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Revanth lays Rs.225 Cr foundation for Gnana Saraswati Temple



From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for the development works of Gnana Saraswati Temple in Nirmal district on Monday.

Along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Konda Surekha and Jupally Krishna Rao, the Chief Minister performed the Bhoomi Puja for the project. With an outlay of Rs.225

crore, the redevelopment aims to restore and enhance the only dedicated Gnana Saraswati Temple in South India, providing improved facilities for devotees.

The Chief Minister, along with his family, also offered special prayers at the temple.

Apart from this, Revanth Reddy also laid foundation stones for several development projects in the combined Adilabad district. **Turn to Page 2**

Sridhar Babu conducts intensive campaign across Thrissur district

From Our Staff Reporter
Thrissur (Kerala), April 6 : Minister for IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs, Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Monday carried out an intensive election campaign in Thrissur district of Kerala, where Assembly elections are underway, in support of Congress candidates.

Accompanied by Thrissur district Congress president Joseph Tajet, the Minister has been actively campaigning over the past two days in several Assembly constituencies, including Ollur, Nattika, Kaipamangalam, Pudukkad, Chalakudy, Kodungallur, and Manalur, alongside local Congress candidates.

Thrissur district has 13 Assembly constituencies, of which the UDF led by the Congress had won only two seats in the 2021 Assembly elections. However, with the ruling LDF facing significant anti-incumbency this time, political observers believe the Congress-led UDF stands a strong



chance of winning a majority of seats in the district.

While remaining engaged in electioneering throughout the day, Sridhar Babu also held a series of meetings late into the night with senior Congress leaders from Thrissur, reviewing campaign strategy and constituency-level political developments. During these interactions, he called upon party leaders and cadre to

work in complete unity and with a shared sense of purpose to ensure the victory of Congress candidates.

Vikas Thakre, Congress MLA from West Nagpur in Maharashtra and president of the Nagpur District Congress Committee (DCC), also met Sridhar Babu and held discussions on the ongoing election campaign and political situation on the ground.

CM INAUGURATES MINORITY GIRLS' SCHOOL BUILDING IN ADILABAD



Hyderabad/Adilabad, April 6 : Telangana chief minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday virtually inaugurated a new school and junior college building for girls in Adilabad under the MSDP / PMJVK scheme. According to Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society Vice Chairman Mohammed Faheemuddin Qureshi, the facility aims to boost educational infrastructure and improve access for minority girl students. The CM, in his inaugural address, highlighted that 54 such buildings have been sanctioned across the state, with 21 already completed. He emphasized the government's focus on inclusive growth, women's empowerment and bridging educational gaps through targeted initiatives. He emphasized the Government's unwavering commitment to welfare and empowerment of Minorities especially by promoting inclusive growth and empowering young women through education. He highlighted that initiatives under MSDP / PMJVK are designed to bridge developmental gaps, promote inclusive growth, provide equal opportunities in education, skill development and infrastructure for minority communities.

De-addiction centres in prisons vital for rehabilitation, says Governor



From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said the establishment of de-addiction centres in prisons is a commendable initiative. Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the "NIVRUTTI" de-addiction centre at the Cherlapalli Central Prison on Monday, the Governor observed that substance abuse has emerged as a serious social and public health concern that requires a comprehensive response. **Turn to Page 2**

Pranahita Chevella project at Tummidihatti will be taken up soon: CM

From Our Staff Reporter
Adilabad, April 6: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has affirmed that the State government will revive the proposal to construct the Pranahita Chevella project at Tummidihatti and execute the project soon.

Addressing a public meeting at Pipri in Adilabad district on Monday, the Chief Minister vowed that all pending irrigation projects will be completed in the state.

"We will resume the

Pranahita-Chevella project at Thummidihatti and it is my responsibility to provide irrigation water to Adilabad and transform this region into a lush green and fertile land," he said.

Further, the Chief Minister said the foundation stone for Adilabad Airport will be laid on June 2 on Telangana Formation Day. The backward Adilabad district which has a poor transport facility once would now get air connectivity. **Turn to Page 2**



TSCHE chairman, chief information commissioner call on Governor

From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TSCHE), along with other officials, called on Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Monday. During the meeting, the

delegation briefed the Governor on various initiatives being undertaken to strengthen higher education in the State and discussed issues relating to academic development and institutional reforms.

In a separate meeting, Dr. G. Chandrashekar Reddy, IFS (Retd.), Chief

Information Commissioner, Telangana State Information Commission, along with other officials, also called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan. The discussions focused on matters relating to the functioning of the Information Commission, transparency mecha-

nisms, and strengthening the implementation of the Right to Information framework in the State. The Governor emphasised the importance of strengthening institutional systems to ensure effective governance and public service delivery.

"SOIL FIRST, FARMER NEXT": MINISTER TUMMALA PUSHES GREEN SHIFT IN TELANGANA

From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Monday asserted that the future of farmers depends on protecting soil health, as he launched a two-day training program for "Soil Health Volunteers" at ICRIASAT in Patancheru. About 120 farmers from Kodangal constituency are undergoing hands-on training in soil testing, nutrient management and sustainable farming practices. The initiative, jointly organized by ICRIASAT and the state Agriculture department, aims to promote scientific and organic approaches to farming while reducing dependency on chemical fertilizers. **Turn to Page 2**



BJP FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED ON A GRAND SCALE



From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : Telangana State BJP President N Ramchander Rao on Monday urged every worker in Telangana to act as a voice for the people and

protect democracy. He was addressing a gathering after hoisting party flag at state party office on the occasion of 47th Sthapana Diwas (foundation day). The Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) Foundation Day was celebrated on a grand scale at the state party headquarters here.

The BJP State President called upon every worker to be a partner in building a strong, self-reliant 'Viksit Bharat' under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He stated that the BJP has grown into the world's largest political force today due to the selfless sacrifice and dedication of millions of workers. **Turn to Page 2**

CMC, HYDRA Commissioners conduct joint inspection on floodwater diversion

From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, April, 6 : In a proactive step towards effective urban flood management and lake rejuvenation, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Srijana, along with HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, conducted a joint field inspection at Sunnam Lake, Madhapur, and surrounding areas of Thammidikunta on Monday.

The inspection focused on measures being undertaken to ensure that floodwater is

efficiently directed into lakes through scientifically designed feeder channels and inlet systems. During the visit, the Commissioners reviewed the arrangements required to channel floodwater from Borabanda Basti near Sunnam Lake and N.R.R. Puram directly into the lake through designated inlets. Detailed discussions were held on strengthening canal connections to ensure smooth and uninterrupted flow of stormwater into the lakes. **Turn to Page 2**



Raja Narasimha leads massive food safety awareness drive in Hyderabad



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 6 : Minister for Health Damodar Raja Narasimha flagged off the food safety awareness walkathon at Jal Vihar, Necklace Road, Hyderabad on Monday. About 1,000 students and young individuals took part in the event, which took place with great enthusiasm, progressing from Jalavihar to the HMDA Grounds adjacent to IMAX.

Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha participated in the walk from Jalavihar to the HMDA Grounds, ac-

companied by notable figures including Health Department Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthu, Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sajjanar, Food Safety Commissioner Sangeetha Satyanarayana, Hyderabad Collector Harichandana, among others. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said over the past few years, significant changes have taken place in people's dietary habits and lifestyles. "Due to busy lifestyles and rapid urbanisation, the practice of cooking at home has declined. Consequently, dining out

at hotels and restaurants, as well as the consumption of processed foods, has increased tremendously. Unfortunately, some people are exploiting this situation and engaging in the adulteration of almost every food item," he pointed out.

The Minister stated that the consumption of adulterated and substandard food is leading to severe health problems and people who consume adulterated and substandard food are falling victim to gastrointestinal ailments. "Doctors state that, in the long run, such food is also a contributing factor to conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart and kidney diseases, and obesity.

Unhealthy dietary habits stand as a primary reason for the rising burden of non-communicable diseases across Telangana, including Hyderabad. Due to these illnesses, people are suffering not only physically but also financially. Indirectly, all of this is impacting the state's economy," Raja Narasimha said.

The Minister stated that continuous inspections and enforcement drives are be-

ing conducted statewide through the coordinated efforts of the Food Safety and Police departments.

"Over the past two years, we have conducted more than 11,000 inspections and have taken strict action against those involved in food adulteration," he said. The Minister further stated that the government is initiating legal action against hotels and restaurants that prepare and sell food using substandard or adulterated ingredients.

"In the future, we will further intensify these inspections and continue to take action without any compromise. We are also taking measures to further strengthen the food safety enforcement mechanism," he said.

The Minister said the State government has also appointed 24 new Food Inspectors and have deployed 5 mobile food testing vehicles. In addition to this, the government has decided to establish three new Regional Food Testing Laboratories in the Nizamabad, Hanamkonda, and Mahabubnagar regions at a cost of rs.15 crore, he added.

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These projects are included foundation stone laid for the construction of the 'Young India' Integrated Gurukulam School in Adegama village, Boath constituency (Estimated cost: Rs.200 crore), foundation stone laid for the construction of an Advanced Technology Center in Pochera village, Boath Mandal (estimated cost: Rs.45.15 crore), foundation stone laid for the development and beautification project of the Sri Nagoba Temple (Estimated cost: Rs.20.10 crore), inauguration of the Telangana Minorities Residential School & Junior College (Girls)

building in the Adilabad constituency (estimated cost: Rs.20 crore), inauguration of a newly constructed bridge in Kondapur village of Sirikonda mandal (Estimated cost: Rs.13.46 crore), foundation stone laid for the construction of a new ITDA building in Uttoor, Khanapur constituency (Rs.15.00 crore) and foundation stone laid for the construction of the road connecting Ichoda Road to Dedra village, Boath constituency (estimated cost: Rs.30.00 crore).

Similarly, the inauguration ceremony of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Telangana Backward Classes Gurukula

Vidya School (boys) building in Adilabad Constituency Zainath (Estimated cost: Rs 20.00 crore), foundation stone laying of 38 different types of development works in Adilabad Municipality (Expected cost: Rs 30 crore), foundation stone for construction of 33/11KV power substations in (3) 33/11KV power substations in Both Constituency Dhannur, Kupti, Kuchlapur (expected cost: Rs 8.99 crore), foundation stone laying for Pipri lift scheme in Both constituency (expected cost: Rs 50.70 crore), foundation stone laying for Mtnoor Small Lift Irrigation (Triveni Sangam) scheme

in Indrawelli mandal of Khanapur constituency (estimated cost: Rs 65.85 crore), Landasangi Pump in Adilabad constituency, foundation stone for construction of check dam near house (estimated cost: Rs 6.435 crore), foundation stone for construction of Chik Mann Wagu project in Sirikonda mandal of Khanapur Constituency (Expected cost: Rs 31.52 crore) and Komuram Bhim Asifabad district Kerameri mandal foundation laying for repair works of Ammanamadugu Vagu Project (estimated cost: Rs 11.76 crore) were laid by the Chief Minister.

