rebels took over the capital, Sanaa, and large parts of northern Yemen.

The contractors have openly discussed the mercenary mission in media interviews, revealing that their target was Mayo, the local leader of an Islamist group called Al-Islah. While the UAE classifies Al-Islah as a terrorist organisation, many experts argue that it is simply a legitimate political party that has openly criticised the UAE's agenda in Yemen.

On December 29, 2015, Mayo claims that a contractor named Spear planted explosives inside his office building in the southern city of Aden. Mayo narrowly escaped, fleeing the building just minutes before it blew up. Fearing for his life, he later left Yemen and took refuge in Saudi Arabia.

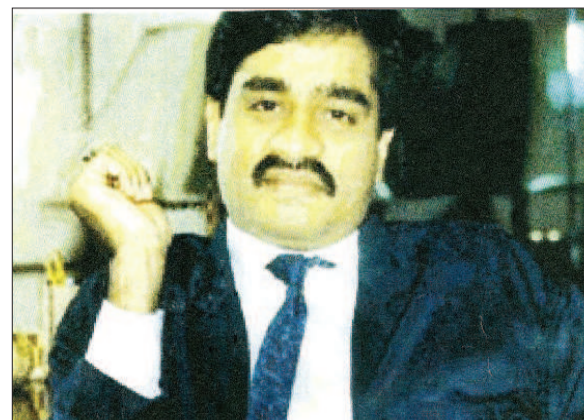
"Spear tried to assassinate me ten years ago. I survived but have been forced to live in exile separated from my family," Mayo said in a statement.

Succession battle in D-Company: ISI orchestrates power balance amid Dawood's ill-health

New Delhi, April 3 : Dawood Ibrahim is back in the news following the release of Dhurandhar: The Revenge. Dawood is shown as a bedridden man, and this is contrary to the scores of images that one gets to see in which the 1993 blasts accused is shown as a young man.

For the ISI, Dawood is a massive asset as he controls both the narcotics and fake currency syndicates. While both these businesses are thriving even today, the fact is that the ISI had to step in a couple of years to prevent the syndicate from splitting into two.

An official said that a rift had developed within the syndicate as to who would head it, owing to Dawood's poor health. Dawood Ibrahim, who largely stays indoors, is not in the best of health, due to which he cannot oversee the business. The ISI and the syndicate have managed to keep Dawood's health-related issues under wraps for long as they do not want the members to get demoralised.



With Dawood largely out of action, the battle for succession was between his very close aide Chhota Shakeel and the family members comprising his brother, son, wife and son-in-law. The ISI realised that sorting out the succession battle was important as it could not afford a split in the Dawood syndicate. For the ISI, it is about the funds that it gets from this syndicate, which in turn is used entirely to fund terror activities against India.

When Dawood fled India and sought shelter in Pakistan, he had to strike a deal with the Pakistani agencies. The ISI realised that Dawood was desper-

ate for cover and also wanted his narcotics trade to run hassle-free. Almost all the drugs that Dawood smuggles are routed through Pakistan, and the ISI had threatened to block this route.

The deal that was finally struck was that Dawood would cough up 40 per cent of the income that he generated from trading in narcotics and also by circulating fake Indian currency. That arrangement continues to date, and the ISI uses all these funds to run its terror outfits aimed at striking on Indian soil. A split in the syndicate meant that the ISI would not get these funds.

Moreover, a broken syndi-

cate would never have functioned the way it does today. There are four key players in the Dawood syndicate. They are his brother Anees Ibrahim, trusted aide Shakeel, son-in-law Junaid Miandad and son, Moon Nawaz. Among them, Shakeel is the most important player as he single-handedly oversees operations in India. Losing him meant losing the Indian market. Moreover, all the players in India look up to Shakeel as their boss. The family, however, insisted someone from them should head the syndicate. The ISI managed to get them together and handed out individual roles. It today runs more as a corporate firm, with Shakeel heading the India operations and Anees looking after the overseas business. It was also decided that Junaid, who is known for his business acumen, would handle the finances. Dawood's wife, Mahjabeen, had, however, wanted her son, Moeen, to head the empire. However, he is considered to be too soft and focuses more on religious affairs.

Iran-Israel War: Iran warns UN security council against 'provocative action on Hormuz'

Tehran, April 3: Iran warned the UN Security Council against any "provocative action", ahead of a scheduled vote on a draft resolution on the Strait of Hormuz that ended up being postponed.

"Any provocative action by the aggressors and their supporters, including in the UN Security Council regarding the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, will only complicate the situation," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said. Mr. Araghchi was speaking ahead of a scheduled Security Council vote on a draft resolution mandating a force to protect shipping through the Strait of Hormuz Friday (April 3, 2026).

It was later announced that the vote was postponed, with no new date scheduled.

The Strait of Hormuz, a shipping lane vital to global energy flows, has been all but shut since the United States and Israel launched strikes against Iran on February 28.



The 15-member body was set to vote on a draft resolution brought by Bahrain on authorising the use of "defensive" force to protect shipping in Hormuz from Iranian attacks, according to the official programme.

The draft resolution was backed by the U.S. and the Gulf countries hardest hit by the virtual blockade, but member states including Russia, China and France had objected to earlier drafts.

'This is not our war': Starmer says UK will not be drawn into Iran conflict as Trump threatens NATO exit

The British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Wednesday reiterated that the United Kingdom will not be drawn into the ongoing US-Iran conflict, saying "this is not our war" and joining it "is not in our national interest". Addressing concerns over the impact of the conflict, Starmer said that the most effective way to support the cost of living in Britain is "to push for de-escalation in the Middle East, and a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, which is such a vital route for energy." He further stressed that the UK is exploring each and every diplomatic avenue available to restore "freedom of navigation, guarantee the safety of trapped ships and seafarers, and resume the movement of vital commodities." His remarks came amid US President Donald Trump's threat



to pull his country out of the NATO alliance over Iran war differences. According to The Telegraph, Trump

said he is "seriously considering" pulling out of the 32-member security alliance after they refused to join his war against Iran.

Trump again called the alliance a "paper tiger" and added that the US membership of the defence treaty was "beyond reconsideration". "I was never swayed by NATO.

I always knew they were a paper tiger, and Putin knows that too, by the way," the UK English daily quoted Trump as saying. Trump had called upon NATO allies and other countries dependent on the Strait of Hormuz to join the US efforts to reopen the chokepoint waterway. However, none responded positively and refused to be drawn into an active conflict.

Rights body slams Pakistan fuel price hike amid surging inflation

Islamabad, April 3: Pakistan's Human Rights Council (HRC) on Friday strongly criticised the government's steep increase in petrol and diesel prices, warning that the move would further burden citizens already grappling with rising inflation and economic hardship.

According to the rights body, the decision to take petroleum products to their historical highest levels comes at a time when the public is already grappling with severe inflation and economic pressure, raising fears that the purchasing power of ordinary citizens would be further eroded.

The remarks came after the Pakistan government announced a sharp increase in fuel prices, with petrol rising by 43 per cent and high-speed



diesel (HSD) by 55 per cent, according to local media reports.

The price of petrol has been raised by Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 137.23 per litre from PKR 321.17 to PKR 458.41, while the price of HSD has been increased by PKR 184.49 per litre from PKR 335.86 to PKR 520.35. The

price of kerosene has been raised by PKR 34.08 to PKR 457.80, Pakistan's leading daily Dawn reported.

Expressing concerns, the HRC of Pakistan said that "using regional or global tensions as a basis for an extraordinary price hike does not provide adequate justification, particularly in the context where oil

supplies in the global market have not been completely disrupted, and the country has access to alternative energy sources."

It noted that an increase of this magnitude of petroleum products across Pakistan does not appear to align with the requirements of policy transparency and public interest.

"This measure will not only further intensify inflationary pressures but will also directly affect the daily lives of the common man through additional burdens in the transport, essential goods, and services sectors, which negatively impact basic human rights, especially the right to a dignified standard of living," the rights body stressed.

The HRC of Pakistan called on the government to urgently

US bill targets permanent Moon outpost by 2030

Washington, April 3 : A US Congressman introduced legislation directing NASA to establish the first elements of a permanent lunar outpost by 2030, asserting that the move is critical to sustaining American leadership in space amid rising competition from China.

Congressman Keith Self unveiled the bill a day after the Artemis II mission lifted off, marking the first crewed flight to lunar orbit in over five decades. The proposal seeks to amend existing US space law and sets a deadline of December 31, 2030, for the initial outpost.

"Last night, America reminded the world that we are the greatest spacefaring nation on earth," Self said. "But a victory lap is not a strategy. If we are serious about maintaining American leadership in space, we need boots on



the Moon. Permanently. That is what this legislation demands."

The bill directs the NASA Administrator to establish the initial infrastructure at the Moon's south pole. The region is considered strategically important due to the presence of water ice, which can be converted into rocket fuel, and deposits

of helium-3 and rare earth elements. Self described the lunar effort as an economic as well as strategic imperative. "The Moon is not just a destination. It is the foundation for an entirely new American industrial frontier," he said. "Lunar resources will drive the next generation of space manufacturing, mining, and construction."

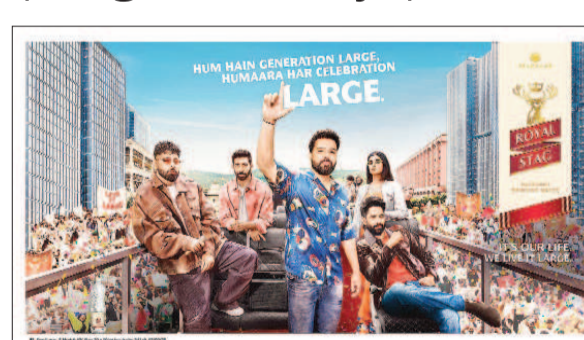
The legislation comes amid intensifying competition with China National Space Administration, which has publicly outlined plans to establish a lunar research station in the same region before the end of the decade.

"The CCP is not a partner in space. They are a competitor, and they are playing to win," Self said. "International law on lunar resources is unsettled. The nation that physically establishes a presence on the surface will define the rules for everyone else."

Seagram's Royal Stag Packaged Drinking Water Launches Its New 'Live It Large' Campaign Featuring Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Badshah, Sidharth Malhotra, Naga Chaitanya, and Punal Dhare

Visakhapatnam, April 3: Seagram's Royal Stag Packaged Drinking Water announced the launch of its new brand campaign, Live It Large. Marking a significant evolution in the brand's journey, this campaign brings alive the fearless and expressive attitude of today's generation - Generation Large - that strives to re-define the paths to success. Featuring an eclectic mix of icons across genres - Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Badshah, Sidharth Malhotra, Naga Chaitanya, and Punal Dhare, each exemplifying the fearless attitude and confident spirit of the brand's Live It Large philosophy.

Set in the 'Land of Large'-a vibrant celebration of modern India-the campaign film journeys across regions to showcase how every part of India Lives It Large through its own cultural lens: from the Tashan of North India to South's vibrant blend of tech and celebration, the music of the East, and the rustic vibrance of the West. Each moment embodies the bold belief that out here, large is the only way to live. The film captures the essence of modern India through a fresh, vibrant, and culturally nuanced lens, reinforcing Royal Stag's position as a brand that continues to inspire the nation to dream big and Live It Large. Through these diverse regional celebrations, the



campaign film brings to life the brand's ethos - "yahan, bus large chalta-hai!"-encapsulating the unstoppable energy and optimism of India's New Generation - Generation Large, where ambition takes many forms and success is no longer defined by a single path. Royal Stag reinforces its role as a catalyst for inspiration, encouraging millions to embrace who they are, where they come from, and the dreams they choose to chase.

Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard Indiashared "Royal Stag has always celebrated the spirit of dreaming, achieving, and Living It Large. With our new campaign, we are taking this philosophy a step further-capturing the energy, passion, and cultural vibrancy of today's Generation and embodies the ethos of this new generation, Generation Large. By bringing together six icons from different fields and regions, we're showing that Living It Large isn't about conforming to one definition-it's

about owning your journey. This campaign captures how every corner of India celebrates ambition through its own cultural lens. It will give further impetus to the brand's transformational journey as it transcends from being a category leader to a cultural icon continues to inspire India to think large, dream large, and Live It Large."

Actor Sidharth Malhotra expressed his excitement about the partnership, saying: "Royal Stag is all about what I believe in, the courage to try new things and the drive to Live It Large. It's more than a brand, it's an attitude that celebrates passion, ambition, and pushing yourself to the next level. I'm excited to be part of a journey that inspires people to dream bigger and live bolder."

Rapper Badshah shared, "Living large is all about owning who you are, unapologetically. Doesn't matter where you start from-what matters is the confidence and the hustle you carry. Royal Stag

stands for that same belief, and that's why I vibe with it. Together, we're here to celebrate individuality and push people to chase their journey, their way."

Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah, exclusively managed by RISE Worldwide, said, "To me, living large is about showing up fully every day - with discipline, belief through tough spells, and the joy of giving your all. Royal Stag's Live It Large campaign reflects that mindset - it's not just about big moments, but how you approach each one."

Actor Naga Chaitanya reflected on the collaboration: "Royal Stag is a brand that stays rooted in culture while constantly moving forward, and that's what makes it so relevant today. I truly connect with this philosophy, and I'm excited to be part of a brand that reflects these values and connects so meaningfully with today's youth."

Gamer Punal Dhare added: "Royal Stag embodies the fearless spirit that drives every passionate dreamer. For me, my passion has become my profession. I have broken barriers, challenged stereotypes and redefined success on my own terms. For me, living large is about seizing every opportunity, celebrating every milestone big or small. This is just the beginning of something extraordinary."

Raakaasa movie review

Cast - Sangeeth Sobhan, Nayan Sarika, Getup Srinu, Tanikella Bharani, Brahmaji, Ashish Vidyarthi, Vennela Kishore, Rajsekhar Aningi, Raadhya, Annapuramma, Rohan Roy and others

Director - Manasa Sharma
Producer - Niharika Konidela & Umesh Kumar Bansal
Banner - Pink Elephant Pictures & Zee Studios

Music - Anudeep Dev
After delivering a blockbuster with 'Committee Kurrollu' in 2024 as a producer, Niharika Konidela, teamed up with Sangeeth Sobhan and the debutant director, Manasa Sharma, for a comedy fantasy thriller film, Raakaasa. The film instantly raised expectations when it was announced, and its promotional content promised an intriguing theatrical experience. After aggressive promotion over the last few weeks, the team released the film in theatres today. Did Sangeeth Sobhan score yet another hit film after the super-successful 'Mad' and the moderately successful 'Mad Square'? Did Niharika Konidela, continue her success streak as a producer? Did the debutant director, Manasa Sharma, come up with an engaging film? How did Nayan Sarika, do in the female lead role? Did the comedy in the film have the potential to work out well with the audience this summer? Let's figure it out with a detailed analysis.

What is it about?

Eera Babu Aka Veeuru(Sangeeth Sobhan) returns to his village from the USA to marry his childhood girlfriend. But, immediately after arriving, he gets to know that she is getting married to someone else. After trying his best to break the marriage with no luck, Eera Babu, gets drunk and ends up dozing off all night at a deserted and haunted fort in the village. Why is a big fort in the village, deserted? Is there anyone living in the fort? What challenges did Eera Babu, face after dozing off all night near the fort? How did Eera Babu, chase the mystery around the fort and the people/person, living in the fort?

Performances: Sangeeth Sobhan did a very good job with his performance and comedy timing throughout the film. Especially, during the initial portions of the second half, his effortless timing and the expressions in close-up shots, were a treat to watch. However, he may



have to start doing films in multiple genres to avoid getting typecast in only comedy films. Nayan Sarika did an ok job as the lead actress. Raadhya did a cameo and she did an ok job with her performance. There's nothing much for both actresses to do in the roles that were not author-backed. Getup Srinu, got a full-length role and he managed to generate a few laughs with his usual timing and mimicking skills. Vennela Kishore generated a few laughs in the second half. The writing for Getup Srinu & Vennela Kishore characters was over the top but both the actors with their comedy timing, made the audience entertained at a few places.

Brahmaji was not utilised well. There was a lot of scope to generate good comedy on the character he played but the potential was left untapped due to the lacklustre writing. Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi and Annapuramma, made their presence felt in crucial roles.

Technicalities: Anudeep Dev's work as music director is one of the major let-downs. The film has four songs and all of them were below-par. Also, the background score for the film is too loud in many places. Editing by Anwar Ali, was alright. He ensured the film had a crisp runtime. Production design and art department deserve a special mention for a neatly designed fort set along with stunning set props during the 'adventure' episode in the second half.

Raju Edurolu's cinematography in the second half of the film is commendable. Production values by Pink Elephant Pictures were good. Let's discuss about the

writer and the director, Manasa Sharma's work in detail in the analysis space.

Positives:

- 1.? ?A Few Comedy Portions
- 2.? ?Sangeeth Sobhan's Performance
- 3.? ?Loud Background Score
- 4.? ?Not So Engaging First Half

Negatives:

- 1.? ?Lack of Novelty
 - 2.? ?Climax
 - 3.? ?Loud Background Score
 - 4.? ?Not So Engaging First Half
- Analysis:** When a young producer who previously produced critically acclaimed commercial success films like 'Committee Kurrollu', a young debutant director and a promising young hero in the lead role, team up for a fantasy comedy entertainer, the very least the audience expects from the film is a touch of freshness in writing and execution, isn't it? But, what we get to see in 'Raakaasa', is a beaten to death story line which resembles many films in the past, including the recently released, Shambala, and the execution which again resembles many films in the past, including Megastar Chiranjeevi's 'Anji(2004)'. The film has some comedy portions which brought a few laugh-out-loud moments, especially, a couple of comedy episodes in the second half, worked out well. But, apart from those few laugh-out-loud moments, it offers nothing which we have not seen in the past. The first twenty to twenty-five minutes in the second half of the film have a few genuinely engaging moments. Yes, it resembles, Anji(2004), but the adventure part along with Sangeeth Sobhan's effortless performance and comedy timing, during the initial por-

tions of the second half was thoroughly entertaining. The production design team deserves a special mention, for coming up with a fort set and set props that look real, within a limited budget. The entire second half was shot in the fort set but the director and her team ensured the audience, would not feel monotonous.

The biggest letdown in the film is the climax. After showing the antagonist as a cruel and blood thirsty monster, the writer and the director, Manasa Sharma, for some reason decided to end the film by giving a humane and positive backstory to the antagonist character. Why can't an antagonist be an out-and-out monster? Is it necessary for everyone to have a positive side? It is surprising to see a young filmmaker resort to such beaten to death backstory in the name of bringing the required emotional angle to the film. Another drawback of the film is its story which lacked freshness. 'A young man fighting against a blind faith which the villagers believe in for thousands of years', is the core point of the film. Didn't we see many films with a similar plot in the past? In fact, just last December, we saw a film titled 'Shambala', which has a similar storyline. The only difference is that, Shambala, was dealt in a serious tone and the makers of 'Raakaasa', dealt it with comedy.

It is high time for the young filmmakers to start staying away from the cliched plots and come up with story lines which are novel and unique. Also, the first half of the film offers very few entertaining moments.

We can see the writer and the director's desperate attempt to make us laugh but a majority of the gags did not work. A cliché gag on 'Brahmins and Biryani' in a film in 2026? No, it's not funny anymore.

Overall, Raakaasa, has a few genuinely laugh-out-loud moments, especially in the second half but the lack of freshness in writing and execution, a dull first half along with loud background score, worked against the film. You may give it a try watching it in the theatre if you don't mind catching up on a film with a few comedy portions here and there but it gives you a Déjà vu feeling throughout.



Why Nani Is the Only Consistent Hero in Tollywood

In recent years, the way people watch movies has changed a lot. Earlier, audiences used to go to theatres just to see their favorite stars, no matter how the movie was. But now, things are different.

Today's audience mostly cares about good content. They decide to watch a film only if the story and reviews are positive. Otherwise, they prefer watching movies on OTT platforms. Because of this change, even big star movies are not getting strong openings.

Many popular actors are struggling to bring audiences to theatres. Films of actors like Varun Tej, Ram, and Nithiin did not perform well at the box office recently. Their movies failed to create strong buzz before release.

However, one actor who is standing strong in this situation is Nani. He has been very consistent with his films after the Covid period. Most of his movies opened well in theatres and received decent talk from the audience. His films are also getting good response on OTT



platforms. Streaming platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video are showing great interest in buying his films for high prices. This clearly shows his strong market value.

Another important point is that Nani does not depend on big directors or heavy promotions. His name alone is enough to bring people to theatres. This makes him different from many other young actors in Tollywood. Right now, many actors are facing ups and downs, and their market is not stable. But Nani has built a strong connection with the audience. Because of this, he is considered the top crowd-pulling actor among the current generation of Telugu heroes.

Ranbir's Ramayana Reminding Rajamouli's Baahubali?

While the teaser of "Ramayana", especially that of Ranbir Kapoor's Rama character, is doing well with more than 10 million views on YouTube alone, people started comparing the visuals of the film with the likes of Adipurush, Varanasi, and other movies. In that process, some have identified that most of the visuals and the scenes shown in this Nitish Tiwari directed Ramayana are actually resembling the "Baahubali" movie. Here's an interesting observation.

Most of the Ramayana teaser shots remind us of the film Baahubali. In that SS Rajamouli film, actually, Prabhas leaves the palace, and here Rama leaves the palace with Sita and stuff, with lots of people outside and crying. Similarly, we have the same mountains, ice-capped cliffs, waterfalls,



and also the Pushpaka Vimanam, all seen in Baahubali, though in a different context. There's a fight on snow-capped mountains in Baahubali, and the same is there in the Ramayana teaser too. While Ravana goes on the Pushpaka Vimana here, there, Prabhas-Anushka were seen on that in a song. How does this visual clash happen? This is because Rajamouli got heavily inspired by the

texts of Ramayana to write and make scenes of Baahubali. And, now that the original Ramayana is coming, the young generation might see this differently, feeling that Ramayana makers got inspired by Baahubali. However, the truth is that Ramayana and the Mahabharata always inspired filmmakers to write lots of their stories, and that's why parallels come out.

Vijay Devarakonda Enters on Horse, slashes the Goons

Known for his abundant talent, hero Vijay Devarakonda is looking forward to entertaining Telugu audiences with some amazing films, while his previous outings like Kingdome haven't lived up to expectations. This time, he's coming up with "Ranabali" under the direction of his Taxiwalla maker Rahul Sankrityan. The good thing is that the film is coming right after the hero's wedding with starlet Rashmika Mandanna, and that created lots of hype around this movie.

Other day, a clip shot from the shooting spot of the movie got leaked, and we have to say that it's just doubling up the expectations. Riding a horse and sporting that terrific moustache look, Vijay aka Ranabali enters the scene into a pre-independent era house, where some goons are hiding, and they run away the minute he comes. Also, the Rayalaseema dialogue uttered by the actor are getting applause from all circles. Earlier, Vijay tried Godavari slang in Family Star, and



now this is another such attempt, while he's known for his trademark Telangana slang earlier.

All said and done, it looks like Vijay Devarakonda and Rashmika are heading to give the audience a proper vintage drama that's set in British-era Rayalaseema, thus not only bringing lots of untold real drama to the screen, but also delivering that fresh and content-driven cinema. However, fans are a little bit worried about these leaked videos from the sets and are requesting the producers to be more careful, because these titbits might kill the kick out of it.

BIKER movie review

Cast - Sharwanand, Dr. Rajasekhar, Malavika Nair, Atul Kulkarni, Brahmaji, Shashank and others

Director - Abhilash Reddy

Producer - Vamsi Krishna Reddy, Pramod Uppalapati

Banner - UV Creations

Music - Ghibran

A section of the audience consistently gravitates toward sports dramas. Capitalising on that interest, Biker positions itself as India's first motocross film and generated notable buzz through its promotions.

Starring Sharwanand and directed by Abhilash Reddy, the film arrives with clear intent. The question is whether it lives up to the promise.

What it is about:

Set in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, the story revolves around former motocross racer Sunil Narayan (Rajasekhar), who dreams of putting India on the global motocross map. He raises his son Vikas Narayan (Sharwanand) to become a top racer and fulfill that dream.

Vikas grows into a skilled rider, fully driven by his father's vision. But after a dangerous accident, and under pressure from his love interest (Malavika Nair), he walks away from racing. What follows is the emotional and professional conflict, will he return to the sport, and will his father accept him again?

Performances: Sharwanand fits perfectly into the role of Vikas. He brings sincerity to the character, especially in portraying the discipline and mindset of a racer. His



physical transformation and body language add authenticity. He also handles the emotional portions well, particularly in father-son moments. Rajasekhar, as Sunil Narayan (aka Bullet Sunil), delivers a composed and mature performance. Known for his intense roles, he takes a restrained approach here, which works. His character firmly believes that nothing comes before sport, and he carries that conviction effectively. The emotional scenes between him and Sharwanand in the latter half stand out.

Malavika Nair, Brahmaji, Tulasi, Atul Kulkarni and others do their parts well, though their roles are limited in scope.

Technicalities: For a film like this, technical strength is crucial and Biker gets a lot right here. The cinematography by J. Yuvraj is a major highlight. The racing sequences are shot with

great energy and clarity, pulling the audience right into the track. Editing by Anil Pasala is decent. The non-linear narrative keeps things engaging in parts, though a few segments feel unnecessarily complex and could have been simplified.

Music by Ghibran works more in the background than in songs. The background score elevates several sequences, but the songs don't leave much impact. Production values by UV Creations are solid and clearly visible on screen, giving the film a polished look.

Positives Racing Sequences Cinematography Background Score Performances

Negatives Weak Conflicts Flat Drama Songs

Analysis: How often do we see a sincerely made sports drama film in Telugu which is

very true to its genre? A very few and far in between, right? Biker is one of those very few films. The director, Abhilash Reddy, took the backdrop of motocross (i.e. racing off-road motorbikes through dirt) and blended it well with emotional drama between a father and son. He also ensured in getting first-rate output from all the technical departments. The unique concept, technical values along with strong performances from Sharwanand and Rajasekhar, made the film fairly engaging, although at times the predictable narration dominates the freshness the motocross backdrop offers.

Sharwanand seems to have put a lot of effort into the motocross racing episodes. The director deserves a special mention for doing enough research on the backdrop and Sharwanand deserves equal accolades for getting the right body language of a racer. The technical finesse along with the lead actor's efforts ensured the racing episodes left a breathtaking impact on the audience. Especially, the racing episodes during the initial parts of the film were first-rate and very engaging. We can see the amount of extra effort put in by the action choreographers while filming the racing episodes and all those efforts worked in favour of the film. The film runs on the equation between the father and the son and both Sharwanand and Rajasekhar along with Atul Kulkarni, made sure to keep the audience hooked with their per-

formances and covered the flaws and predictability in writing.

If you have seen the two earlier works (Web Series - Loser and Movie - Maa Nanna Superhero) of the director, Abhilash Reddy, you will know that his strong forte is emotional drama. In Biker too, we can see the strong emotional drama but in most parts, it appeared very predictable and convenient. A bit more care in getting the emotional depth right with fresh ideas would have made the film even better. The film of this genre works out very well with the audience when it contains enough edge-of-the-seat highs. The director and the team came up with neatly executed racing episodes but a bit more care in giving the edge-of-the-seat thrills and emotional highs would have taken the film to the next level. Also, better care in writing should have been taken with Malvika Nair's track. The writing and execution of her character appeared very cliched and it did not help the film in any way apart from adding to the runtime.

Overall, Biker may not be path-breaking but it definitely is a well-made film with the right intentions. You can safely give the film a try in watching it in theatres for the motocross backdrop, well-shot racing episodes and good performances from Sharwanand, Rajasekhar and Atul Kulkarni. However, a bit more effort in writing to avoid the predictability factor, would have made it a very memorable film.

Irfan Pathan helped me make my debut for J&K: Aquib Nabi

Mumbai: Aquib Nabi, the Jammu and Kashmir speedster, recounted his humble beginnings, drawing inspiration from Parvez Rasool and Dale Steyn, and credited former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan for his debut for the state. Delhi Capitals pacer Aquib Nabi opened up on his childhood and what drove him to become a fast bowler.



"I started playing cricket with tennis balls when I was in 5th or 6th grade. There was no specific place in Baramulla for practice. So, we used to play on the road or on a small school ground. I used to watch Dale Steyn a lot when I was young. The way he swung the ball at such high pace inspired me to become a fast bowler and hopefully, play for India one day. I used to get scolded a lot by my father for constantly playing cricket because I didn't have his support. He wanted me to become a doctor," Nabi told 'JioStar'. On the inspiration he got from Parvez Rasool and Irfan Pathan, Nabi said, "Parvez Rasool made his debut for India by performing well for RCB in the IPL. I was very motivated to play for India after seeing him do that. Parvez bhai is one of us, hailing from a local village in Jammu and Kashmir. I made my mark for the first time during my Under-19 days when I was chosen for trials of the Jammu and Kashmir cricket team. I didn't have

spiked shoes at that time, so I borrowed shoes from a senior. "He had his trials in the first half, and I had mine in the second half. I made my junior debut for Jammu and Kashmir by wearing spikes that I had borrowed from a friend. When Irfan bhai joined as the mentor of Jammu and Kashmir, I was in the Under-23 team, and my performances there got his attention. He helped me make my debut for the Jammu and Kashmir senior team. He used to guide me a lot by giving me tips, and was very helpful. He is a legend of Team India, and I had a great experience with Irfan bhai," he said. Nabi was picked by the Delhi Capitals for Rs 8.2 crore in the mini auction held in Dubai last year. On the emotional moment of getting picked in the IPL auction after his Duleep Trophy heroics, Nabi said, "This year, I made a rare record in the Duleep Trophy while representing the North Zone team. I

picked up four wickets in four consecutive balls. After that, my name was all over the media. Once that happened, I got confidence that I might get picked in the IPL auction. "On auction day, I was at home with my family, watching the auction. When my name came up, for a few seconds, no one picked up the paddle. So I thought it's okay, I will work hard and make sure I don't go unsold. But after a few seconds, the teams picked up the paddle. Everyone at home got emotional. It was years of hard work coming to fruition. The price tag pressure isn't there. I just wanted to play in the IPL and now want to make a name for myself and play for India," he added. Former India cricketer Irfan Pathan recalled the first time he saw Nabi and what impressed him, "I saw Aquib Nabi for the first time in 2018. When I was the mentor of the Jammu and Kashmir cricket team, we wanted to have

a strong group of eight to ten fast bowlers. We wanted to make a big group, and Aquib was one of the key fast bowlers. When I saw him for the first time, the most important thing was that he used to bowl long spells, especially in Under-23 and junior cricket. He was very impressive. Secondly, his ability to move the ball late was very impressive."

Speaking on why Nabi's bowling is effective despite not bowling at a speed of 140 kmph, he said, "The bowling action remaining within the body plane or structure is something I stress on a lot. Aquib Nabi has that bowling action as well. His hand does not go out of his shoulder. When that happens, your line automatically improves. Nabi's line is amazing. Secondly, his seam position. "The zero-seam position, especially with the new ball, generates a lot of movement. Since his wrist position is amazing, he bowls with a straight seam. Many international bowlers have a straight seam, including the likes of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami. Aquib Nabi may not have a speed of 140 kmph, but the way he bowls, it quickens off the surface after pitching. Bowling close to the stumps, he can swing it away consistently and also surprise batters with the one that comes in, and that is a major strength of Aquib Nabi," he said.

IPL 2026: De Kock is the backup overseas keeper, was easier to start with Rickelton, says Jayawardene

New Delhi: Mumbai Indians head coach Mahela Jayawardene said it was an easy decision for them to start with South Africa wicket-keeper-batter Ryan Rickelton as their opener alongside Rohit Sharma in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, mainly because Quinton de Kock's role in the side is that of a back-up overseas wicketkeeper.



There were a few raised eyebrows when Rickelton was picked to open alongside Rohit over the more experienced de Kock, but he justified his selection by hitting a stroke-filled 83 in the Mumbai Indians' six-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), including hitting eight sixes.

With MI set to play their first afternoon game of IPL 2026 against Delhi Capitals on Saturday, Rickelton will be keen to make use of Arun Jaitley Stadium's short square boundaries and give the five-time champions another blistering start in the competition. "Well, when we bought Ryan at the big auction, we knew the potential. We knew what he was capable of. We have him in our SA team as well. So, the last two years, what he has done domestically and internationally has been phenomenal. When he and Ro had a great combination last year, it was very successful for us. "What we did with bringing Quinny back was we saw an opportunity. It was a skeleton thing for us because the local Indian wicketkeeper-batters went for a crazy price in the small auction. So we needed a backup -- we only had Minzy (Robin Minz). We pivoted and said that we'll have an overseas backup, and Quinny fitted in brilliantly," said Jayawardene, while replying to a question from IANS, in the pre-match press conference on Friday. In the IPL, Rickelton has featured in 15 innings, scoring 469 runs at an average of 33.5 and a blistering strike rate of 156, including hitting four half-centuries. In 2026, Rickelton has been in prolific touch -- amassing 632 runs in 19 innings at an average of 42.1 and an even higher strike rate of 163, including three fifties and a century. Jayawardene further stressed that the franchise valued stability

in its playing eleven, which meant slotting in Rickelton was a no-brainer. "He knows us, and he's been scoring runs. So we've had good options depth-wise. That's something that we looked at. But I don't see that we've ever considered changing that combination. The whole group is important, and the players do buy into that. I think Quinny is not upset by anything that he's not playing. He's part of a structure, and we felt that Ryan was batting really well, and we didn't want to change something when it's not broken. "So Ryan has a great way of complementing Rohit out there in the middle, and it was an easier decision for us to start with Ryan and have that continuity and back our players to the hilt," he elaborated. On the upcoming clash against DC, who are also coming off after beating Lucknow Super Giants by six wickets, Jayawardene felt the Axar Patel-led side will be formidable challengers at their home turf.

"It should be a good match. I think they are a very good team. I think in the IPL, every team at home is a challenge, and that's how we will look at it. First game for them here as well, so that's probably a slight advantage for us. We will still try to play to our strength, that's what we have been doing.

"Obviously, tactically we will have to think a few things differently for the conditions. We will prepare in the best way we can,

not think too much about the opponent, but at the same time have the respect and play our best cricket," he added.

Jayawardene also backed young Afghanistan mystery spinner AM Ghazanfar to come good after he conceded 51 runs against KKR, calling him a long-term prospect. "I think he is one for the future. We feel that with his height, what we have seen, and what he can do, he will improve. He needs more game time. "Obviously, leading up to the IPL, he didn't have much game time. He was supposed to play against Sri Lanka, but that got cancelled in the UAE. So, I mean, I am not worried. I think he bowled well.

"He had 4-5 bad deliveries in that entire match. So we do analyse things differently. His execution, ball speed, and everything were quite good.

But we played on a really good wicket. On the same wicket, Narine went for 35-40 runs in 2-3 overs, and then Varun went for 48 as well. "These are two good spinners who have played 10 plus years. So, in those contexts, I'm pretty happy. To have that X-Factor bowler within our group, among guys like Mitch, Jacksy, and Mayank, just gives us a different option in different conditions. "Maybe later in the tournament, we will have all those options available on slower wickets. So, that's something that we looked at. But definitely, we feel that he is a great asset to have, and that's the reason why we have him at this point," he concluded.

IPL 2026: Delhi LG meets MI and DC players ahead of Saturday's double-header

New Delhi: Ahead of Saturday's double-header clash between Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) Taranjit Singh Sandhu visited the Arun Jaitley Stadium and interacted with players from both sides, extending his best wishes for a spirited contest while highlighting the unifying power of sport and its role in fostering national pride.

"Visited the Arun Jaitley Stadium today and interacted with players ahead of tomorrow's much-anticipated IPL encounter between @DelhiCapitals and @mipaltan. Met @akshar2026, Captain of Delhi Capitals, along with the team, to extend my best wishes for a sportsmanlike and spirited performance as they play their second match of the season at their home ground. "Also interacted with @ImRo45 and @surya_14kumar from the Mumbai Indians squad. It is always encouraging to see such world-class talent and experience representing the very best of Indian cricket. Beyond the competition, sports remain a powerful medium to foster unity and a shared sense of national pride. May the match be a celebration of true sportsmanship and a thrilling experience for all fans in



the National Capital," LG Delhi posted on X, formerly Twitter. Both teams come after winning their opening encounters. On Saturday afternoon, it will be more than just another league game in IPL 2026. The first game of the tournament's opening double-header is a high-stakes contest between a side seeking winning consistency at home and a five-time champion side that has historically thrived in New Delhi.

Since 2022, MI have won five of seven encounters between the two sides, including both meetings last

season. Even at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, MI have prevailed in three of the last four games against DC.

With the Met Department issuing a yellow alert for Saturday, Axar Patel's men -- provided the rain stays away -- will need to script something different to begin their home leg on a high.

DC managed just one home win here in five attempts last season, and the urgency to change that begins now. DC's fortunes with the bat will hinge significantly on KL Rahul, who bagged a golden duck against Lucknow Super Giants.

Klaasen guides SRH to 65-run win as KKR slump continues

Heinrich Klaasen's experience-driven half-century guided Sunrisers Hyderabad back to winning ways as they thrashed Kolkata Knight Riders by 65 runs in their IPL clash here on Thursday. Geographic Reference



Blessing Muzarabani grabbed 4/41 but it was Klaasen's composed 52 off 35 balls that held Sunrisers Hyderabad's innings together as they posted a competitive 226/8 after KKR opted to bowl. Chasing the daunting target, KKR never found momentum as they were bundled out for 161 and slumped to their second successive defeat, having lost their opening match to Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede.

Boasting a batting-heavy lineup in Finn Allen, IPL's costliest overseas buy Cameron Green (Rs 25.20-crore), Rinku Singh and Sunil Narine, the target at the free-flowing Eden looked par.