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The officials also examined key aspects including diversion of sewage water through underground pipelines to prevent contamination, ensuring direct flow of rainwater into lakes during monsoon, addressing infrastructure constraints such as road expansion under high-tension power lines between Madhapur and

Borabanda and strengthening outlet canals for safe discharge when lakes reach full capacity. The Commissioners also reviewed flood mitigation measures for Thammidikunta Lake, which receives runoff from Kondapur, IT Hub, Shilparamam, and Metal Charminar areas. Officials were instructed to establish proper canal connectivity

to route floodwater directly into Thammidikunta through inlets, optimise utilisation of inlets along Metal Charminar Road and develop additional flood channels under the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNPD), wherever required. The Commissioners also emphasised the removal of encroachments in and around

Sunnam Lake and Thammidikunta and expansion and strengthening of lake infrastructure to improve flood-carrying capacity. They stated that the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation remains committed to implementing sustainable urban drainage solutions and enhancing resilience to monsoon-related challenges.

We have delivered on our promises : Bhatti



From Our Staff Reporter Adilabad: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka today remarked that while leaders often make numerous promises to gain power, some tend to forget them the moment they assume office. He asserted that his party was not of that ilk. A public meeting was organized in Pippiri of Adilabad

district to mark the completion of the three years since he undertook the 'People's March' (Praja Prasthanam). Speaking on this occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka recalled how he had commenced his foot march in Pippiri and continued it all the way to Khammam. "We have issued Government Orders (GOs) re-

garding the implementation of the promises made during the People's March. Just today, we laid the foundation stones for development works worth Rs 1,238 crore. We implemented a one-time farm loan waiver and deposited Rs 22,500 crore directly into the accounts of farmers. We have sanctioned 3,500 'Indiramma' houses for the poor in every single assembly constituency. Within the very first year, we initiated the construction of a total of 4.50 lakh Indiramma houses. Furthermore, we have undertaken the construction of 'Young India Integrated Schools'-built to international standards-in every constituency. The

Leaders from other states are asking us how we are able to implement so many schemes and fulfill so many promises. Our vision was to create a situation where the people of this state would consider it a privilege to have been born here," he said. He noted that they introduced the 'Indiramma Bima' insurance scheme, providing coverage of Rs 5 lakh, designed to benefit every single family in the state. He said that As the individuals hailing from farming families, they were intimately familiar with the hardships and needs of the poor and added that apart from the welfare of the people, none of them seek any personal gain.

Harish Rao alleges Rs.3,000 crore land conspiracy over Koheda fruit market



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 6 : Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao has accused the State government of orchestrating a deliberate conspiracy to reallocate around 200 acres of land intended for the Koheda fruit market.

Harish Rao, along with former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy and other BRS leaders, visited the proposed Koheda Fruit Market site on Monday and strongly criticised the Congress government over its alleged plans to stall the project and divert the land. Addressing the media, Harish Rao said the land is worth nearly ₹3,000 crore, and accused the government of attempting to trans-

fer it to TGIIC and eventually hand it over to its close associates.

He questioned whether the government values the future of 25,000 to 30,000 farmers who would benefit daily from the market, or the interests of a few traders and middlemen.

The BRS MLA strongly objected to the government's proposal to shift the market to alternative lands, stating that the "DIL lands" suggested as an alternative are already under legal dispute, with High Court restrictions in place and involvement of the Andhra Pradesh government.

He pointed out that SC farmers are currently cultivating those lands, and questioned how such disputed land can be offered as an alternative for a major farmers' market.

Harish Rao accused the

Chief Minister of having an eye on valuable lands across the state, alleging that "wherever there is land, the intention is to sell it."

He questioned whether the Chief Minister stands with farmers or with middlemen, and alleged that even lands meant for farmers are not being spared in the pursuit of commissions.

The BRS MLA warned that a deliberate attempt is being made to stall the Koheda Fruit Market project, and said that the BRS will continue to fight until an international-standard market is established at the same location.

He also raised concern over the inclusion of nearly one crore acres of land in the prohibited list in the state, and demanded that farmers' lands should not be unnecessarily classified in a way that causes hardship.

De-addiction centres in prisons vital for rehabilitation, says Governor

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Drawing from his own political experience, he said he had been imprisoned several times, which gave him a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by inmates and prison staff. He also recalled measures undertaken to improve prison conditions, including provision of basic amenities such as fans and televisions, and steps to bring parity in salaries between police constables and warders.

The Governor appreciated the State government's efforts to curb substance abuse in line with the objectives of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan and commended the Telangana Pris-

ons Department for adopting a reform-oriented approach. He particularly noted that the establishment of de-addiction centres in prisons under the leadership of Dr. Soumya Mishra was an innovative initiative. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Soumya Mishra, DG of Prisons & Correctional Services, said the establishment of the de-addiction centre at Cherlapalli marks a milestone in prison reforms. She emphasised that substance dependence should be addressed as a public health issue through medical care, counselling and rehabilitation rather than through punitive measures. She in-

formed that "NIVRUTTI" centres have been established at Central Prisons in Chanchalguda, Cherlapalli, Sangareddy and Nizamabad, as well as the Special Prison for Women in Hyderabad. A total of 2,915 inmates have been screened so far, of whom 590 underwent WHO-ASSIST assessment and received counselling and treatment, she said. Following the inauguration, the Governor visited the Prisoner Agricultural Colony (PAC), Cherlapalli, and interacted with inmates while reviewing agricultural and vocational programmes. He also visited the Public-Private Partnership initiative

"Area 77" Nature Camp and Adventure Park and appreciated the effort. The Governor inspected organic farming, apiculture and other livelihood-based activities, and commended the initiatives for promoting skill development, discipline and responsibility among inmates. Inspector General of Prisons N. Muralibabu, Deputy Inspector General (Hyderabad Range) Dr. D. Srinivas, Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad, N. Shiva Kumar Goud, Superintendent, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, G. Pramod, Superintendent, PAC, Cherlapalli, D. Bharath, and other officials and staff were present.

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He extended his heartfelt thanks to every worker who contributed to this growth. He remarked that this is not just a day for celebrations but a proud day to reaffirm commitment to the ideology of "Nation First." Rao said that the party is marching forward irrevocably on the foundations laid by great leaders like Syama Prasad

Mukherjee, Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The event saw the participation of former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, BJP National Leader Muralidhar Rao, BJP Floor Leader in the Legislative Council AVN Reddy, MLC Malka Komuriah, BJP State Organizational Secretary Chandrasekhar Tiwari, and

other prominent leaders and workers in large numbers. Meanwhile, BJP National President Nitin Nabin called BJP State President Ramchander Rao to extend his greetings on the occasion of the BJP Foundation Day. He conveyed his best wishes to the people of Telangana and the party workers. He expressed his desire for the Bharatiya Janata

Party to strengthen itself in Telangana and emerge victorious in the upcoming elections. He urged party leaders and workers to reach out to the public and seek their blessings. He stated that the National Leadership believes the BJP is emerging as the only alternative in Telangana and is optimistic about the party coming into power in the state.

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The state government held a series of meetings with the centre and secured the sanction for an airport, he said. In a strong counter to the BRS allegations on the development of the Market yards, Revanth Reddy questioned the rulers of the previous government for not taking up such works.

"The BRS ruled the state for 10 years. No significant development took place in the last government", he said. The Chief Minister said people rejected the "Gadi Palana" and gave a mandate to the People's Government and appealed to the opposition to maintain dignity and restraint. Reiterating that the

Congress will retain power and rule the state till 2034, the Chief Minister said that Congress fought on people's issues despite the BRS government filed cases against the party leaders and successfully brought the party back to power. Revanth Reddy made it clear that he will do politics only during the elections and move forward with the main agenda of state development. The Chief Minister noted that the government was also inviting opposition leaders above the party lines to the public meetings. Telangana did not witness such tradition in the past 10 years and it must be upheld and continued in true spirit. The government was also sanctioning development

works to the Assembly constituencies represented by the opposition parties. We have sanctioned 'Young India Integrated Schools' and are taking forward the development agenda ensuring people should not suffer simply because they did not vote for Congress. We are implementing welfare schemes in every Assembly constituency aiming to give relief to people from hardships," he said. Unveiling the government's vision to develop Adilabad district, Revanth Reddy said that the backward tribal dominated Adilabad region will be developed as the hub of industry, education and tourism.

"Land acquisition was being taken at a rapid pace to establish a university in Adilabad. Foundation stone for the establishment of a university in Adilabad will be laid soon. ₹225 crores was already sanctioned for the development of the Basara Gnana Saraswati Temple. Additional funds will be sanctioned, if required. Development of the Gudem Satyanarayana Swamy Temple and estimates for Adilabad development is already under progress. I will visit the district every 2 months and sanction required funds, the Chief Minister declared. "Our mission is to see happiness in every eye of the poor. We are not rulers. We are the servants of the people," Revanth Reddy said.

"SOIL FIRST, FARMER NEXT": MINISTER TUMMALA PUSHES GREEN SHIFT IN TELANGANA

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Highlighting the broader impact of soil health, the Minister said it directly influences food quality, environmental balance and human well-being. He urged farmers to adopt crop rotation, composting, and cultivation of leguminous crops to boost soil fertility. Linking the initiative to the state's "Telangana Rising Vision 2047", Tummalam em-

phasized increasing farmers' incomes while cutting cultivation costs. He announced an ambitious plan to train 30,000 Soil Health Volunteers - one for every village - to drive awareness at the grassroots level. The state has also doubled its soil testing target to 4 lakh samples this year, up from 2 lakh last year, with a goal of covering every revenue village. ICRISAT Director

General Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Deputy Director General Dr. Stanford Blade, Agriculture Secretary Surendra Mohan, Director of Horticulture Yasmin, Horticulture University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Raji Reddy, and officials from ICRISAT as well as the Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture, participated in the inauguration ceremony of this training

program. Dr Himanshu underscored the push to bridge scientific research with field-level farming practices. The Minister also called for greater participation in upcoming "Rythu Utsavams" and stressed promoting commercial and high-yield crops, including vegetables and oil palm, to ensure sustainable farmer incomes.