It needed a partnership in the middle but there were clear signs of a lack of chemistry in the KKR line-up as they lasted just 16 overs. That their mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy leaked 25 runs in one over and returned with 0/31 from two overs also hurt them. Narine (0/39) also returned wicketless from

his four overs. For SRH, left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat took 3/21 from three overs that included the wicket of Rahane, while Ehsan Malinga (2/14 in two overs) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (2/17 in two overs) were also effective. KKR's veteran skipper Ajinkya Rahane's painful eight off 10 balls once again raised questions over the team's bold leadership call, while partnerships failed to materialise. Youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi showed promise with a breezy 52 (29 balls; 6x4, 2x6) but there was no support from the other end. Fresh from his 100 not out in the T20 World Cup semifinal against South Africa a month ago on the same wicket, Kiwi opener Finn Allen showed early sparks in a seven-ball 28 (4x4, 2x6). But once he fell to Harsh Dubey giving a return catch, the innings

unravelling quickly. KKR's star recruit Green endured another failure, run out for two, following a chaotic mix-up with Raghuvanshi who played the shot. But Malinga stopped the ball with his foot and Green was off the crease. Raghuvanshi started walking but review showed Green hasn't crossed so the Aussie had to depart. The confusion did not end there.

Raghuvanshi, who top-scored for KKR, was involved in yet another mix-up and was run out, summing up KKR's plight. Half the side was back in the pavilion soon after Anukul Roy's dismissal, leaving the chase in tatters.

Vice-captain Rinku Singh offered brief resistance with a 35 off 25 balls, but his dismissal to Reddy ended any lingering hopes. Walking in after a dramatic middle-over

slide from being 110/1 in eight overs to 118/4 in 9.2 overs, Klaasen rebuilt the innings with calm assurance, ensuring the run rate never dipped out of control.

Even as boundaries dried up, the seasoned South African smartly rotated strike and ran hard between the wickets, keeping SRH around the 11-run mark alongside Nitish Kumar Reddy (39; 24 balls) in a match-deciding 82 runs alliance off 53 balls.

The duo put on 50 run together in just 36 balls, with Klaasen striking four fours and a six in his composed 52 off 35 deliveries as they maintained the tempo set by their opening duo of Travis Head (46; 21 balls) and Abhishek sharma (48; 21 balls). The SRH opening duo raced to an 82-run opening stand in just 34 deliveries, propelling the side to nearly 15 runs per over as KKR's inexperience with the ball started to haunt them.

Brief Scores: Sunrisers Hyderabad: 226 for 8 in 20 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 52; Blessing Muzarabani 4/41) beat Kolkata Knight Riders: 161 all out in 16 overs (Angkrish Raghuvanshi 52; Jaydev Unadkat 3/21, Nitish Kumar Reddy 2/17, Eshan Malinga 2/14) by 65 runs.

IPL 2026: Confidence comes from preparation, attacking mindset key for spinners in T20s, says Kuldeep

New Delhi: Delhi Capitals (DC) left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav said sticking to strengths and maintaining an attacking mindset are the crucial pointers for spinners to succeed in high-scoring situations, while stressing that his confidence to perform comes from meticulous preparation and routine. Since joining DC in 2022 season, Kuldeep has emerged as one of the most effective spinners in the IPL - with his first year in the side yielding 21 wickets - his best in a single edition of the competition.

"Whenever a batter puts you under pressure, there's a tendency to move away from your strengths and look for safer options to get out of the situation. But I believe you should always focus on your strengths. "I usually assess the batter - how he plays, what his strengths are, and what the match situation demands. I try to read what the batter is expecting from me and stay one step ahead by predicting his next move and bowling accordingly. "At the end of the day, your strength is your identity. If you are an attacking spinner, you should not move away from that. If you are contributing to the team by taking wickets, there is nothing better than that. The team also expects you to pick wickets.



Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but your mindset should always remain attacking," Kuldeep said in the pre-match press conference on Friday.

Kuldeep has consistently led the DC's spin bowling attack alongside Axar Patel, and finished as their top wicket-taker in IPL 2025 with 15 scalps, after claiming 16 wickets in 2024. His international form mirrored this success, as he finished the 2025 Men's T20 Asia Cup as the leading wicket-taker with 17 wickets in seven innings -- though it translated into just one game for Kuldeep -- against Pakistan in Colombo - in India's victorious T20 World Cup campaign. "If you don't get matches, especially in tournaments like the World Cup, your preparation becomes very important. You have to stay consistent with your training so that whenever you get an oppor-

tunity, you are ready. I didn't have any shortcomings in my preparation.

"I always prepared myself as if I had to play the next match. That helps you maintain rhythm, which is very important. When you are in touch with the game through practice sessions and follow a proper routine, it becomes easier to perform even after a gap.

"Being with the team, traveling, attending practice sessions, and keeping yourself mentally ready as if you are playing the next match is key. Even if you don't play, your mindset should always be ready," he added.

Kuldeep further said his confidence and wicket-taking abilities were linked to how good his preparation is ahead of a game. "I believe confidence comes from preparation. How well you prepare yourself and maintain your routine is very important. If your training is good and your routine is set, confidence follows naturally. "When it comes to taking wickets, it's about reacting to how the batter is playing you. At the same time, batters also pre-plan - where they can score runs or which shots they want to play. When you play against someone regularly, you understand their strengths and patterns.

Dettol Launches new Campaign celebrating a mother's instinct to protect

Visakhapatnam, 03 April 2026: Dettol, India's leading germ protection brand, launches a heartfelt new campaign for its iconic Dettol Antiseptic Liquid, with an emotion-led narrative that strengthens the brand's connection with families while highlighting its unmatched protection. Built on the universal truth of a mother's instinctive care, the campaign brings to life the thought: "Nothing protects like Mom & Dettol."

For generations, Dettol has been more than just a product, it has been a reassuring presence in moments of vulnerability. The new film captures this emotional essence through a tender moment set in the lively chaos of a shaadi ka ghar. Amid the celebrations, a young boy hurts himself and hides his injury from others, putting on a brave face. But the moment he reaches his mother, she instinctively senses something is wrong. As she tends to his wound with Dettol Antiseptic Liquid, his guard

drops, revealing his pain, only to be followed by a touching role reversal, where he comforts her instead. The film concludes with the message: "Aapon ki suraksha ka mazbootsahara." It reaffirms Dettol's timeless place in Indian homes, standing beside mothers in moments where love is instinctive, and protection is assured.

The film is brought to life with the concept and film written by Praseon Joshi, original track by Vishal Khurana K, sung by Javed Ali, lyrics by Praseon Joshi, direction by Amit Sharma, weaving together emotion, culture, and authenticity. Commenting on the launch, Gaurav Jain, EVP Regional Director, Reckitt - South Asia, said, "At Reckitt, we believe our responsibility goes far beyond delivering products—we are here to build a world where people feel safe, protected and empowered to care for one another. Dettol stands at the heart of this mission. Its



legacy spans generations, becoming a silent but steadfast companion in homes across India. It is a brand that shows up not only in moments of need, but in moments of emotion, times when a mother's instinct takes over, when a child's tears are hidden behind bravery, when protection is both physical and deeply personal. This campaign encapsulates that delicate, human truth: a mother senses hurt even before it is spoken, and Dettol strengthens her ability to respond with care and confidence. Together, a mother's instinct and Dettol's protection create a bond that

generations have trusted and will continue to trust for years to come." Praseon Joshi, Chairman, Omnicore India, said, "I really enjoyed writing this simple, storytelling-led piece of brand communication. Dettol has always stood for care and protection. Because when a child is hurt, no matter how big or small, the first instinct is to reach for their mother, their ultimate safe space. And in that moment, the mother turns to Dettol, something she trusts to protect what matters most. This is the bond we wanted to bring alive. A bond of quiet care, instinctive love,

and unwavering trust, something we never really outgrow. This would not have been possible without a committed team, at Reckitt, and at Chrome, Amit Sharma's sensitive direction, along with the performances and the music brought alive by Vishal Khurana K and Javed Ali."

As the heart of the Dettol portfolio, Dettol Antiseptic Liquid continues to offer unmatched protection for cuts and wounds, reinforcing its role in safeguarding families across generations. Whether it's a scraped knee, a sudden fall, or a quiet, hidden tear, Dettol has stood by mothers as the strong partner that helps them protect the ones they love most.

Through this campaign, Dettol reaffirms its enduring place in Indian households, standing shoulder to shoulder with mothers in life's most vulnerable moments, where care is instinctive and protection is unmatched.

Milk adulteration: FSSAI license mandatory for 2,036 dairy units, suppliers involved in trade in East Godavari

By Skyline Staff Reporter Rajamahendravaram, April 3

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has now made it mandatory for 2,036 milk vendors, suppliers, and dairy units involved in the milk trade in the East Godavari district, to obtain licence from the FSSAI.

The move came into force with immediate effect in the wake of the death of 16 consumers after consuming milk, adulterated with 'Ethylene Glycol', that was supplied by one vendor on February 14 and 15 in Rajamahendravaram City. Eight of the deceased are elderly women. Two elderly people have survived, and two infants who consumed the adulterated milk are still battling for life with acute renal failure.

On February 14 and 15, the milk vendor, Addala Ganeswara Rao, of Narsapuram village in Kurukonda Mandal in East Godavari district, had allegedly supplied adulterated milk to 110 customers in



Rajamahendravaram city. **Two-member committee** In a meeting on the action plan to prevent adulteration of milk, East Godavari District Collector Kirthi Chekuri has constituted a two-member committee to enable licensing of the 2,036 stakeholders directly involved in the dairy section and milk supply in the district. The committee comprises district Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao and district Food Safety Officer Dr. K. Supriya.

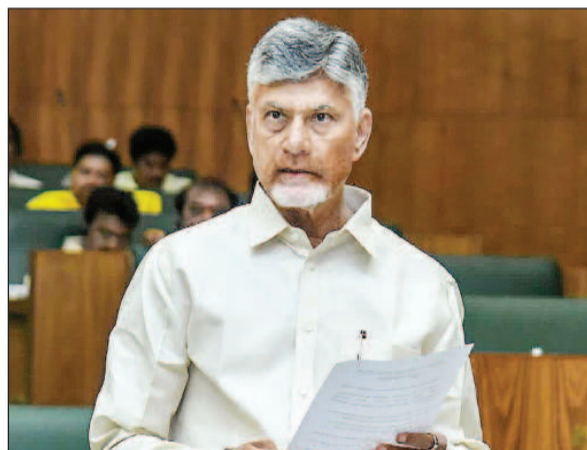
In a joint survey conducted by the Animal Husbandry Department, as many as 661 milk vendors who are running small dairy units, 650 suppliers who supply milk at the doorstep of the con-

sumer, and 725 milk vendors are engaged in the dairy sector without obtaining any license to carry out their operations in the East Godavari district. **Rs.5 lakh fine** "The two-member committee is tasked with ensuring that all the 2,036 stakeholders involved in the dairy sector register and obtain a licence from the FSSAI for their trade with immediate effect. Those involved in the milk supply chain will be fined 75 lakh if they fail to obtain the FSSAI license," said Ms. Kirthi. The Animal Husbandry officials have assured to assist the dairy farmers and suppliers for the registration and licensing tasks.

Relief to govt. staff, Naidu gives nod to clear Rs.7,358 crore pending dues

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, April 2

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has given the green signal for the release of pending bills amounting to Rs.7,358 crore to government and retired employees, providing significant financial relief across the State. During a review meeting with Finance Department officials on Thursday, the Chief Minister assessed the status of pending payments inherited from the previous government. He sought details on the implementation of earlier directives regarding the clearance of employee dues and emphasized the need to expedite payments based on fund availability. Officials informed the Chief Minister that steps have been initiated to release entire Rs.7,358 crore, with a portion already disbursed. As part of the process, Rs.1,848 crore towards provident fund dues has been directly credited into employees' accounts. Additionally, payments to the tune of Rs.76 crore under Group Life Insurance have been completed for 4,793 beneficiaries. The government is also in the process of clearing Rs.3,411 crore in



gratuity dues and Rs.1,800 crore towards leave encashment for retired employees. Further, Rs.223 crore related to additional surrendered leave in the Police Department is being processed, with officials assuring that these payments will be completed within the next two days. Officials noted that this marks one of the largest single-phase disbursements to employees following the "Talliki Vandanam" initiative, underlining the government's commitment to addressing long-pending financial obligations. The Chief Minister directed that all pending bills, including those related to employees and other sectors, be cleared in a phased manner depending on fund availability. Discussions during the

meeting also touched upon issues faced by employees in the previous regime, where delays and diversion of funds had caused financial distress. In the same meeting, Mr. Naidu reviewed payments due to contractors and suppliers. Officials reported that Rs.614 crore has already been released to small contractors and material suppliers across departments. Mr. Naidu instructed that priority be given to small contractors in the bill clearance process, recognising their financial vulnerability. Reiterating the government's commitment to financial discipline and welfare, Mr. Naidu emphasised that timely payments would not only support employees and contractors but also boost overall economic activity in the State.

Rowing experts meet SAAP MD, propose to set up four centres in State

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, April 2

Sculling and Rowing Association of Andhra Pradesh president, Tarun Kakani, and Rowing Federation of India president, Balaji Maradapa, met Sports Authority of A.P. (SAAP) Managing Director (MD) S. Bharani on Thursday to discuss the roadmap for developing rowing in the State.

During the meeting, Mr. Kakani and Mr. Maradapa put forward a proposal to establish major rowing centres at Suryalanka, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Jangareddygudem. The discussion focused on leveraging the State's water resources to build a strong rowing ecosystem and nurture competitive talent, according to a press release. Mr. Maradapa promised full support from the federation towards the development of rowing in the State, including the provision of boats, technical expertise, and coaching support. **Upcoming events** Speaking about upcoming events, Mr. Kakani said that the district-level selections for the SAAP sports meet will commence from April 3, followed by State-level competitions later in April, aiming to identify and promote talented athletes across the State.



Three-capital reminder: Rushikonda Hill constructions remain unsolved



By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 2

As the Lok Sabha passed the Bill making Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, a massive structure next to the scenic Rushikonda Beach continues to spark debate, standing as the only reminder of the former

government's three-capital proposal in the State. It all traces back to August 2021, when the existing Haritha Tourism Resort of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) atop Rushikonda hill was demolished as part of

what was initially described as a tourism facelift project. However, concerns escalated when construction activity rapidly expanded across the hill. Leaders of the NDA alleged that more than 60 acres of land was cleared for construction.

realme 16 5G Launched in India with Slim Air Design, 7000mAh Battery - Best Smartphone Under Rs.30,000

Visakhapatnam April 3, 2026 - realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the official launch of the realme 16 5G, a device crafted for a new generation of young users who express themselves through creativity, portrait photography, and everyday visual storytelling. With its AI-driven dual 50MP portrait cameras, breakthrough selfie innovations, and an ultra-light 7000mAh battery, the realme 16 5G redefines what a mid-range smartphone can offer. **AI Portrait Master: Segment-Leading Dual 50MP Cameras for True-to-Life Portraits** With its advanced Dual 50MP Portrait Camera System featuring a 50MP front camera and a Sony IMX852 50MP rear camera, the realme 16 5G delivers an elevated AI Portrait Master experience tailored for a new generation of selfie-driven young users. The rear camera combines a large 1/2.93-inch sensor, an F1.8 aperture and autofocus capability to provide sharp detail and reliable image performance even in complex lighting conditions. The 50MP front camera complements this with natural skin tones and

finely rendered facial features, making it well-suited for both individual selfies and group portraits and making this the best smartphone under ₹30,000. Another standout feature is the industry's first rear selfie mirror, which allows users to frame shots in real time when using the main camera, enhanced by an Aura Ring Flash for even lighting. With "Say Hi" gesture recognition and voice countdown, rear-camera selfies become more intuitive, interactive, and social. Paired with the same LumaColor IMAGE engine used on the realme 16 Pro, the phone delivers natural skin textures, accurate tones, balanced highlights, and true-to-life colors. For expressive photography, Vibe Master Mode introduces multiple atmospheric tone presets with customizable parameters, allowing users to create portraits with distinct moods and visual styles. Post-capture, AI Edit Engine enables one-tap AI editing through features such as AI Inspiration, AI StyleMe, and AI LightMe, simplifying professional-level photo enhancement. For video creation, AI Instant Clip automatically



selects highlight moments from photos and videos to generate stylized short clips optimized for social sharing. Commenting on the launch, Francis Wong, Chief Marketing Officer, realme India said, "The smartphone industry is undergoing a clear price reset, with the users expecting far greater value at every price band. With the launch of the realme 16 5G, we are responding to this shift by bringing meaningful innovations like an industry-first selfie mirror, a massive 7000mAh battery and a slim, everyday design. This is about delivering not just innovation, but a reliable, long-term experience that truly aligns with how India buys and uses smartphones today." Kailash Lakhyani, Founder Chairman, AIMRA India

first-hand 'touch and feel' consumer experience **Air Design: Flagship-Grade Camera Bar and Compact Engineering** The realme 16 5G adopts the new Air Design philosophy, optimizing visual balance, internal structure, and in-hand comfort to achieve true lightweight usability without sacrificing performance. The device features a Flagship-Grade Camera Bar with a horizontal rear camera layout, creating a symmetrical aesthetic while improving weight distribution. It ensures stability when placed flat on a surface and delivers a more balanced grip during horizontal use such as gaming or video recording. The back panel showcases the Gleaming Wings Design, enabled by an industry-first gradient texture process. Multi-colored particles form a blue-gold sparkling gradient that shifts dynamically with light, creating a feather-like visual flow from different angles. To enhance the tactile experience, the surface is finished with a fine sand texture and a curved anti-fingerprint coating, offering a soft touch while reducing smudges and wear during daily use.

Large Gatherings Mark Good Friday Prayers

By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli, April 2

Good Friday was observed with deep reverence and traditional devotion across the Cheepurupalli region, including Garividi, Garbham and nearby villages. Churches witnessed large gatherings as thousands of Christians came together to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and reflect on His sacrifice for the redemption of humankind from sin. Special prayer services, solemn processions, and scripture readings were conducted throughout the day. Devotees participated in the remembrance of the "Seven Last Words" of



Jesus on the Cross," meditating on their spiritual significance. The atmosphere in churches remained prayerful and reflective, with believers offering silent prayers, fasting, and engaging in worship. Many faithful expressed

gratitude and renewed their commitment to spiritual values inspired by Christ's sacrifice. The observance concluded peacefully, reinforcing faith and unity among the Christian community in the region.

Indian Navy's latest stealth frigate 'INS Taragiri' commissioned in Visakhapatnam

- The warship is a symbol of India's growing technological prowess, self-reliance & formidable naval power, says Raksha Mantri
 - "Building a strong & capable Navy is an absolute necessity in today's times"
 - Indian Navy is securing critical sea lanes, choke points & digital infrastructure inextricably linked to our national interests, establishing India as a responsible maritime power: **Rajnath Singh**



New Delhi, April, 3 (PIB): INS Taragiri, the fourth potent platform of the Project 17A class, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on April 03, 2026. A masterclass in modern naval shipbuilding, this latest stealth frigate, with a displacement of approximately 6,670 tonnes, has

been designed by the Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, with the support of MSMEs, for multi-role operations. It utilises advanced stealth technology to achieve a significantly reduced radar signature, providing a lethal edge in contested environments. With over 75% indigenous content and built in significantly reduced

timelines, INS Taragiri exemplifies India's shipbuilding prowess and strong public-private collaboration. Raksha Mantri, in his address, described INS Taragiri as not merely a warship but a symbol of India's growing technological prowess, self-reliance, and formidable naval power.

"This ship is capable of high-speed transit and can remain deployed at sea for extended periods. It is equipped with systems designed to monitor enemy movements, ensure its own security, and if necessary, deliver an immediate response. It features modern radar, sonar, and missile systems, such as BrahMos and surface-to-air missiles, which further augment its operational prowess. From high-intensity combat to maritime security, anti-piracy operations, coastal surveillance, and humanitarian missions, it fits perfectly into every role, making it a unique naval platform," said Shri Rajnath Singh.

Raksha Mantri asserted that India, with a coastline

stretching over 11,000 kilometers, is surrounded by the sea on three sides, and it cannot view its development in isolation from the ocean. He added that approximately 95 percent of the country's trade is conducted via maritime routes, and energy security is dependent on the sea, which makes building a strong and capable Navy not merely an option, but an absolute necessity.

Highlighting the immense significance of the maritime domain in the evolving security landscape, Shri Rajnath Singh stated that the Indian Navy maintains a round-the-clock presence across the Indian Ocean region amidst the global uncertainties. "The vast expanse of the ocean contains numerous sensitive points, where our Navy has consistently maintained an active presence to ensure the smooth flow of goods. Whenever tensions flare, the Indian Navy steps-in to guarantee the security of commercial vessels and oil tankers. It is not only safeguarding India's national

interests, but is also prepared to take every necessary measure to protect our citizens and trade routes across the globe. It is this capability that firmly establishes India as a responsible and formidable maritime power," he said.

Raksha Mantri added that in the modern digital era, the vast majority of the world's data travels through under-sea internet cables, and any damage to them could disrupt global order. He called to move beyond a traditional perspective on maritime security and view it through a comprehensive, future-ready framework. "We must not limit ourselves to safeguarding our coastlines; we must also ensure the security of critical sea lanes, choke points, and digital infrastructure that are inextricably linked to our national interests. The Indian Navy is proactively engaged in all these security endeavors. This approach prepares us for future challenges. Whenever India constructs and deploys advanced vessels such as INS Taragiri, it

serves as a guarantee of peace and prosperity for the entire region," he said.

Rajnath Singh also pointed out that whenever a crisis arises, be it evacuation operations or humanitarian assistance, the Indian Navy invariably stands at the forefront, serving as a symbol of India's core values and unwavering commitment. "INS Taragiri will further augment the strength, values, and commitment of our Navy," he said.

Reiterating the Government's commitment to make the Indian Navy one of the world's strongest in the times to come, backed by an indigenous industry, Raksha Mantri stated that defence manufacturing in the country is marching ahead as a national mission under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership. "Today, we're no longer confined to fulfilling our own requirements; we're actively securing our place within the global supply chain. India's participation is integral at every stage - from design and de-



velopment to final deployment. It gives us confidence that we possess the capability to design not only our own security but also our future. INS Taragiri stands as an embodiment of this very vision," he said.

Highlighting the transformation witnessed by the country in the last decade, Rajnath Singh stated that the Government has created an ecosystem for the youth and the industry that consistently fosters innovation, manufacturing, and exports. He stressed that India has no alternative but to pursue self-reliance in defence to stay ready in the present uncertain times. He added that the security efforts must not confine solely to the domains of land, sea & air, but extend to space, cyberspace, and economic spheres. He pointed out that guided by that very vision, the Government has taken several major policy decisions, the results of which are now visible.

Raksha Mantri com-

mended Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and other Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) for their consistent positive contributions towards bolstering India's security apparatus. He termed the 16 DPSUs as the hubs of Aatmanirbharta in defence. Raksha Mantri appreciated the efforts of DPSUs and the private sector in taking defence exports to an all-time high of Rs 38,424 crore in Financial Year 2025-26. "13-14 years ago, we used to export defence items worth Rs 1,200 crore. Today, it has reached almost Rs 39,000 crore. This is proof that India's self-reliance is growing steadily, signifying that we are standing on our own feet," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi highlighted INS Taragiri's rich legacy, recalling the erstwhile Leander-class frigate commissioned in 1980, which played a pioneering role in advancing India's anti-submarine warfare capabilities and operational innovation.

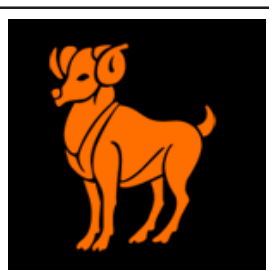
Providing Comfortable Ride & Better Travel Experience to Poor and Middle Class is Railways' Top Priority: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi, April, 3 (PIB): Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, today chaired a review meeting with railway officials across the country at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi. The Union Minister emphasized that providing a good travel experience to the poor and middle class remains the top priority of Indian Railways. He called upon all officials to work collectively towards this goal. Shri Vaishnaw also congratulated the entire Railway family for their commendable performance last year. He highlighted that the historic reduction in rail accidents and record freight loading have significantly improved the image of Indian Railways across the country. He also appreciated the effective operation of a large number of special trains during festivals, which helped meet the increased demand for travel.

Highlighting the importance of passenger experience, the Union Minister stated that railway stations are the face of Indian Railways before the public and must be kept clean and well-maintained. He urged officials to work with full dedication to ensure cleanliness and improved passenger amenities at all stations. Referring to the record allocation for railway modernization in the past decade, he emphasized that officials must ensure optimal utilization of funds to transform railway stations and enhance passenger facilities. The Union Minister stressed that crowd management during peak periods, especially festivals, should ensure that passengers can reach platforms and board trains smoothly and without inconvenience. He directed officials to prioritise the use of allocated funds for improving passenger convenience and accessibility. The issue of pending land acquisition for ongoing railway projects was also discussed. Shri Vaishnaw directed officials to expedite the process and, if required, seek the expertise of experienced retired officers of state revenue and forest departments to overcome bottlenecks.