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Govt will find permanent solutions for fishermen's issues: Kollu



State Minister for Mines and Excise, Kollu Ravindra on Sunday stated that the coalition government is working with sincere commitment to find permanent solutions to the problems faced by coastal fishermen in the state. The Minister conducted a review meeting at Collectorate with officials and public representatives over fishermen problems in Nellore. Later addressing media persons, Kollu Ravindra said that the Chief Minister hastaken the matter regarding the illegal venturing in AP waters by other states fishermen seriously and has issued appropriate directions to resolve the problem at once. He noted that three patrol boats are already operating continuously in the sea, and an additional boat has been

made available at Tirupati. He detailed that these high-speed marine boats are capable of traveling at speeds ranging from 40 to 50 kilometers per hour. The Minister further stated that a coordinated patrol team comprising Marine Police, Revenue, Fisheries, Forest, and Fire Services departments is actively monitoring coastal areas. He said that proposals have already been submitted to the Finance Department for the repair of boats previously provided by the Central Government. The minister announced that arrangements are being made to inaugurate the Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour in the coming days. Discussions will be held with local residents regarding the maintenance of infrastructure. Emphasizing

the need for industrial development, he said that decisions will be made keeping in mind the requirements for the next 30 years. Reassuring the fishing community, the Minister urged them not to worry and affirmed that the coalition government stands firmly for their welfare. He also mentioned that the government is examining proposals submitted to the Chief Minister by MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy regarding desilting works at Pulicat Lake. MLAs Chandra Mohan Reddy (Sarvepalli), D Venkata Krishna Reddy (Kavali), B Ravichandra (MLC), District Collector Himanshu Shukla, Coastal Security Guard IG Goinath, ASP Soujanya, Fisheries Joint Director Shanthi, and other officials were present.

Advanced medical equipment gifted to Age Care Foundation



Visakhapatnam: Apr 6
In an initiative displaying compassion and community service, Bheemunipatnam MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao presented advanced medical equipment worth Rs 1.13 crore to Sneha Sandhya Age Care Foundation in Bheemunipatnam on Sunday, sourced with the support of Rotary Club Greater Visakha. Addressing the gathering, the MLA lauded the foundation for its unwavering commitment to serving the elderly, describing its medical care initiatives as both commendable and humane. He emphasised that providing treatment through cutting-edge technology without any profit motive offers immense comfort and dignity to the elderly patients. Further, Srinivasa Rao urged the foundation to adopt a government school in the Bheemili constituency, a proposal that received immediate and enthusiastic approval from both the foundation's management and Rotary Club Greater Visakha representatives. Showcasing

their dedication to holistic elder care, the foundation's team highlighted a wide range of services being delivered. Rotary Club Greater Visakha president Chinta Netaji informed that the initiative was made possible through the efforts of the club's former district governor C.H. Kishore Kumar, who mobilised contributions from various Rotary Clubs across multiple countries along with the support from the Rotary Foundation. The equipment includes state-of-the-art physiotherapy systems, a fully equipped diagnostic laboratory, nurse-calling systems and essential infrastructure for laundry, kitchen and dining services, transforming the facility into a comprehensive care centre. The event witnessed the presence of foundation chairman G. Sambasiva Rao, past district governor Sharath Chowdary, managing trustee N S Raju, G K Murthy, secretary of Visakhapatnam Public Library Society DS Varma and club members GS Raju and K M K Ramesh.

Telangana CM lays foundation for Rs 225 crore Basara temple renovation work

Hyderabad, April 6 : Telangana's famous Gana Saraswati temple is to get a big facelift as Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday laid the foundation for the temple's expansion and development works to be undertaken at a cost of Rs 225 crore. Accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and some other ministers, the Chief Minister performed Bhoomi Puja at the temple in Basara town of Nirmal district. Before performing Bhoomi Puja, the Chief Minister, along with his family members, performed prayers at the tem-

ple. They participated in various rituals amid the singing of Vedic hymns by priests. Situated on the banks of the sacred river Godavari, which is also revered as the "Dakshina Ganga" (Southern Ganges), the temple boasts a glorious history spanning thousands of years. According to the legend, following the Kurukshetra War, Veda Vyasa came to reside on the banks of Godavari at Basara and during his stay, he sculpted and consecrated the idols of Goddesses - Gana Saraswati, Mahalakshmi, and Mahakali. From then,

Basara gained popularity as a holy site with the enshrine of "Trimataas". Devotees come to the temple to perform Aksharabhyasam (the traditional initiation ceremony into formal education) for their children. In view of the increasing number of visitors and lack of adequate facilities in the temple, the Chief Minister resolved to take up comprehensive development of the Basara temple and instructed the officials to formulate a master plan to execute the developmental works in strict adherence to the temple's established traditions and rituals.

All set for Cm naidu visit to Yadiki



Anantapur: Apr 6
Extensive arrangements are being put in place for the visit of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to Yadiki mandal in Anantapur district on April 6, officials said. District Collector O Anand directed officials to ensure that all preparations are completed without lapses. The Chief Minister is scheduled to launch a 100-day water conservation programme titled "Water Security - Irrigation Associations Protection" at a public meeting venue in the Yadiki market yard. State Rehabilitation and Resettlement Director P Prashanti, along with the Collector and Joint Collector C Vishnucharan, inspected key locations including the helipad at Vemulapadu, the public meeting venue at the market yard, and the Pendekallu Balancing Reservoir. Officials were instructed to complete helipad readiness, parking arrangements, barricading, seating, and stage setup on a priority basis. The Collector emphasised the need for coordinated efforts to ensure smooth execution of the programme without inconvenience. At the reservoir site, arrangements related to natural farming initiatives, boundary trench works under MGNREGA, and drip irrigation projects were also reviewed. Authorities were directed to expedite all works and maintain strict timelines. Senior officials from various departments participated in the inspection.

New water treatment plant inaugurated



Anantapur: Apr 6
State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav on Saturday inaugurated a newly constructed water treatment plant at Mudalapuram in Kuderu mandal of Uravakonda constituency. The facility has been developed under the supervision of the State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department. Constructed at a cost of 15.35 crore under the Central Government-supported AMRUT scheme, the modern plant has a daily water purification capacity of 16 million litres. The initiative aims to ensure uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water, particularly in view of the approaching summer season. The state government has reiterated its commitment to preventing drinking water shortages in Anantapur district by strengthening infrastructure and ensuring consistent water availability. The new facility is expected to significantly benefit residents of Kuderu mandal by providing access to quality potable water. Officials stated that the project is part of broader efforts to address long-standing drinking water issues in the Uravakonda constituency. The minister's ongoing initiatives in this regard are reportedly yielding positive results. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Anantapur Member of Parliament Ambica Lakshminarayana, Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Prasad, government officials, local leaders, party workers, and residents.

Anantapur man ends life ahead of planned wedding in Hyd



Anantapur/Hyderabad: Apr 6
A 29-year-old man from Andhra Pradesh allegedly died by suicide in a hotel room in Hyderabad on Friday, hours before his planned wedding, police said. City & Local Guides The deceased, identified as Lokesh, a native of Cherlopalli village in Anantapur district, was working at a pharmaceutical company in the Gandimaisamma area. He was reportedly in a relationship with a woman employed at the same company, and the couple had decided to get married on Saturday at a temple or Arya Samaj. According to police, Lokesh had booked a room at a budget hotel under the jurisdiction of KPHB Police Station on Friday. He informed his partner that he was dressed in wedding attire and asked her to bring food. However, when the woman arrived, he did not respond despite repeated calls.

Security arrangements reviewed ahead of Guv's visit



Sathya Sai District: Apr 6
Elaborate security arrangements were reviewed at the Sri Sathya Sai Airport on Sunday ahead of the visit of Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer, who is scheduled to attend the 15th convocation ceremony at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Anantapur, on Monday. District Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar personally inspected the security measures at the airport along with senior police officials. The Governor is expected to arrive from Vijayawada at 10:10 a.m. and proceed to Anantapur by road. The SP reviewed arrangements including airport security, convoy movement, traffic regulation, and deployment of personnel along the route. Detailed instructions were issued to ensure smooth coordination, prevent disruptions, and maintain strict vigilance during the Governor's movement. A convoy rehearsal was also conducted to assess route preparedness, including traffic diversions, security checkpoints, escort vehicle movement, and emergency response systems. Officials were directed to ensure seamless execution of duties with adherence to timelines. **Guv Abdul Nazeer to attend JNTU 15th convocation celebrations**
Anantapur: University Vice-Chancellor H Sudarshan Rao on Sunday announced that the 15th Annual Convocation ceremony of JNTU, Anantapur, will be held on Monday amidst a festive atmosphere.

Speaking at a press conference held at the JNTU Aryabhata Auditorium, he shared several details regarding the event. He specifically stated that the convocation ceremony would be conducted with great grandeur and prestige at the NTR Auditorium, adding that the university administration has already completed all necessary arrangements to ensure the event's success. He informed that the Governor, S Abdul Nazeer, will participate in the event as the Chief Guest. Furthermore, he noted that the renowned educationist Dr Tessa Thomas—former Director General (Aeronautical Systems) at DRDO and a representative of NICHE University, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu—will attend as the Guest of Honor and Convocation Speaker, addressing the students during the ceremony. He also mentioned that 45 gold medals would be presented to the university toppers who demonstrated outstanding academic excellence across various disciplines, with the awards being conferred at the hands of the Chancellor. Subsequently, PhD degrees will be conferred upon students, and degree certificates will be awarded to eligible scholars. Present at this press conference were the University Registrar Krishnaiah, Professor Devanna, Director of Affiliations Naga Prasad, and DAP Professor SV Satyanarayana, PRO Professor Om Prakash, and others participated.

Innovators across India meet at hackathon



Visakhapatnam: Apr 6
Bringing together startups, innovators, clinicians and industry leaders to rapidly develop technology-driven solutions for pressing healthcare challenges, the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) launched the MedTech Hackathon 2026: Hack Health: Innovate to Heal. Organised till April 7, the hackathon witnessed over 300 participants, including more than 150 startups and teams, from all over the country, reflecting the accelerating momentum of India's medtech innovation ecosystem. Speaking on the occasion, AMTZ MD and Founder CEO Jitendra Sharma said, "The hackathon serves as a collaborative platform where innovators can learn, create, and make their ideas a reality in healthcare. Whether your concept is an app, a diagnostic device, or a complex medical instrument, the key is to build a working prototype, define a clear path to success, and gain hands-on experience." He further added that at AMTZ, incubation, co-incubation, or strategic partnership provides the infrastructure, tools, and guidance to transform R&D and prototypes into impactful healthcare solutions. Over four days, participating teams, including startups and students, will

showcase their ideas to a panel of evaluators. They will engage in intensive prototyping, hands-on problem-solving and collaborative innovation challenges to transform concepts into scalable solutions with real-world healthcare impact. "AMTZ provides a comprehensive ecosystem for startups and innovators across medical devices, biologics, diagnostics, and more. Through BioValley, one of our incubator arms, we support teams in developing prototypes, conducting pre-clinical testing, and scaling products for real-world healthcare impact. Hackathons like this accelerate innovation, helping ideas transform into solutions that can truly improve patient care," said Suseela Branham K, CEO of BioValley Incubation Council. MediValley Incubation Council CEO Dilip Kumar Chekuri said, "MediValley is designed to empower medical electronics startups with end-to-end support, from prototyping and pre-compliance testing to design, production setup, and calibration. By leveraging our labs and expert guidance, innovators participating in the MedTech Hackathon can rapidly translate their ideas into validated, scalable solutions, driving India's position as a global hub for medical technology development." During the hackathon, the startups will be working closely within AMTZ's advanced technical centres, translating ideas into scalable solutions with healthcare impact. The event will also provide opportunities for mentorship, networking and access to potential investors and industry partners.

New members elected for VDFA



Visakhapatnam: Apr 6
Elections were held for the Visakhapatnam District Football Alliance (VDFA) and Welfare Association on Sunday in the presence of Election Officer PHLR Kumar at Sangivalasa, Bheemunipatnam. Kotagiri Sridhar was elected as president, Mylapalli Achuthamba as vice president, Mamidi Sathish as joint secretary, M Sanyasi Rao as treasurer, MVR Sudheer, Md Salim, M Naren, ALM Kumar and SLS Jyothi were elected as executive members. In the general body meeting held after the elections, 22 club representatives unanimously elected A Chohita as secretary and A Chinababu, R V

Trinadha Rao and S. Ganesh were also elected. The members said that this is the first association to elect 33 percent women and 25 percent sports persons as per the National Sports Code and assured that they will continuously work for the development of football.

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Alliance Strain

When US President Donald Trump again raises the possibility of withdrawing the United States from NATO, the immediate reaction is to treat it as negotiating theatre. That would be a mistake. The deeper issue is not whether America will leave, but whether the alliance can function when its central pillar questions the very logic of collective defence. NATO was built in 1949 on a simple but demanding premise: security is indivisible.

Article 5, the alliance's core clause, is not an automatic trigger but a political commitment requiring consensus. That nuance matters. It means NATO is not a tool any one member can deploy at will, even if that member is the United States. Mr Trump's insistence that allies should automatically align with American military actions reveals a transactional view of alliances that sits uneasily with NATO's consultative design. This tension has been sharpened by recent conflicts beyond Europe. Several European governments have hesitated to be drawn into military campaigns they neither shaped nor fully endorse. Their caution is not free-riding; it is a reminder that NATO's mandate was historically bounded to the North Atlantic area.

Expanding its purpose without consensus risks turning a defensive pact into an instrument of discretionary wars, precisely what many members want to avoid. Yet the structural imbalance within NATO complicates any pushback. The United States accounts for the majority of the alliance's defence spending and provides capabilities ~ strategic lift, intelligence, advanced weapons systems ~ that others cannot easily replicate. This asymmetry creates dependence, and dependence breeds vulnerability to political shifts in Washington. Even if European states increase defence budgets, substituting American military depth is a long-term project, not an immediate fix. There is also a constitutional dimension inside the United States.

Congress has moved to limit a president's ability to exit NATO unilaterally, signaling that the alliance still commands bipartisan institutional support. But legal guardrails cannot fully offset political uncertainty. Alliances run on credibility as much as on treaties, and repeated threats erode both. What emerges, then, is a paradox. Mr Trump's rhetoric may not dismantle NATO, but it is already reshaping it. European members are accelerating efforts toward strategic autonomy, investing more in defence and exploring independent capabilities. At the same time, they remain tied to an alliance whose effectiveness still hinges on American commitment. The result is a hybrid order: formally intact, but psychologically unsettled.

The real consequence of these tensions is not a dramatic rupture but a gradual recalibration. NATO is likely to endure, yet in a diminished, more cautious form ~ less certain of automatic solidarity, more attuned to national calculations. In that sense, the alliance is not collapsing; it is evolving under pressure. And that evolution carries a quiet but profound implication: the greatest threat to NATO today does not come from adversaries abroad, but from diverging expectations within.

How Iran has pierced the one 'shield' that protecte America for 30 years

If the early weeks of the 2026 Iran conflict were intended to showcase the return of decisive American airpower, the events of last week have served as a sobering corrective. Wars against capable state adversaries rarely conform to technological optimism, and this episode underscores the limits of even overwhelming military superiority.

The downing of an American F-15E Strike Eagle over western Iran marks a significant inflexion point in the conflict not because of the scale of the loss, which remains limited, but because of its symbolism. For the first time in this war, a manned American combat aircraft has been brought down by enemy fire in hostile airspace. The potential loss of a crew member and the launch of a high-risk combat search-and-rescue operation by the US, though ultimately successful, reinforces the enduring reality that even a single aircraft loss can generate cascading operational, political, and psychological consequences.

A Pattern, Not An Anomaly
This incident did not occur in isolation. On the same day, an A-10 Thunderbolt II ground-attack aircraft was also lost to Iranian fire over Kuwait near the Persian Gulf, with the pilot ejecting.

These developments point to a pattern rather than an anomaly. The vulnerability of non-stealth, low-altitude platforms operating in contested environments is once again being laid bare. The damage sustained by accompanying rescue helicopters - according to Iran's Revolutionary Guards, at least five people were killed, and several "flying objects" were destroyed, including a transport plane, during the res-

cue operation for the downed fighter jet crew member - further illustrates the layered risks of modern warfare, where efforts to recover personnel can expose additional assets to enemy fire.

It is true that these setbacks do not fundamentally alter the strategic balance. The United States retains overwhelming advantages in terms of airpower, precision strike capability, and operational reach. American aircraft continue to conduct sustained sorties across Iranian territory, targeting infrastructure, missile systems, and military installations. Official statements from Washington have emphasised this asymmetry, highlighting the degradation of Iran's air defences and the broader military pressure being exerted.

US' Manned vs Unmanned Systems Such assertions, however, deserve closer scrutiny. Degradation is not destruction. Iran's integrated air defence system, though weakened, has demonstrated resilience. The ability to shoot down advanced aircraft, even sporadically, suggests that sufficient capability remains to impose costs. This is not trivial. In high-intensity conflicts, the ability to inflict even limited attrition can shape operational choices, slow campaign tempo, and impose political constraints.

The broader pattern of US losses reinforces this point. Earlier in the campaign, a significant number of MQ-9 Reaper drones were shot down over key Iranian locations such as Isfahan and Bushehr. These unmanned systems, often viewed as relatively expendable, have proven vulnerable against layered air defences. While individually less politically sensitive than manned

aircraft, their cumulative loss, both in financial and operational terms, is far from negligible.

More importantly, the distinction between manned and unmanned losses begins to blur in strategic impact. Drones enable persistence and reduce risk to personnel, but they are not immune to denial. Their attrition limits surveillance coverage, targeting precision, and operational flexibility. At the same time, the loss of even a single manned aircraft introduces a qualitatively different dimension - raising questions of escalation, domestic perception, and the risks associated with pilot capture or casualty.

America's Air Superiority Isn't Absolute
What emerges from these developments is a more complex and less reassuring picture of contemporary airpower. Air superiority, long viewed as the cornerstone of US military doctrine, no longer guarantees invulnerability. It provides access, freedom of manoeuvre, and the ability to shape the battlespace, but within constraints imposed by increasingly capable adversaries. This has implications that extend well beyond the immediate conflict. For much of the post-Cold War era, US air campaigns - in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya - were conducted against relatively weak or degraded air defences. This created an expectation, both within military planning and public discourse, of low-risk intervention. Airpower was seen as a tool capable of delivering rapid, decisive outcomes with minimal cost.

The Iran conflict challenges that assumption. Alongside lessons from the Russia-Ukraine war, it reinforces the reality that state-on-state



conflicts involving capable adversaries are inherently contested. Integrated air defence systems, even when partially degraded, can deny airspace, impose attrition, and complicate operational planning. The battlefield is no longer permissive; it is dynamic, adaptive, and unforgiving.

Where Does The US Go From Here?
In response, doctrinal and technological shifts are likely to accelerate. Greater emphasis will be placed on stealth platforms, stand-off weapons, electronic warfare, and the suppression and destruction of enemy air defences (SEAD/DEAD). The role of autonomous systems and "loyal wingman" concepts will also gain prominence as militaries seek to distribute risk and enhance survivability. At the same time, the importance of human capital - pilot training, mission planning, and resilience under pressure - remains undiminished.

Equally, the events of April 3 highlight the importance of multi-domain integration. Airpower alone, however advanced, cannot

deliver decisive outcomes in isolation. It must be complemented by cyber operations, intelligence capabilities, ground manoeuvre, and diplomatic engagement. The notion of quick, clean wars driven primarily by aerial dominance appears increasingly untenable.

Ultimately, the April 3 losses are a moment of strategic introspection. They don't fundamentally undermine US military superiority but puncture its narrative of effortless dominance. The United States continues to hold the advantage, but it is an advantage that must be exercised with caution, adaptability, and a clear recognition of its limits.

In that sense, the real significance of these events lies not in what was lost, but in what they reveal. Contemporary warfare, even for the most advanced militaries, is neither frictionless nor predictable. The mythology of invulnerable airpower should give way to a more grounded understanding - one in which effectiveness coexists with risk, and dominance is always contested rather than absolute.

is trump the President who lost Asia to China?

For at least a decade, developing countries across Asia and Africa have worried about growing dependent on China. They're concerned about debt traps, coercive policies, and hidden costs that might push their economies toward crisis.