Addressing the sensitive issue related to people living near railway tracks, the Union Minister emphasized that livelihoods must not be adversely affected. He directed railway officials to adopt a humane and sensitive approach in resolving such matters, in coordination with state governments. He noted that this is a significant issue in many urban areas and requires timely and compassionate resolution. The meeting also reviewed the earlier decision regarding construction of rail underpasses (Puliyas). It was decided that, wherever feasible, convenient and accessible underpasses should be prioritised over foot overbridges for crossing railway tracks, both within station premises and outside. The Minister noted that underpasses are more user-friendly and are likely to be used more frequently by the public. It was further decided to undertake pilot projects in different parts of the country to construct such underpasses. These will be designed to facilitate movement not only for pedestrians but also for cycles, scooters and motorcycles, and in some cases, wider structures will allow movement of tractors and other vehicles. Designs will be tailored to meet the requirements of both urban and rural areas. The Union Railway Minister also appreciated the performance of zones in ensuring punctual train operations. He congratulated zones that have maintained high levels of punctuality and particularly appreciated those that have improved their performance by ensuring more than 85% punctuality despite operational challenges. Shri Vaishnaw reiterated that with sustained efforts, efficient planning and a passenger-centric approach, Indian Railways will continue to enhance safety, service quality and overall travel experience for passengers across the country.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Your kind nature will bring many happy moments today. New contracts might look lucrative but will not bring gains as desired-Do not make hasty decisions when it comes to investing money. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Your presence makes this world a worthy place to be for your beloved. It is okay to talk to acquaintances, but sharing your deepest secrets without knowing their intention is just a waste of your time and trust. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate. Today, you can get some bad news from someone living abroad. **Remedy :-** Avoid intake of alcohol and non-veg food, for strengthening financial condition.



Taurus

Be an optimistic and look at the brighter side. Your confident expectations open the door for realization of your hopes and desires. You should not invest your money today without consulting anyone. Domestic issues need immediate attention. Use your discretion power in love today. Today people will pass compliments-which you have always wanted to hear. Today, you will know that how does it feel to have a wonderful life-partner. You will remain disappointed by someone close to you today. **Remedy :-** Enjoy a blissful family life by engraving Shukra Yantra on a piece of Silver.



Gemini

You have to let go of the past if you wish to get out of the sentimental mood that grips you today. Although your financial position improves but the outflow of money will still create hindrance in executing your projects. Rituals or auspicious ceremonies should be performed at home. Your beloved will seem a bit irritated- which will add pressure on your mind. Your communication techniques and working skills will be impressive. You might fight today on an old issue with your spouse like he/she forgot your birthday, or something like that. **Remedy :-** Perform Surya Namaskar, twelve Sun Salutation exercises, along with the rising sun or early morning sun for great health.



Cancer

Take special care of other's feelings when as you pass a judgement. Any wrong decision made by you will not only affect them adversely but also give you mental tension. Today you can invest your money in religious activities, and most likely to incur mental peace and stability. Family obligations require immediate attention. Negligence on your part could prove costly. Your beloved brings you immense romantic pleasure even as work pressure occupies your mind. You can watch any web series on your mobile in free time today. You may doubt the sincerity of your sweetheart, which will ruin the glory of your married life in coming days. Spending a lot of your time with your office friends can make you a victim of your family's anger. Hence, try avoiding it to the max. **Remedy :-** Feed Fishes with wheat flour balls



Leo

Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule but don't take your life for granted realize that the care for life is the real vow. You will make good money today- but the rise in expenses will make it difficult for you to save. People you live with will not be very happy with you- regardless of what you do to please them. Check the past few statuses of your love partner's social media, you will get a beautiful surprise. Time is precious, and you need to fully utilize it to attain desired results. However, flexibility in life and spending time with your family is an important aspect as well, which you need to understand. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations. **Remedy :-** Always wear clean and ironed clothes, this indicates that you are aware about your lifestyle.



Virgo

Your tremendous intellectual potential will help you to fight the disability. Only by keeping positive thoughts you can fight this problem. Investment needs to be made with a long-term perspective. Children help you complete household jobs. Love life will be vibrant. A day when events will be good and disturbing-leaving you confused and tired. Looks like your spouse is feeling lucky to have you. Utilize the best of this moment today. You should not overhear the advice of someone younger than you, as even it can prove to be a major life lesson for you. **Remedy :-** Pay a visit to any running water and feed fishes there to get rid of boredom



Libra

Motivate yourself to be more optimistic. It increases confidence and flexibility but at the same time prepare it to leave negative emotions like fear hatred jealousy revenge. Married natives of this zodiac sign are likely to attain monetary benefits from their in-laws' side today. A close relative might demand more attention but would be supportive and caring. Unnecessary suspicion and doubt spoils the relationship. This is the reason why you must never doubt your beloved, and in case you feel strongly about something that's eating you up, then sit with them and try to find a solution. Today, you will love to spend your day away from all the relatives to a peaceful place. **Remedy :-** Offering Dhruv grass to Lord Ganesha will be beneficial for love life.



Scorpio

Quit smoking as it would help you to remain physically sound. Any advice from your father can prove to be beneficial at the workplace. This is the perfect day to attract the attention of others without doing much on your side. Cupids are rushing toward you with the shower of love in your life. All you need is to be aware of what is happening around. Today, you can plan on going home early as soon as you reach the office. Upon reaching home, you can plan to watch a movie or go to a park with family members. Married couples live together, but it is not always romantic. Hence today, it is going to be really really romantic. You can spend a good time with your mother today. **Remedy :-** For great health benefits, eat and distribute saffron-based sweets to poor and needy people.



Sagittarius

Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Financially, you will remain strong. Due to the benefic placement of planets and nakshatras, you'll come across numerous opportunities to earn money today. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you. You will never forget this day in your entire life, if you didn't lose the opportunity of making love today. Natives of this zodiac sign need to understand themselves a bit better today. If you feel lost somewhere in the crowd, then take time for yourself and evaluate your personality. Your spouse is all in mood to surprise you with the ecstasy of love; help him/her. Understand that money and wealth isn't as big as relationships. You can earn money but not love and trust of anyone. **Remedy :-** Mental stability is very important, wear a silver bangle or a silver chain for this.



Capricorn

Give every man an ear you might find solution of your problems. Your money comes to your work only when you stop yourself from spending extravagantly, today you can understand this thing well. Make sure you have approval of everyone before you make changes to your home environment. You will have serious problems with your lover if you dictate what to do. You will love walking under the clear sky and breathing clean air in your free time today. You will remain mentally calm, which will benefit you throughout the day. Work pressure had been hampering your married life since long. But today, all the grievances will be vanished. You can get your loaned money back from a debtor, which will solve some of your financial problems. **Remedy :-** Wear a snake shaped silver ring to maintain happiness in family.



Aquarius

The loyal heart and brave spirit of your spouse may give happiness. Today, your account will be credited with the money from your debtor without any prior notice, which can surprise you and make you happy. Quarrel with wife could lead to mental tension. There is no need to take unnecessary stress. A great thing in life is to learn to accept the things we cannot alter. Those engaged will find their fiancée a source of great happiness. Today, you can get so busy watching a movie on TV or mobile that you will forget to do your important tasks. Today, you will realize that your marriage had never been so beautiful. Today, you can be surprised to know some interesting facts related to your country. **Remedy :-** Offer Prasad at Shree Lakshmi Narayan temple and donate food products among needy people for happy and blissful family life.



Pisces

Some of you who have been working overtime lately and with your energy lagging- the last thing you want today is a day of stress and dilemma. Don't even try to lend money to anyone today, and if necessary, then take it in writing about the time duration in which s/he will repay the amount. Unexpected good news from distant relatives will bring happy moments for the entire family. Brighten the day of your lover with a lovely smile. You will want to devote your free time tending your mother's needs, but won't be able to do so due to something urgent coming up. This can trouble you. Do you think that married life is all about compromises? If yes, you will know today that it's the best thing ever happened to you. Today, you can get some bad news from someone living abroad. **Remedy :-** Keep black-white pieces of marble in plant pots to stay happy and enthusiastic.

District Collector Haritha Conducts Surprise Inspection at Rasimetta Girls Ashram School

Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : April-03 Kumaram Bheem Asifabad District Collector K. Haritha conducted a surprise inspection on Friday at the Rasimetta Girls Ashram High School located in Jainoor Mandal. "During the visit, the Collector first inspected the vegetable storeroom, toilets, and bathrooms in the school. She later interacted with the students to verify whether proper drinking water facilities were available and if meals were being provided according to the prescribed menu. "The Collector also enquired with both students and teachers about the quality of education, whether classes were being conducted properly, and if teachers were maintaining



punctuality. "Speaking on the occasion, Collector Haritha urged teachers to strive for 100% results in the Class 10 examinations and to ensure students achieve excellent performance. She emphasized the importance of paying attention to students' health and maintaining discipline in school

timings. "During the inspection, the Headmistress Anitha was not present. When questioned, the teachers informed the Collector that Headmaster Kumar had developed a fever and had just gone to the hospital. "The Collector further interacted with students to confirm that teach-

ing was being conducted effectively. She encouraged students to study with dedication and focus, setting clear goals for their future. "The sudden inspection created a sense of urgency among the school staff. Teachers, workers, and students participated in the program.

Doddi Komurayya – A Symbol of Struggle Spirit: Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh



Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : April-03 Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh stated that Doddi Komurayya is a sym-

bol of the spirit of struggle. "The birth anniversary celebrations of Doddi Komurayya were held on Friday at the Inte-

grated District Offices Complex (IDOC). The Additional Collector attended the event and, along with officials, paid floral tributes to

the portrait of Doddi Komurayya. "On this occasion, Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh recalled the inspiring struggle and legacy of Doddi Komurayya. "District BC Welfare Officer Soujanya, Horticulture Department District Officer Sharath, Egutla Kanakayya, Nagam Kumar, Chimalla Mallesham, Stamba Lachayya, Vemula Nagaraju, along with other officials and staff, participated in the program.

Ensure Welfare Schemes Reach Eligible Beneficiaries: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Skyline Correspondent Mancherla : April-03 State Excise, Prohibition, Tourism, Culture, and Archaeology Minister and District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, along with State Labour, Employment Training, Factories, and Mines & Geology Minister Gaddam Vivekanand and TPCC representative Mahesh Kumar, visited the district on Friday to attend various programs in Mancherla town. They were courteously received by District Collector Kumar Deepak and Mancherla MLA Kokkerala Prem Sagar Rao, who presented them with a sapling. "Later, the ministers attended the Congress Party Mancherla District General Body Meeting held at MNR Gardens in Kyathanapalli

Municipal limits of Mandamarri mandal. Speaking on the occasion, the ministers emphasized that the prestigious 99-day Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika program undertaken by the government should be successfully implemented in villages and municipal wards. "They stated that the government is implementing several welfare schemes for the benefit of the people, including free bus travel under the Mahalakshmi scheme, subsidized LPG cylinders at ₹500, 200 units of free electricity under Gruha Jyothi, Rajiv Aarogyasri, ration cards, fine rice distribution, pensions, interest-free loans, Indira Mahila Shakti scheme, Indiramma housing, and many more. "They instructed that Congress party leaders and officials



should work in coordination to ensure that these welfare schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries. They also stressed the effective implementation of the 99-day program across 306 Gram Panchayats, one Municipal Corporation, and various municipalities in the district. "The ministers directed that awareness about government schemes and facilities should be created during

Gram Sabhas and Ward Sabhas. They also advised that applications submitted by the public regarding local issues should be resolved promptly. "They further called upon district representatives to work in coordination to strengthen the Congress party in the district and to actively engage with party workers at the grassroots level while monitoring the implementation of welfare schemes.

Tribute to Telangana Armed Struggle Hero Doddi Komurayya



Skyline Correspondent Mancherla : April-03 District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandrayya stated that Doddi Komurayya fought tirelessly in the Telangana Armed Struggle against the oppressive rule of the Nizam, for the welfare of the people and for land, livelihood, and liberation. "On Friday, he attended the birth anniversary celebrations of Doddi Komurayya held at the Integrated District Offices Complex meeting hall in the district headquarters, organized by the District Backward Classes Devel-

opment Department. Along with District Backward Classes Development Officer Bhagyavati, Deputy Director of Scheduled Castes Development Department Chatarajula Durgaprasad, District Agriculture Officer Surekha, representatives of various caste associations, and backward classes organizations, he paid floral tributes by lighting a lamp and garlanding the portrait of Doddi Komurayya. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the Additional Collector said that during the oppressive Nizam rule, Doddi Komurayya fought heroically in the Telangana Armed Struggle for the self-respect, land, livelihood, and liberation of oppressed people. He also noted that Komurayya played a key role in raising awareness among the people about their struggles and strengthening the movement. "He emphasized that the fight carried out by Doddi

Komurayya for social justice and equality is an inspiration and guiding force for the youth. He further stated that it is the responsibility of everyone to pass on the history of great leaders who sacrificed their lives for the country's independence and people's welfare to future generations. Welfare hostel officers, representatives of Yadava and Kuruma communities, and other officials participated in the program.