Crisis has come, and that logic has been turned on its head. After six weeks of the US and Israel's war on Iran and its ensuing counterattacks, it is the countries that bet on Chinese supply chains that are faring better than the ones that trusted Pax Americana.

Consider Pakistan. By now it should have been in the middle of yet another economic and social implosion. It has always been vulnerable to energy price shocks, given that it imports almost all of its energy, much of it through the Strait of Hormuz. The country has \$130 billion in external debt and a persistent current account deficit, and so the slightest nudge should have tipped it over into a familiar spiral: Emergency requests to the International Monetary Fund, 18-hour power blackouts, unrest on the streets.

None of that is visible. There are signs of stress, certainly: Islamabad has hiked fuel prices and is planning to

shut of electricity for two to three hours each day. A sustained shortage of liquid natural gas will make it hard to keep power plants running. But, compared to the situation just a few years ago - when, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the economy had a full-scale meltdown - it's showing remarkable resilience.

What's the difference? Chinese-made solar panels. Pakistanis have gleefully transitioned to solar power, importing about 17 gigawatts a year of photovoltaics since 2024. A quarter of households have installed solar panels for their own use.

Islamabad didn't even have to spend too much money subsidizing the renewables rollout. They just had to ride Chinese overcapacity instead of fighting it, and make it work for their own citizens by keeping tariffs low. The price of imported solar panels dropped by almost 60% in 2024-25; Beijing's subsidies kept their factories humming, but also financed the electrification of millions of households across Pakistan.

Many other countries made the opposite choice, in order to insulate domestic production or minimize political risk. Those that tried to keep cheap photovoltaic cells out have seen much



slower rates of uptake - and are, in consequence, far more exposed to the chaos in the Gulf.

Nor are solar panels the only way in which cheap Chinese goods are turning out to be sources of resilience rather than disruption. Nepal has a higher proportion of electric vehicles than any other country in the world, barring Norway. Its huge imported fleet of cheap EVs mean that it is far less worried about gasoline prices than most of its Asian neighbors. And they run on clean electricity, emerging from a hydropower infrastructure that is financed in part by Beijing.

It's not hard to imagine policymakers

from across the developing world looking at examples like these and concluding that betting on Beijing isn't actually the riskier option. Some may already have taken that chance; imports of Chinese solar panels have shot up in the past couple of years across sub-Saharan Africa in particular. If the only options are dependence on predictably mercantilist Beijing and on an erratic, self-centered and disruptive US, the choice is obvious. That may turn out to be the wrong call. It isn't wise to imagine that relying upon Beijing's goodwill is any safer. In just the past year, China has shown the willingness to weaponize

control over supply chains, such as the production of magnets and rare earths. But right now, the contrast is glaring. Countries that believed that the open trading order, underpinned by American hegemony, would protect them from shocks are struggling; those who chose to run the risk of dependence upon Chinese imports and infrastructure are showing unexpected resilience.

This will only get worse if Trump withdraws from the Gulf without making an effort to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Then the lesson the world learns is even harsher: America will make decisions about your energy supply, take no responsibility for the consequences, and then leave. China will sell you the technology that allows you to stop caring about what the US does.

This is a far greater geopolitical setback to the US than any loss of face in the Iran war might be. Trump may have thought that he would be remembered as the president who restored American greatness by solving long-running problems - Venezuela, Iran, perhaps Cuba. Instead, it looks like he will be remembered as the president who lost Asia to China.

The Himanta Biswa Sarma show: Forever No.2 to No.1

Assam election 2026 is Himanta Biswa Sarma's litmus test. While he has been around in Assam politics, and very visibly so, since the 1990s, this is the election when he is the incumbent and the face. The last two BJP victories were also largely credited to him, but in 2016, he was a neo-convert to the BJP, which picked Sarbanand Sonowal as the Chief Minister after the party's first win, and fought the next election in 2021 under his leadership. Himanta was not on the ballot, so to say. He became the Chief Minister after the victory. But this time he is. After a full 5-year-term, he is trying to deliver a hat-trick for the BJP, but more than that, he is trying to make a bigger political and personal point: that he is the winner, not just a backroom boy. The stakes are highest for Sarma in 2026 than ever.

The No.2 who always wanted to be No. 1
When former Assam Chief Minister and Congress veteran Hiteshwar Saikia was trying to bring young people to the party fold after the restive 1980s of the Assam Agitation, he found his man in Himanta Biswa Sarma. A young student activist in those days, Sarma, who had built a name for himself in campus politics by then, was associated with the influential All Assam Students Union.

Since joining the Congress in 1991 and quitting it in 2015, he remained the go-getter for both Saikia and later, Tarun Gogoi. Sarma helmed key ministries such as finance, health, PWD,

and was the driver of key govt programmes.

But he remained No. 2. The man who was trusted by the top. The man who would get the job done. The trusted lieutenant, not the general. He thrived, he rose, but not to the top.

As Tarun Gogoi's health started to fail after 2011 Assembly elections, Sarma was transparent in his ambition to be the Chief Minister. When it became clear to him that Gogoi would rather push his son, and not him, for the top, he walked away.

Since joining BJP in 2015, Sarma has been the party's face not just in Assam but the entire northeast. He is the party's chief strategist, alliance maker, the opposition breaker. The man trusted by the Centre. But even in the BJP, with all the accolades, and being credited for the party's first win in 2016, he remained the necessary No.2.

That jinx broke in 2021, and the BJP put Sarma in the driver's seat as Sarbanand Sonowal stepped aside. Sarma got what he always believed he deserved and worked tirelessly for it. Enter Chief Minister Himanta Sarma. This is the first election where Himanta is the face, front and centre, not a backroom planner and manipulator. This is his election. And he has consciously worked for it to be this way. His five-year reign has been all about himself. He is the face of the government. Learning from his own experience and political curve, Sarma has made sure that there is no No. 2 in his regime. He is a one-man show. From addressing press conferences, to



inaugurations, to levelling stunning charges against his rivals, it is only the Chief Minister you see. To the extent that he even announces the board exam dates himself. It was Sarma, not a top cop, who addressed the press on the findings of SIT against Gaurav Gogoi over his alleged Pakistan connections.

Sarma has imbibed the rule book of three BJP leaders -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the face of all things in his government; former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who created an image of a benevolent "mama" (uncle) for himself; and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, whose contested bulldozer governance has made him a darling of hardliners as an unapologetically majoritarian leader.

Sarma plays all three with great success. Welfare push of Modi, personal touch of Shivraj, and the muscular Hindutva of Yogi.

The presence of bulldozers at rallies, where he dances and mingles with the people, is a stark contrast -- presenting Sarma as a leader who cares for his people and would go to any extent to "protect" their interests and their "land".

His hardline stance and rhetoric against Bangladeshi Muslims, deriding commentary on "mias" as also his singing, dancing, welfare pitch, schemes for women and youth, are all carefully crafted and calibrated political tools to further his image as a tough guy with a softer side. The one who can shake a leg and bulldoze a house in the same breath.

Even while responding to the opposition attacks on alleged corruption or his family wealth, he plays the "son of Assam" card, declaring that all his and his family's wealth will be "willed to people of Assam" and not his children. Again trying to present himself in contrast to the "dynastic" opposition.

The Majority He Really Cares About...

With 60 seats both in 2016 and 2021, the BJP has been running a coalition government. So, this is also Himanta's turn to show that he can deliver the magic number for the BJP. And he is following the BJP tried and tested playbook, hallowing out the Opposition.

Here Sarma is playing a two-pronged game. He is not just getting veteran Congress leaders to switch sides, he is also making it into a Hindu-Muslim issue, framing defections as 'Hindu' leaders quitting the 'Muslim' Congress.

His personal attacks on Congress Dhubri MP Rakibul Hussain and incessant campaign against Gaurav Gogoi over alleged ISI links are part of the strategy to paint Congress as the party of Muslims and, by extension, of Bangladeshis, while projecting the BJP as the party of Hindus and himself as the son of the soil, the protector.

He plays on the demographic anxieties in Assam to his advantage. Himanta sees this majoritarian politics as the way to the still elusive majority in the Assembly.

Today, he is the most polarising figure in Assam. Will he seal his place as the Numero Uno of Assam politics, or will the aggressive polarising agenda boomerang? Assam will decide on April 9, and we will know on May 4.

Iran claims US 'rescue mission' ended in 'humiliating defeat', hints at nuclear fuel target

Iran has raised questions over a US mission to rescue a Colonel from a mountainous region in western Iran, suggesting the operation may have had a broader objective — possibly targeting enriched uranium — and describing the attempt as a “humiliating defeat” for the US. The US on Sunday announced it had successfully rescued a Colonel, who was the weapons systems operator on the ill-fated F-15E Strike Eagle jet that was downed on Thursday. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) referred to the images of destroyed planes and helicopters within Iranian territory and said “the enemy’s flying objects were destroyed, and the US once again suffered a humiliating defeat”.

The IRGC was referring to what it claimed was the loss of 11 US planes in the firefight that ensued during the ‘rescue mission’. Iran’s joint military command later said the US bombed its own aircraft to “prevent embarrassment for President Donald Trump.”

The Iranian Fars News Agency, which is close to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, reported that the US lost 11 planes in the ‘mission’ — two C-130 aircraft; four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters; one



A-10 ‘Warthog’ attack aircraft; two ‘Little Bird’ helicopters; two MQ-9 ‘Reaper’ drones. These 11 aviation assets are besides the F-15E ‘Strike Eagle’ two-seat fighter jet that was downed over Iran on April 3. The US has so far not given out its list of losses, however, if the Iranian claims are correct this could be \$400 million worth of hardware loss for the US.

US-based news outlet CNN geolocated footage of the burnt-out planes and helicopters to the southern Isfahan province in Iran.

In June last year, when Israel and US bombed Iran, the enriched nuclear fuel — Uranium — was moved to site near Isfahan. Western analysts, including former US and UK military officers, suggested the rescue mission did not need to

deploy so many aircraft and that the real target may have been ‘something else’.

US forces said two of its planes, the MC-130J’s, had not been able to fly out and described them as ‘struck in the sand’.

Analysts noted that the rescued US Colonel had a location-emitting beacon and was positioned at an altitude of 7,000 feet. While a helicopter was dispatched for extraction, the presence of so many assets on the ground in Iran raised questions.

Armed drones, the MQ9B kept a continuous watch from above and fired at anyone, or vehicle, within a 3-mile radius of the Colonel’s location in a mountain crevice in western Iran. The Colonel had trekked to the height, away from the crash site, to avoid the trailing Iranian forces.

The US deployed dozens of planes, special operations troops, cyber, space and intelligence assets.

An attempted extraction of hostages in 1980 in Iran had failed, when two US aviation assets collided while aborting the mission. The airmen were taken hostage by Iran for almost 18 months. Another rescue attempt of a pilot in 1995 in Bosnia was successful, and it inspired a movie ‘Behind Enemy Lines’ in 2001.

Trump issues expletive-laden warning on Hormuz; Tehran calls remark uncivil

The US-Iran war of words escalated on Sunday, with President Donald Trump issuing an expletive-laden warning to Tehran to open the Strait of Hormuz or face action. The latest reaction came after Iran rejected Trump’s earlier demand that it cut a deal within 48 hours or “face hell”.

Trump took to social media and used abusive language to call on Iran to allow ships through the strait, while threatening further attacks on Iranian energy and transport infrastructure. In a post on Truth Social, he said, “Tuesday will be power plant day, and bridge day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran. There will be nothing like it. Open the **** strait, you crazy b*****s, or you’ll be living in hell -- just watch! Praise be to Allah”.

Iran responded by terming Trump’s language as lacking civility. A post on X said, “The low level of civility and intelligence shown by a leader of a country is

regrettable. The shameful fervour with which intentions to commit war crimes are repeated is staggering.” Iran added that invoking the divine despite “ill intentions exposed deep fanaticism”.

Earlier in the day, Iran’s central military command rejected Trump’s previous ultimatum, with Gen Ali Abdollahi Aliabadi calling it a “helpless, nervous, unbalanced and stupid action”.

Echoing Trump’s language, he warned that “the gates of hell will open for you”.

Trump had posted, “Remember when I gave Iran 10 days to make a deal or open the Hormuz Strait,” referring to an ultimatum issued on March 26. “Time is running out -- 48 hours before all hell will rain down on them,” he said.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said he had spoken over the phone with US envoy Steve Witkoff and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, as well as his



Turkish and Pakistani counterparts.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said Abdelatty had discussed “ideas and proposals to achieve the required calm” and warned of an “unprecedented explosion” in West Asia, without elaborating further.

Oman and Iran have also held deputy foreign minister-level talks to discuss options to ensure smooth transit of vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, according to the Omani Foreign Ministry. The meeting was held on Saturday at the level of undersecretaries and attended by specialists

from both sides.

Earlier, Iran had said it was drafting a protocol with Oman to monitor traffic in the strait, through which about a fifth of global oil supplies pass, and which Tehran has severely restricted in response to the ongoing US-Israeli conflict.

Meanwhile, Qatar’s Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani and his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah held talks on regional developments, including recent Iranian attacks on Kuwaiti energy facilities.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman to visit India on Tuesday

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman will begin a three-day visit to India on Tuesday — the first by a senior Bangladeshi minister since Prime Minister Tarique Rahman assumed office. Officials said Rahman’s packed schedule in New Delhi signals an early push by both sides to stabilise and deepen ties. He is slated to hold back-to-back meetings with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, reflecting the breadth of engagement spanning security, trade and energy.

Bangladesh media reported that Rahman’s Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir will accompany the minister, underlining the political weight of the visit. Just a day before the high-level engagement in New Delhi, India’s High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma met Rahman in Dhaka on Monday. According to official read-



outs, the two sides discussed expanding bilateral engagement with a focus on “people-centric cooperation” across sectors aligned with development priorities.

Verma conveyed New Delhi’s intent to work with Dhaka through a “positive, constructive and forward-looking approach” based on mutual interest and benefit — signalling India’s calibrated effort to rebuild momentum in ties after the political transition in Bangladesh.

Diplomatic sources view the twin developments — the ministerial visit and the envoy’s outreach — as part

of a coordinated attempt to bolster engagement at multiple levels, from political leadership to sectoral cooperation.

Rahman is no stranger to New Delhi’s strategic corridors. He had visited India in November last year as Bangladesh’s NSA to attend a meeting of National Security Advisers of the Colombo Security Conclave, offering continuity in security dialogue even before the change of government in Dhaka.

New Delhi has already indicated its intent to deepen ties with the new dispensa-

tion. Following the elections earlier this year, Modi congratulated Rahman, while senior Indian leaders attended his swearing-in ceremony, moves seen as signalling continuity in India’s neighbourhood policy.

With trade, connectivity, energy cooperation and border management on the table, Rahman’s visit is expected to set the tone for the next phase of India-Bangladesh relations, even as both sides navigate a sensitive political transition and evolving regional dynamics.

Rising petrol prices hit Pakistan's students, poor

Lahore [Pakistan], April 6 (ANI): Pakistan is reeling under a severe fuel price shock, with petrol rates soaring to historic highs and triggering widespread frustration among citizens.

The government’s recent announcement of a dramatic price hike, pushing petrol to nearly 458 Pakistani rupees per litre, sparked intense public uproar, forcing officials to partially roll back the increase. But for many, the damage has already been done. The sudden spike has placed enormous pressure on students and low-income households, who say their daily routines and already-tight budgets have become impossible to manage.

Amaad, a local student, voiced his distress: “Petrol prices have reached sky-high. What should we do? We are students. Even if we work, how will we manage everything? We sincerely appeal to the government to take necessary steps to



provide some relief. It would be a kind and much-needed support for us.”

The government officials attribute the hike to rising global oil prices driven by geopolitical tensions involving Iran, Israel, and the United States (US).

However, for ordinary Pakistanis, the impact is immediate and severe. Public transport fares have surged, and daily commuting — particularly for students — has turned into a major financial burden.

Another student, Ali Hassan, expressed the growing sense of helplessness: “People have come here just to fill petrol, but if all these people protested together, maybe something could change. But we don’t have that power. In every country, petrol prices rise — but nowhere as much as in Pakistan. The government must look into this.”

Criticism of the government’s economic management is intensifying, with many accusing authorities of failing to protect citizens from inflation and demanding urgent relief measures.

For millions across Pakistan, the fuel crisis is no longer an economic indicator — it is a daily struggle impacting mobility, education, and access to necessities.

As frustration mounts, the pressure on the government to act swiftly and decisively continues to grow.

Goods not reaching destinations, orders halted: Israel-Iran conflict hits Ludhiana exporters hard

The impact of the Israel conflict is starting to spread everywhere, and India is no exception. The biggest impact now is on exporters, who are extremely anxious and fearful because the future of their shipments, worth crores, is completely uncertain. The goods they have sent are not reaching their destinations, and orders from the other side have come to a halt, causing a lot of trouble for them.

In Ludhiana, where various industries are catered to, whether it’s woolen garments, nuts and bolts, or auto spare parts, everyone is saying that their exports have been severely affected by the conflict between Iran and Israel-US. Talking to The Tribune, Vikas Jain said that exporting garments to countries like UAE, Oman, Qatar, Dubai etc was very grim. “The freight which was 400 US dollars per container had risen to 5,000 US dollars. We are under constant fear as the war has started showing the impact,” said Jain.

Pankaj Sharma, president, Association of Trade & Industrial Undertakings (ATI), convened a meeting of the Exporters Wing of ATI and said the exporters—particularly those dealing in engineering goods, hosiery and garments — highlighted multiple challenges affecting their operations. Sharma said, “They have reported widespread cancellation of export orders due to weakening global demand, along with delays and suspension of payments from overseas buyers. Adding to their distress, a sharp increase in raw material



prices within India has made production increasingly unviable.”

Vijay Sharma, MD, FAS International and Head of the Export Unit of ATI maintained, “The lack of remittances from customers and absence of support from financial institutions have made it extremely difficult for exporters to sustain and plan operations.” He further elaborated that shipments routed through the Strait of Hormuz—covering key destinations such as Dubai, Dammam, Riyadh, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq—have been severely disrupted. The cargo is being diverted to smaller ports like Sohar, Fujairah and Khor Al Fakkan, leading to heavy congestion.

In several cases, shipping lines have arbitrarily offloaded cargo at ports such as Chennai and Hong Kong, issuing ‘End of Voyage’ notices, leaving exporters stranded without logistical clarity. The exporters from city also raised serious concerns over arbitrary and excessive charges imposed by shipping lines, ranging between \$2,000 to \$6,000 per container, further escalating their financial burden.

Rakesh Kapoor, MD, Paramount Impex, said, “Due to the restrictions

imposed by shipping lines, we are left with no alternative but to bear these unjustified costs, as buyers are already looking for reasons to cancel orders.”

The former CII chairman Rahul Ahuja said Shipments to Iran, Egypt, UAE are held up. Orders are not coming from Europe and middle east and the input cost has gone very high.

Another leading garment exporter, Madhur Gupta of Madhur Impex and Rajesh Gupta of National Yarns pointed out that the current disruption has created a pre-COVID-like situation, which could derail business momentum. They cautioned that such instability is likely to shake the confidence of foreign buyers, leading to long-term adverse effects on export relationships.

Pranav Chadha, MD, BAUM Tools and a recognised star exporter, emphasized the urgent need for government support, stating that the situation demands immediate relief measures to safeguard the export sector.

Units may not survive:

Indermohan Singh Director Turbo Tools, a leading exporter of engineering goods to the UAE, warned that if the current situation persists for a few more weeks, many units may not survive.

Pankaj Sharma informed that ATI has formally written to the Ministry of Commerce, urging immediate intervention and relief measures for exporters, keeping in view the prolonged uncertainty and severity of the crisis.

Chief advisor to Brazil's presidency Amorim warns of real risk of world war, says global order no longer exists

Brasilia [Brazil], April 6 (ANI): In a stark warning on the state of global geopolitics, Celso Amorim, chief advisor to Brazil’s presidency, has cautioned that the world faces a “very serious” situation with a tangible risk of wider conflict, even hinting at the possibility of a third world war.

Speaking in an interview, Amorim described the ongoing military escalation involving the United States, Israel, and Iran as “the worst possible scenario”. He warned that conflicts in West Asia from Gaza to southern Lebanon can no longer be viewed in isolation, as they increasingly intersect with broader tensions like the war in Ukraine, as reported by Brasil 247. Amorim expressed

particular alarm over reports of strategic military movements, including a nuclear-capable bomber near Iranian airspace.