Advocate Bar Association Elects New President and General Secretary in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-03 In these elections, Battula Narayana was elected as President and Bandari Surender Reddy as General Secretary. Raju was elected as Vice President, Bhargav Chandra Bhopal as Joint Secretary, Vittal Rao as Treasurer, Devender Goud as Library Secretary, and Yadagiri as Sports Secre-

tary. All of them were elected unanimously. Since there was competition for executive committee positions, six candidates contested the elections. Among them, Gangaraju, Sanjeet, and Sheikh Irfan Hussain emerged victorious. "As per the guidelines of the Bar Council of Telangana, this executive body will func-



tion for one year, and elections will be conducted annually. Election Officer Vaidya Amruth Rao stated that the newly elected committee will continue until April 2027.

MLA Payal Shankar Attends ISKCON Temple Bhoomi Pooja in Adilabad

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-03 On Friday, MLA Payal Shankar participated in the Bhoomi Pooja (groundbreaking ceremony) at the ISKCON temple in the town. Speaking on the occasion, he said that being born as Hindus in India is very fortunate. He mentioned that while many countries around the world are suffering from wars and unrest, India remains safe. "He appreciated the efforts of ISKCON under the leadership of Prabhuvananda Prabhujii in



Adilabad for widely spreading spirituality. He stated that through his discourses, Prabhujii is guiding people on the spiritual

path and fostering devotion. He also noted that Prabhujii is influencing millions of people through social media. "Later, the

MLA participated in the Bhoomi Pooja ceremony for the construction of the ISKCON temple in Adilabad.

Clear Pending Bhu Bharati Applications at the Earliest – Strict Action on Illegal Sand Transportation



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem : April-03 District Collector Ankit has directed officials to prioritize the resolution of land-related issues and to clear all pending applications under the Bhu Bharati program at the earliest. On Thursday, he conducted a review meeting with offi-

cial of concerned departments at the IDOC office conference hall, along with Additional Collector D. Venugopal. "During the meeting, the Collector instructed officials to submit a detailed report on all pending Bhu Bharati applications. He noted that a large number of complaints re-

garding land issues are being received from remote areas through the Prajavani program and emphasized the need for special measures to resolve them. He directed officials to enhance coordination among departments and address every issue on priority. "He also instructed that the SIR mapping process be divided mandal-wise and BLO-wise, and comprehensive reports be prepared. Targets should be assigned to each BLO to ensure timely completion. He emphasized completing all arrangements for the census, speeding up the ID creation process for Tahsildars, and appointing a special officer to monitor the census activities. "The Collector

also sought comprehensive information on land acquisition progress related to development works and pending court cases in the district. He announced that a detailed review meeting will be held next week with all Tahsildars on Bhu Bharati, Prajavani applications, SIR mapping, census, land acquisition, and related matters. Officials were instructed to be fully prepared with complete information. "CPO Sanjeeva Rao, Election Superintendent Ranga Prasad, Section Superintendent Swarnalatha, AD Mines Dinesh, Land Acquisition Officer Yasin, and other departmental officials attended the meeting.

Full Arrangements Completed for Municipal Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Indirect Elections on April 4

Skyline Correspondent Mancherla : April-03 District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandrayya stated that all necessary arrangements have been completed for conducting the indirect elections for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Kyathanapalli Municipality on April 4, in view of the ongoing municipal general elections. "On Friday, along with Bellampalli Sub-Collector and Election Observer Manoj, he visited the Kyathanapalli Municipal Office and received Form-



A (authorization letters of official representatives) related to the issuance of B-Forms. "He inspected the

election hall and reviewed arrangements such as barricading, security measures, and other facilities.

He also held discussions with ACPs and SJs regarding security arrangements. "On this occasion, the Additional Collector directed the Municipal Commissioner to ensure live streaming arrangements for maintaining transparency in the election process and to complete all arrangements as per the guidelines of the State Election Commission. "He further instructed the concerned officials to work in coordination and take all necessary steps to ensure that the elections are conducted peacefully and smoothly.

Ajay Sharma Assumes Additional Charge as Regional Executive Director (South) at NTPC

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : April-03 A significant leadership development has taken place in the southern region of NTPC. Ajay Sharma, who is currently serving as Executive Director (Engineering, Quality, Inspection), has taken over additional charge as Regional Executive Director (South) with immediate effect. "With over three decades of experience in NTPC, Sharma began his career in 1989 as an Executive Trainee. He is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University and also holds an MBA in Finance. Over the years, he has held key responsibilities in opera-

tions, maintenance, and project leadership at major NTPC stations such as Dadri, NTPC OS Boiler Head, and CC-OC. Most recently, he served as the Project Head at Kahalgaon. "After assuming charge, Sharma paid a courtesy visit to Naveen Mittal, Special Chief Secretary (Energy Department), Government of Telangana. On this occasion, he assured that NTPC would extend full support and cooperation in addressing technical issues related to flexible operations and boiler tube failures. As part of his initial consultations with key stakeholders in the region, he



also met Devendra Singh Chauhan, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Personnel), RR. "Sharma is well known for his strong technical expertise and

leadership capabilities. His appointment is expected to further strengthen NTPC's operational performance and stakeholder engagement in the southern region.

Felicitation to Congress Leader Banoth Pranitha



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-03 Banoth Pranitha Suraj, a native of Narnoor and a close relative, who has been newly appointed as DCC Secretary in the District Congress Committee, was felicitated by Lambada JAC district leader Atmaram Banoth. He visited their residence

in Adilabad town, presented a bouquet, honored them with a shawl, and extended his congratulations by distributing sweets. "On this occasion, he advised her to work towards securing higher nominated positions in the Congress party and government, and to render services

ensuring that welfare benefits reach all sections of society. He also urged her to strive for the development of the Lambada community. "On this occasion, Madhastu Mahender, Kaveti Mohan, Ade Raghunath Bhagwandlu, Gajanand and others conveyed their best wishes.

Clause 8(f) must be lifted : Jaggareddy



Excise Constables and Head Constables are prohibited from serving in their native districts. TPCC Working President Jaggareddy said that imposing such a restriction on lower-rung employees is unjust. He pointed out that this rule would cause significant hardship to the families of 150 constables in Sangareddy district, as well as 3,000 families across the state, even Head Constables nearing retirement within the next two years would face difficulties due to this regulation. He emphasized that, in addition to forcing employees to live apart from their families, this rule would have a severe adverse impact on their children's education. Taking all these factors into consideration, he urged the authorities to adopt a humanitarian approach and immediately revoke Clause 8(f). Speaking to the media, he appealed to Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to reconsider this matter. He mentioned that 150 Excise Constables and Head Constables currently serving in Sangareddy district had met with him personally to present their grievances regarding this issue. He said that they had appealed to him to bring this matter to the attention of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He added that, given the time constraints and the urgency of the situation, he is requesting both the Excise Minister and the Chief Minister to immediately examine this issue, lift the restriction, and carry out the transfers in a manner that causes no inconvenience to anyone.

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, April.3 : As part of the general transfers for Constables and Head Constables within the Prohibition and Excise Department, the Excise Department released its transfer guidelines five days ago. These guidelines include a new clause, Clause 8(f) stipulating that

Cong Govt specially focus on improving Rural Roads

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Narayanakhet, April.3 : Dr.Patlolla Sanjeev Reddy said that the Congress government is placing special emphasis on the development and improvement of roads in rural areas. Speaking on Friday at commencement of new road-works within the mandal limits, he affirmed that providing improved transportation facilities to the people of rural regions is a primary objective of the government. He noted that the construction of this road to be built at a cost of Rs.21 crores, connecting Moodu Guntal via, Sanjeevan Raopet, Kadpal, and Sirgapur to Gud Gaon would significantly alleviate the transportation difficulties faced by the public. He further mentioned that travel convenience would be enhanced for those commuting from Hyderabad to the Sirgapur and Kangti mandals. He instructed the concerned officials and contractors to complete the works within the stipulated timeframe while strictly adhering to quality stan-



dards. He also criticized the previous administration, attributing the current poor state of the roads to their past negligence. Local public representatives, Sarpanches, MPTCs, officials from the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, party leaders, activists, and villagers.

GITAM Scholar earns Ph.D. in Chemistry

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Patancheru, April.3 : GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, proudly congratulates Dr.Durga Vara Prasadu Botla on earning his Ph.D. in Chemistry under the guidance of Dr.Shiva Kumar Koppula, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, School of Science. Dr.Botla's research, titled "Design, Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Triazolo/Oxadiazolo-Linked Hybrid Heterocyclic Scaffolds," focused on developing novel heterocyclic compounds with potential anticancer and antibacterial applications. His work involved the synthesis and biological evaluation of several hybrid heterocyclic molecules incorporating pharmacologically significant structures such as pyrimidines, thiazoles, triazoles, and oxadiazoles. The study led to the development of new compounds that demonstrated promising in-vitro anticancer activity against breast (MCF-7) and lung (A-549) cancer cell lines, with some

showing superior cytotoxicity compared to standard drugs. The research also identified compounds with strong antibacterial and biofilm-inhibiting properties against human pathogenic bacteria, along with notable activity against Salmonella typhimurium and Escherichia coli. These findings highlight the potential of the newly synthesized hybrid heterocyclic scaffolds for further development as therapeutic agents in anticancer and antibacterial drug discovery. The GITAM leadership, including Prof.D.S.Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor; D.V.V.S.R.Varma, Resident Director; Dr.M.Reza, Principal, School of Science; and Dr.Gousia Begum, Head, Department of Chemistry, congratulated Dr.Botla and appreciated his contribution to impactful scientific research.



Good Friday celebrations held on a grandeur

(District Correspondent / Skyline)



Sangareddy, April.3 : Christians observe Easter as the festival commemorating the resurrection of Lord Jesus, who died on the Cross of Calvary 2,000 years ago as a sacrificial atonement for the sins of humanity, three days after his death, in fulfillment of the scriptural promise that he would rise again on the third day. To-

day, however, marking the day of Christ's crucifixion, Good Friday celebrations were held with great grandeur and deep reverence at the Sangareddy Rock Church, located at the Pothireddypally cross-roads, on Friday. Hundreds of devotees attended these special observances to worship the Lord. In addition to meditating upon the seven specific utterances made by Lord Jesus while on the Cross of Calvary, the congregation offered praises through hymns accompanied by melodious musical instruments. Speaking on the occasion, Pastor Yesu Paul announced that the church is fully prepared for the Easter celebrations scheduled to take place on the morning of Sunday, the 5th April. He extended an invitation to hundreds of devotees to attend the event. Brother Raju, Praveen, Chiranjeevi, Suresh, Solomon, church elders, and numerous devotees participated in this special program and joined in the worship of Lord Jesus Christ.

Bhulakshamma Temple will be rebuilt at its original location

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, April.3 : Jaggareddy, the TPCC Working President said that the Bhulakshamma temple, which was removed during the National Highway expansion in the past, will be rebuilt at its original location. Speaking at a meeting held on Friday, he assured that those who lost their spaces including vendors running fruit stalls, paan shops, and mobile tiffin centers due to the highway widening works would be assisted in re-establishing their shops as soon as the expansion project is completed. He further instructed them to submit their details to TPCC



Doddi Komaraiah fought against Nizam's autocratic rule

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.3 : A grand tributes was paid to Doddi Komaraiah statue at the Sangareddy district headquarters, to mark his birth anniversary, a martyr of the Telangana Peasant Armed Struggle. On this occasion, Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha, local MLA Chinth Prabhakar, and District Collector Pravinya paid rich tributes to Doddi Komaraiah by garlanding his statue located in the district center. MLA Chinth Prabhakar lauded Doddi Komaraiah as a great figure who fought against injustice and championed the rights of farmers. He said that the spirit of struggle demonstrated by Komaraiah serves as a guiding light for the present generation. He added that Doddi Komaraiah's sacrifices have left an indelible mark on the history of Telangana. He emphasized that the courage and valor he displayed in securing the rights of the peasantry are unforgettable, and that his ideals serve as a roadmap for building an egalitarian society. The Program



was attended by BRS leaders Buchireddy, Dr.Srihari, R.Venkateshwarlu, Lade Mallesham, Kondal Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy and others.

FMD Vaccination Camp Successfully Conducted in Deepayampalli Village



Skyline Correspondent Dubbaka : April-03A special vaccination camp was successfully organized in Deepayampalli village under Doulthabad mandal to prevent Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in livestock.

The program was conducted under the leadership of village Sarpanch Gajwel Durgesh, and a large number of livestock farmers participated and got their animals vaccinated. "During the camp, Animal Hus-

bandry Department staff N. Shamaiah and P. Narasimulu administered FMD vaccines to cows, bulls, buffaloes, and calves. They also examined the health condition of the animals and provided neces-

sary guidance to the farmers. "Farmers were advised to immediately consult veterinary staff if symptoms such as mouth ulcers, wounds on legs, fever, or loss of appetite are observed in animals.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Gajwel Durgesh stated that livestock are the backbone of farmers' economy and urged every farmer to make use of government vaccination programs to protect their animals' health. He emphasized that timely vaccination is essential to prevent the spread of diseases among livestock.