“Once a nuclear war starts, I don’t know how it ends,” he cautioned, underlining the gravity of escalation. Rejecting assumptions of a quick resolution, he argued that Iran’s deep historical and political foundations make it resilient. “It may emerge wounded, but it will survive as an integral country,” he said, criticising Western expectations of regime collapse.

A key concern, Amorim noted, is the erosion of diplomacy. He stressed that trust, central to negotiations, has been severely undermined by military strikes during ongoing talks. Such actions, he argued, empower headline



factions while weakening space for dialogue. Beyond the battlefield, Amorim declared that the international system itself is unravelling. “There is no longer a world order,” he said, pointing to the weakening of multilateral institutions like the World Trade Organisation and the sidelining of forums such as the G20.

He also highlighted the unresolved Palestinian

issue as a persistent catalyst of instability, warning that without its resolution, the region will remain volatile.

Concluding, Amorim said overlapping conflicts risk converging into a larger crisis. He urged renewed commitment to diplomacy, warning that unchecked fragmentation could push the world toward a catastrophic global confrontation.

INS Sunayna reaches Male under IOS SAGAR, boosts India-Maldives maritime cooperation

Male [Maldives], April 6 (ANI): Reinforcing its regional outreach under the ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy, India marked a significant maritime engagement in the Maldives as INS Sunayna arrived in the capital of the Maldives, Male, on Sunday as part of the IOS SAGAR initiative, according to an official press release by the Indian High Commission in the Maldives. According to the issued press release, the deployment underscores India’s strategic vision in the Indian Ocean Region and its commitment to deeper cooperation with neighbouring countries. According to the release, the INS Sunayna, a Saryu-class Offshore Patrol Vessel, is currently

manned by a multinational contingent from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) and was received with full naval honours by the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF). Highlighting operational coordination, the release noted that prior to docking, joint exercises were conducted at sea. “Prior to making port, INS Sunayna and MNDF Coast Guard assets completed intensive Joint Seamanship Training manoeuvres. The at-sea phase focused on tactical station-keeping, advanced signalling, and extensive small arms firing for the crew. Further, Damage Control and Firefighting Drills were also progressed,” the release said.

The visit is part of a broader deployment aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability. “The three-day stay will facilitate Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE) to consolidate maritime domain awareness,” the release said. Calling the visit strategically important, the release added, “As the first international stop in a 50-day deployment, this visit projects India’s role as the Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region.” Reaffirming India’s commitment to the Maldives, it stated, “The visit to Male further emphasises India’s role as the ‘First Responder’ and a trusted partner in the Maldives’ developmental and security journey.”

Despite Losses, Producer's Master Plan With Five Films

Despite associating with many films of Tier-2 heroes, producer Anil Sunkara is not actively making any big projects after the heavy losses incurred by Akhil's Agent. However, the producer is not backing off, and he wants to give another big boost to his portfolio by launching as many as five projects, all at once, and already the plans are underway.

Here are some interesting details. Recently, with the release of his much delayed film Nari Nari Naduma Murari, producer Anil Sunkara scored the much needed relief at the box office as the film presented them with some profits. Reports are now coming that Anil Sunkara is in active talks with the likes of Sai Dharam Tej, Manchu Manoj and



Sandeep Kishan to take their respective films to sets.

Earlier, he had worked with all these heroes and produced/funded the best commercial flicks of these stars. So, taking these projects to sets is not a daunting task.

At the same time, he has already announced a film with newcomers, which is titled Bezawada Air Force

Batch. Another film with newcomers is also in the pipeline, as per the reports coming up. Guess what, the producer might take all five films to the sets all at once, to give a major boost to their portfolio. That way, even OTT platforms might give the best rate for all the 5 projects together, and that's the master stroke Anil Sunkara might be planning now.

Hrithik Backs Ramayana VFX, Despite Criticism



The teaser of Bollywood's ambitious big-budget film Ramayana has sparked mixed reactions online, especially around its VFX. While some praised the scale, others compared it to video game visuals. At a time when some are criticising Adipurush for being a mediocre film, unlike Ramayana, some are taking a dig at Ramayana VFX and how they have used AI to generate visuals, and are inspired by various Hollywood movies rather than being original.

Now, Bollywood's Superstar Hrithik Roshan has stepped in with his take. He appreciated filmmakers who attempt large-scale visual storytelling, saying they take huge risks in terms of money, time and effort just to give audiences a new experience. At the same time, he brought up examples like Baahubali and Kalki 2898 AD, along with his father Rakesh Roshan's films like Krrish. His point is

simple. These films exist because someone dared to try something new. Now this is where it gets interesting. Should such films be judged too quickly based on early visuals?

In recent years, we have seen how VFX-heavy films face instant scrutiny after the teaser arrives. Even before release, opinions get locked. At the same time, many of these films undergo massive improvements by the time they hit theatres. On one side, audience expectations are higher than ever, especially for a film mounted on a reported ₹4000 crore scale. On the other hand, as Hrithik says, thousands of artists spend years building these worlds, and that effort also needs some understanding. Well, both are right in their own ways. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana stars Ranbir Kapoor, Yash, Sunny Deol and Sai Pallavi, and is planned as a two-part release starting Diwali 2026.

AI Decides Whom You Should Marry: Pradeep Ranganathan at LIK Event



Actor Pradeep Ranganathan recently made an interesting comment about how people are using technology in their daily lives. He said that many people now depend on AI tools like ChatGPT for different things such as relationships, dressing ideas, and even medical advice. His statement has now become a hot topic on social media. Pradeep shared this thought during the event of his upcoming film Love Insurance Kompany. He said that people are slowly trusting their phones more than real human connections. According to him, this change is happening

very fast, and it is affecting how people think and make decisions.

He also revealed that he interacted with ChatGPT in Telugu during the event, which surprised many fans. It showed how advanced AI has become and how it can easily communicate in different languages. This also made people realize how close technology has come to our everyday lives. The most interesting part of his speech was when he jokingly said that in the future, AI chatbots might even help people decide whom to marry. Though he said it in a light way, it raised an

important question. Can technology really replace human emotions and personal choices?

This idea also connects with the concept of his movie Love Insurance Kompany. The film is set in the future and shows a world where an app decides perfect matches for people. It explores whether love can be controlled or predicted by technology. Many people on social media are now discussing this topic. Some believe AI can be helpful in giving suggestions, while others feel that love and relationships should always remain personal and emotional.

Dacoit gave me new space to Explore: Mrunal



Adivi Sesh's love-and-action drama Dacoit is inching closer to its April 10th release, and the movie has generated solid buzz with its songs, teaser, and trailer.

Mrunal Thakur, who plays a key role as the leading lady, says she thoroughly enjoyed portraying a challenging character in Dacoit. "It's a very different role in my career and belongs to a genre I haven't explored before. I'm confident the audience will love it. I even performed some of the stunts myself."

The actress affirms that she always likes to experiment and surprise herself. "This film gave me that new space. I love doing films that offer new emotions and characters I haven't done before. Dacoit is one such fresh

genre film." She adds that Sesh has delivered a standout performance. "I want people to come to theatres and watch this film for Sesh. He has taken up a very new kind of character. This will be one of his best films. Working with Sesh, Anurag Kashyap, and Prakash Raj was a wonderful experience."

Mrunal is also full of praise for producer Supriya Yarlagadda. "Supriya is a wonderful producer. Once, I was supposed to fly from Mumbai to Hyderabad for a shoot, but I had a fever. She immediately postponed the schedule by two days after learning about my health. I've never seen a producer who cares so much about the well-being of her actors."

Anil Ravipudi is a Hidden Actor: Dil Raju at LIK Event



Producer Dil Raju recently made an interesting statement about popular director Anil Ravipudi. He said that Anil Ravipudi is not just a director but also a very good actor. His comments came during the pre-release event of the upcoming film Love Insurance Kompany (LIK). Dil Raju shared that whenever Anil Ravipudi comes to narrate a story, he explains it with full expressions. He said Anil acts out scenes while narrating, which shows his natural acting talent. Dil Raju said that this quality proves that Anil has strong acting skills hidden inside

him. He also mentioned that he would like to introduce Anil Ravipudi as an actor in the future. This statement surprised fans and created excitement. Many people are now curious to see Anil in an acting role. The event was held for Love Insurance Kompany, love entertainer starring Pradeep Ranganathan and Krithi Shetty. The film has already created good buzz among the audience. The story is expected to have a fresh and interesting concept. The movie is all set to release on April 10 and is directed by Nayanthara husband Vignesh Shivan.

1st Time in History: Dhurandhar 2 is Untouchable!



It was always expected that Dhurandhar 2 would be one of the highest grossing films of all time in Indian cinema, and this is exactly turning out to be the case now. The film is phenomenal run at the Indian box office, and it has set an unprecedented record now. The latest installment of the blockbuster franchise, Dhurandhar 2, has made history at the Indian box office by becoming the first Hindi film ever to cross Rs.1,000 crore nett collections domestically. Released just over two weeks ago, the film has captured the audience's imagination with its high-octane action, star-studded cast, and gripping storyline. On its 16th day, the film continued its strong run, screening in more than 4,000 shows nationwide and adding significant revenue to its already record-breaking total. The consistent footfall in theaters across all major cities indicates that audiences are flocking to see the film repeatedly, highlighting its mass appeal. With this landmark achievement, Dhurandhar 2 now surpasses previous records set by major hits in Hindi cinema, firmly establishing itself as a cultural and commercial phenomenon. Industry analysts point out that crossing ₹1,000 crore nett in India is a rare feat, previously seen only in Telugu and Tamil cinema, making this milestone even more significant for Bollywood. The film's success reflects not only the franchise's strong fanbase but also the growing market for Hindi-language blockbusters at a pan-India level. As theaters continue to report packed shows, Dhurandhar 2 is expected to maintain its momentum, setting new benchmarks for future releases in Indian cinema.



Sharwa's Biker collects huge in its first weekend

Charming Star Sharwanand starrer Biker, India's first

Motorcross film, released on 3rd April with huge anticipation. The movie collected Rs.18.09 crores+ gross in the first weekend, worldwide. It showcased Sharwanand's huge market pull and great reputation among family audiences. With the premieres itself, the movie got a huge appreciation from audiences and critics alike. The sound design, visuals, racing sequences and conviction of the director Abhilash Reddy, producing values of UV Creations have been highly appreciated by audiences.