Excellent Services at HP Petrol Station Praised by Consumer Commission Officials

Skyline Correspondent Shadnagar : April-03 Consumer Commission Mediator Diddigopal Narayana stated that, with the cooperation of both the central and state governments, there is an adequate supply of petrol and diesel at fuel stations, and no consumer needs to feel discouraged. "On Friday, he visited the HP petrol station located in the center of Meraku Kandi Mandal. During his visit, he interacted with the public, gathered their opinions, and offered appropriate suggestions and

advice. "Speaking on the occasion, he noted that the HP petrol station has sufficient infrastructure. He also reviewed facilities such as toilets and drinking water. Later, he addressed and clarified various doubts raised by customers present at the station. "He emphasized the importance of checking the meter reading while filling fuel to ensure that no fraudulent practices take place. "On this occasion, Diddigopal Narayana appreciated the performance of the petrol station management. Consumer Commission activist



and CATCO District President Malde Srisailam, along with others, participated in the program.

Grand Celebrations Held for Birth Anniversary of Telangana's First Martyr Doddi Komurayya in Husnabad



Skyline Correspondent Husnabad : April-03 The birth anniversary of Telangana's first martyr, Doddi Komurayya, was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the leader-

ship of the Kuruma community at Ambedkar Chowrasta in Husnabad town of Siddipet district. Floral tributes were paid to his portrait. "On this occasion, President Sura

Ailayya stated that Doddi Komurayya, the first martyr of Telangana, sacrificed his life during the Armed Telangana Struggle while fighting against the Nizam's Razakars for land,

food, and freedom from bonded labor during a time when people were being treated as slaves. He called upon everyone to strive to achieve the ideals of Komurayya. "He also urged Minister Ponnambhakur to take initiative in installing a statue of Komurayya in Husnabad town. "Leaders Doddi Prem Kumar, Mekala Odayya, Kota Ashok, Ailayya, Sadayya, Mallesh, Gaddam Komurayya, Gunti Venkataswamy, Ranjith, Sridhar, Venu, and others participated in the program.

Congress Campaign Gains Momentum in Nemom Constituency – MLA Madan Mohan Backs Shabarinathan



Skyline Correspondent Kamarreddy : April-03 The election atmosphere is heating up in the Nemom constituency of Thiruvananthapuram district in the state of Kerala. Campaigning has intensified in support of UDF Congress candidate Shabarinathan. Ellareddy MLA Madan Mohan participated in the campaign activities and extended strong support to the party. "As part of the campaign, he met with local people and urged them to vote for and ensure his victory with a huge majority. He stated that the Congress party represents leadership capable of solving people's problems and appealed to voters to give Congress a chance this time for development and welfare. "On this occasion, a large number of party workers and local leaders participated and carried out the campaign enthusiastically.

Employee Parental Care Bill 2026 is Historic: Juvvadi Narsinga Rao



Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-03 Juvvadi Narsinga Rao, Congress Party Korutla constituency in-charge, stated that the Employee Parental Care and Responsibility Bill – 2026, approved in the Assembly under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is historic. “On the occasion of the bill’s approval, Telangana All Senior Citizens Association Korutla Division President

Pabba Sivanandam and District President Hari Ashok Kumar organized a milk abhishekam (tribute) to the flex banners of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, State Senior Citizens Welfare Minister Adhuri Lakshman Kumar, and Juvvadi Narsinga Rao, along with a gratitude meeting on Friday. “Senior Citizens District President Hari Ashok Kumar explained the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, along with the newly approved Employee Parental Care Bill. He expressed that with the passage of this bill, the blessings of senior citizens will remain with the Chief Minister and the government. “He further stated that this law will ensure quick justice for the parents of employees, teachers, and officials. He

also urged the government, on behalf of the association, to take strict measures to ensure justice for parents who are neglected by their children, including sons, daughters, and heirs across all sections of society. “The event was attended by Korutla Municipal Chairman Tirumala Vasanta Gangadhar, District President Hari Ashok Kumar, District Vice President P.C. Hanmanth Reddy, M.D. Yakoob, Korutla Division President Pabba Sivanandam, Working President Chiluka Gangaram, Treasurer Nalla Lakshmi Narayana, Vice Presidents M.D. Saifoddin, Rajayya, Venkateshwar Rao, municipal councillors, former municipal chairpersons Annam Lavanya, Sheelam Venu Gopal, Gaddamidi Pawan, councillor Sograbhi, senior citizens representatives, and representatives from Korutla, Kathalapur, and Medipalli mandals.

“Regulate Fees or Face Agitation”: Kavitha Targets Govt Inaction on School Fee Hikes

Skyline Correspondent Nizamabad : April-03 Kalvakuntla Kavitha, President of Telangana Jagruti, has strongly criticized the state government over the sharp rise in private school fees, alleging that parents are being exploited through sudden hikes of 30% to 40%. “Speaking to the media at the Telangana Jagruti office on Friday, she demanded that the government immediately bring in a law to regulate school fees and convene a special Assembly session to pass it. “Kavitha stated that nearly 38 lakh students are studying in around 12,000 private schools across the state, and accused these

institutions of placing an unfair financial burden on parents. “Referring to past statements, she noted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had earlier criticized the previous government for failing to regulate fees. She questioned why no such law has been implemented even after coming to power.

She also alleged that despite more than two and a half years of Congress rule, there has been no concrete progress on fee regulation. Criticizing the Education Commission’s report, she termed it inadequate, stating that its only meaningful suggestion was to introduce a legal framework for



fee control. Kavitha warned that if the government continues to ignore the issue, it may face consequences similar to the previous regime. She stressed that poor and middle-class families cannot bear such steep fee hikes and suggested that annual increases should be capped at 7% to 8%.

Comprehensive Inspection of 1962 Veterinary, 108 Ambulance, and 102 Amma Vodi Vehicles in Jagtial District



Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-03 Under the aegis of GVK EMRI Green Health Services, a comprehensive inspection of the 1962 Mobile Veterinary Vehicles, 108 Ambulances, and 102 Amma Vodi

vehicles was conducted in Jagtial district today.

The inspection was carried out by State Programme Officer Dr. Bageesh Mishra, along with Joint Karimnagar District Programme Manager

Bhuma Nagender and Karimnagar District Manager Ashoda Ailayya.

During the inspection, officials thoroughly reviewed the performance of the 1962 Mobile Veterinary Units, the quality of services provided by the staff, and the treatment methods being extended to livestock. Special focus was given to ensuring that veterinary services are reaching rural areas in a timely manner.

The team also interacted directly with livestock owners to gather their feedback and opinions regarding the services. Key aspects such as emergency response mechanisms, field visits, availability of medicines, and proper maintenance of records were closely examined. On this occasion, Dr.

Bageesh Mishra stated that veterinary services are crucial for farmers and emphasized the need to operate 1962 services more efficiently. He instructed the staff to respond promptly during emergencies.

After reviewing the records maintained in the vehicles, he expressed satisfaction with their upkeep. “He further issued directions to improve service quality, enhance coordination at the field level, and ensure accurate and systematic maintenance of records.

The programme was attended by 1962 Veterinary Doctors Dr. Sneha, Dr. Rakshita, Paravit Manasa, Mahesh, Mallesh, Pilot Venu, Naresh; 108 EMT Sandhya, Pilot Kumaraswamy; 102 Pilot Suresh, and others.

Naredla Raghava Reddy Elected as Telangana State Joint Secretary

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla: April-03 At the Telangana Reddy Associations Joint Forum program held on Friday in Ellareddipet mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district, Naredla Raghava Reddy—currently serving as the Vice President of the Sircilla District Reddy Association—was recognized for his services and appointed as the Telangana State Joint Secretary. The appointment letter was



presented by the State President. “The event was attended by State President Enugu Santosh Reddy, State General Secretary Nandi Tirupathi Reddy, Sircilla District Reddy Association President Venkata Reddy, and members

Srinivas Reddy, Kamalakhar Reddy, Narayana Reddy, Pradeep Reddy, Tirumal Reddy, Bhupal Reddy, along with other leaders and members of the Reddy community.

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District Collector Ankit Directs Comprehensive Implementation of Census Operations

Skyline Correspondent Bhadrachalam Kothagudem : April-03 District Collector Ankit has instructed officials to conduct the national census program in a comprehensive and systematic manner across the district. He emphasized that every household must be covered during the census process and accurate data should be collected without any errors. “As part of the national census program, three-day training sessions for field trainers were conducted from April 1 to 3 at the District IDOC office. The training program was held under the chairmanship of the Collector, where field-level staff were given detailed awareness on all necessary aspects of census operations. “During the training, Master Trainers N. Shivarama Krishna and Dr. P. Susmita Rajini partici-



ated and provided detailed training to 34 field trainees. They explained the procedures of conducting the census, house listing, precautions to be followed during data collection, and the use of digital methods. “On the third day of training, a practical demo was conducted in the Palakoya Thanda area. Field trainees were taken to the field and shown how to collect information by visit-

ing households. On this occasion, the house census process was demonstrated in the presence of Collector Ankit. This demo provided hands-on experience to the trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that the data collected during the census is crucial for policy-making by the government. Therefore, every detail should be recorded carefully,

and duties must be performed responsibly without any negligence. He also directed the staff to interact politely with the public and provide necessary information while collecting data. “Officials from the Census department, CPO Sanjeeva Rao, and other concerned officers participated in the program. The training sessions continued thereafter.

Let’s Pass the Legacy of Doddi Komurayya to Future Generations



Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : April-03 In-charge District Backward Classes Development Officer Ramadevi stated that the life history of Doddi Komurayya, a heroic farmer and the first martyr of the Telangana Armed Struggle, should be passed on to future generations. “On the occasion of Doddi

Komurayya’s birth anniversary, a commemorative program was organized on Friday at the Integrated District Collector meeting hall under the auspices of the Backward Classes Development Department. Asifabad Municipal Chairperson Mengre Akash, former public representatives Arigela Nageshwar

Rao and Mallikarjun, along with representatives of backward class associations, attended the event and paid rich tributes by garlanding the portrait of Doddi Komurayya. “Speaking on the occasion, the BC Welfare Officer said that Doddi Komurayya played a crucial role in the Telangana Armed Peasant

Struggle. He fought against the atrocities of feudal landlords of that time and brought awareness among the people. The services rendered by Doddi Komurayya are unforgettable. “She further emphasized that it is everyone’s responsibility to pass on the contributions of great leaders to future generations. She expressed happiness that the government is officially organizing birth and death anniversary celebrations of such eminent personalities. “Mission Bhagiratha EE Siddiq, representatives of various caste associations, and concerned officials also participated in the program.

Demand to Rename Medak District After Gaddar: DBF National Secretary P. Shankar

Skyline Correspondent Dubbak : April-03 DBF (Dalit Bahujan Front) National Secretary P. Shankar has demanded that the state government rename Medak district after the renowned people’s singer Gaddar. “He called upon people to make the state-level meeting titled “Achievements of Questioning Voices – Gaddar Rebirth”, which will be organized on April 6 in Hyderabad under the leadership of the Gaddar Foundation, a grand success. “On Friday, a wall poster related to the meeting was unveiled at Ambedkar Chowrasta in



Rayapole mandal headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, Shankar said that April 6, the day when Gaddar was attacked in a firing incident, is observed every year as “Gaddar Rebirth Day.” “He stated that naming Medak district after

Gaddar, who was born in the district, would be a fitting tribute to the people’s singer. “He also urged people to attend the state-level meeting in large numbers, which will be held at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Hyderabad from

5 PM. “Rayapole village Sarpanch Masampalli Raju, Rayapole Press Club President Putta Raju, and public organization leaders Satish, Vishnu, Manne Ganesh, Naveen, Raju, Mahesh, Narsaiah, and others participated in the program.

Statue of Doddi Komurayya Unveiled at Padmavathi Colony in Mahabubnagar

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar: April-03 Mahabubnagar local MLA and Government Whip Yennam Srinivas Reddy called upon everyone to work towards achieving the ideals of Doddi Komurayya. On the occasion of Doddi Komurayya’s birth anniversary, a statue was unveiled on Friday at Padmavathi Colony in Mahabubnagar. The event was organized under the auspices of the District Backward Classes Welfare Department. The MLA unveiled the statue along with district Kurva Sangham leaders and paid floral tributes.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA praised Doddi Komurayya’s

struggle against the atrocities of feudal lords during the Nizam era and against social inequalities. He stated that Komurayya remains immortal in history as the first martyr of the Telangana Armed Struggle. He urged everyone to take inspiration from his life and work towards establishing equality and justice in society. “In-charge Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Madhusudan Naik said that Doddi Komurayya’s contributions towards social justice and equality are exemplary. He encouraged youth to draw inspiration from his life and work for the development of society.

The program was attended by MUDA Chairman Lakshman Yadav,



DCC President Sanjeev Mudiraj, District Kurva Sangham President Sudha Narasimhulu, General Secretary Srisailam, BC

Welfare Officer Indira, other leaders, public representatives, officials, and a large number of people.