Sharwanand's incredibly transformation, his screen presence, his performance and mainly his father-son bonding scenes have gained him innumerable amount of praises. Rajasekhari's performance and Malavika Nair's glamor have added to the overall highlights of



the movie. Family audiences are praising the unique concept and integration of high-end emotions in the racing sequences. VFX work and spectacular cinematic experience the movie provides have made it a trending blockbuster with high number of ticket sales on BMS. The first Monday bookings are huge as the movie has garnered great family audiences support.

Telugu Artists Getting Sidelined? JD Has Different Opinion

Long back, former actor Kota Srinivasarao started to complain that with the arrival of other language actors like Prakash Raj, the opportunities for local Telugu actors had declined in Telugu movies. Owing to that, many star directors started bringing various new talented artists from Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi and Marathi as well, while sometimes there are Bengali actors also. So, what's the take of former hero JD Chakravarthy on this?

In fact, JD has stopped doing films for some time as films that have him in the lead are not even working out. He's now doing a special role in the movie Gayapadda Simham that features Tarun Bhaskar in the leading role. While promoting this movie, JD was asked if non-state actors are ruling out the chances of



local Telugu stars, and his response was amazing. "There is nothing like Telugu actors are not getting the offers. Firstly, most directors approach Telugu actors for certain roles, and only if we reject it, then other language actors come in. Also, sometimes, when the director carves out a story, depending upon the fitness of an actor the character requires, he will go for

other language actors. So that's a creative call and there is nothing to worry about," said JD Chakravarthy.

In a way, the actor, who also happens to be the director, has pulled the curtains down on these allegations that Telugu actors are not getting enough chances, saying that it is a creative call. Surely this opinion resonates with many filmmakers out there.

Varanasi: Frustrated Rajamouli Takes Into own Hands!

First production and VFX creation is generally regarded as one of the most frustrating things for any film maker and Rajamouli is not different with the same. Many people say that Rajamouli usually gets frustrated with the delay in the production as the VFX output is not on his expected standards. Now, SS Rajamouli has partnered in setting up a dedicated VFX studio, further strengthening his grip over the technical aspects of his filmmaking.

The studio is equipped with international level technology and is already playing a central role in the production of his upcoming film Varanasi. A significant portion of the visual effects work for Varanasi is being handled in house at this studio, with an additional four to five international VFX companies also contributing to the project. Rajamouli has always been known for his meticulous attention to visual effects, never compromising on the quality of what appears on screen. Having his own studio in the mix gives him direct creative oversight over



the VFX pipeline, allowing him to maintain the exacting standards his films are known for worldwide.

Industry insiders point out that with a state of the art facility under his own partnership, the scale and quality of visuals in Varanasi is expected to reach an entirely new benchmark. The combination of a proprietary studio and multiple global collaborators signals that the film is being built with extraordinary ambition from a technical standpoint. Rajamouli's track record with RRR and the Baahubali franchise already set the bar high for Indian cinema. Varanasi, backed by this kind of VFX infrastructure, is generating massive expectations across the industry.

Second edition of Rugby Premier League to be held in Hyderabad from June 16-28

Rugby India on Monday announced that the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) will take place at Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad from June 16 to 28. Geographic Reference After a successful inaugural event last year in Mumbai, the second edition will include the same six franchises from the first, maintaining a high-performance platform that features top Indian and international players, and delivers an exciting, action-filled rugby experience for fans.

Welcoming the league to Hyderabad, Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to Government (Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture & Sports Department), Government of Telangana, said, "Hyderabad's emergence as a global sporting destination reflects Telangana's long-term policy vision and institutional support for international partnerships. Events like the Rugby Premier League contribute significantly to tourism, urban visibility, and the broader sports economy of the State."

Echoing this sentiment and outlining the league's continued evolution, Rahul Bose, President of Rugby India, said, "With everything one does in life, the quest is to always do better, be better, deliver better. That will continue to be the cornerstone of the RPL."



Elaborating on how this philosophy is implemented within the league, he added, "Building a world-class property will never be enough. We will always strive to deliver a better product for our fans, do better by our sponsors and last but not the least, be better partners for our franchisees, their owners and their support staff. RPL 2026 at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad sets out to achieve all this and more. We promise a better fan experience, an even more thrilling quality of world-class rugby and a brilliant television and OTT product. As always, we cannot do anything alone. We rely on all our partners, including the media, to guide, advise and be the wind beneath our wings. Here's to a cracking RPL 2026!"

The decision to host the league in Hyderabad aligns with GMR Sports' broader commitment to developing world-class sporting ecosystems. The announcement follows GMR Sports' recent signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the

Government of Telangana, with a shared focus on developing a Satellite Sports City within Bharat Future City. Geographic Reference GMR Sports' CEO, Satyam Trivedi, announced the second Rugby Premier League season will be held in Hyderabad at Gachibowli Stadium, highlighting the city's prime infrastructure, connectivity, passionate fans, and the presence of a franchise partner. This move reflects GMR Sports' dedication to promoting rugby's growth, offering top-tier sporting experiences, and inspiring future athletes in Hyderabad and across India.

A. Sonibala Devi, IFS, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG), emphasised the event's significance from a high-performance perspective. "Hosting the Rugby Premier League at the Gachibowli Stadium strengthens our high-performance ecosystem and provides invaluable exposure to emerging talent. Such international competitions accelerate athlete development and reinforce Telangana's commitment to sporting excellence," she said.

The second edition of the Rugby Premier League is poised to showcase top-level rugby with elite competition, a tested league format, and a new host city, all while further supporting the growth of rugby by India.

IPL 2026: 'Building a season takes time...' says LSG owner Goenka after thrilling SRH win

Hyderabad: Lucknow Super Giants owner Sanjiv Goenka emphasised patience and collective belief after his team secured a thrilling last-over victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League clash at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, saying performances like these reflect the process of building a successful season.

Geographic Reference Lucknow edged past Hyderabad by five wickets in a tense last-over finish at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on Sunday, with skipper Rishabh Pant guiding the chase of 157 with one ball to spare after a spirited fight from the hosts. Following the win, Goenka emphasised that



building a successful campaign in a long tournament requires time and belief within the group and credited the leadership group and the clarity within the squad for the team's performance under pressure. He also acknowledged that, while the result was encouraging, the team remains focused on further improvement as the tour-

n a m e n t progresses. "Building a season takes time, patience, and collective belief. Today reflected all three. The captain set the tone, and the group followed with clarity and discipline. That alignment is what allows a team to grow. A step forward, with a long way still to go. Grateful for the support. We keep building from

here," Goenka wrote in an Instagram post.

Lucknow's bowlers had earlier laid the foundation by restricting Hyderabad to 156/9 despite a strong middle-order partnership between Heinrich Klaasen and Nitish Kumar Reddy. The chase later went down to the final over before Pant sealed the result.

The victory provided Lucknow with valuable momentum in the competition, marking their first win of the IPL 2026 campaign. Before Pant and Aiden Markram's knocks, Mohammed Shami registered a brilliant spell of 2-9 in four overs to keep the hosts in check. LSG will next face the Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday at the iconic Eden Gardens.

I'm going to try to enjoy this beautiful surface: Alcaraz excited for Monte Carlo return

Top seed Carlos Alcaraz is excited for the start of his clay-court season at the Monte-Carlo Masters and said, "To be in Monaco as the defending champion is something that he is not thinking about." Alcaraz, who is set to compete in Monte-Carlo for the third time, is the defending champion at the first clay-court season off the back of two consecutive defeats, to Jack Draper at Indian Wells and David Goffin in Miami. But from his arrival in the Principality, he won 33 of his next 34 matches.

"I'm just really, really happy to be back here in Monte-Carlo, the first tournament of the clay season, at least for me, which is great," Alcaraz told ATP Media on Thursday. "I just missed it so much to be honest. I'm going to try to enjoy as much as I can this

beautiful surface, this beautiful tournament. It's great." "To be here as the defending champion, it's something that I'm just not thinking about to be honest. I'm just trying to be in a good mindset and trying to get better after every practice, and let's see how it goes," he said.

"This week was really, really important. I would say that was the turning point of 2025. After the feeling that I got here, I just got better and better. I understood and I realised how I should play after this week. That's why I just did an exceptional year after this one. I do remember I didn't play that well, but everything that came after that, it was an amazing moment for me," he added.

Clay has always been a happy hunting ground for Alcaraz, who has won 84.4 per cent of his matches on the surface according to ATP Stats. Only Rafael Nadal (90.5%) and Bjorn



Borg (86.1%) own better winning percentages on record, so it is a good opportunity for the Spaniard to get back on track after a third-round loss in Miami to Sebastian Korda.

"I started playing tennis on clay courts. I grew up playing on clay courts. I started playing at four and I just didn't touch a hard court until I was eight years old, and I just touched it barely, so I was always on clay courts,"

Alcaraz said. "That's why I got the feeling of playing the clay season and when the clay season is over you have to wait almost one year to play again. So it's a really long period of time, at least for me," he said.

Alcaraz, who is also in the middle of a battle for World No. 1 in the ATP Rankings with Jannik Sinner, will face former World No. 3 Stan Wawrinka or Sebastian Baez in the second round.

India chase Billie Jean King Cup play-offs spot; Shrivalli pull out due to back spasm

New Delhi: India will look to make the most of familiar conditions and home support when the Asia-Oceania Group I ties of the Billie Jean King Cup begin at the DLTA Complex on Tuesday (April 6, 2026), with promotion to the 2026 play-offs firmly on their radar.

However, the home challenge has suffered a dent with the withdrawal of talented Shrivalli Bhamidipaty. Placed alongside Indonesia, Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand and Thailand, the hosts face a stiff challenge in a tightly-contested field where only the top two teams will progress, while the bottom two sides will be relegated to Group II for 2027. India return to the regional competition after a disappointing outing in the 2025 play-offs held in Bengaluru, where they finished third in a three-team Group G. The hosts suffered a 1-2 defeat to Slovenia and a 0-3 loss to the Netherlands, despite spirited efforts from debutant Shrivalli and Sahaja Yamalappali.

That campaign marked a transition phase for the team, and the responsibility in singles now firmly rests on Sahaja and top-ranked Vaishnavi Adkar, who lead India's charge in the format. Experienced campaigner Ankita Raina, meanwhile, is expected to focus on doubles duties, where her experience alongside Rutuja Bhosale remains a key asset. It won't be a surprise if skipper Vishal Uppal asks Ankita to play singles also dur-

ing the tournament. Sahaja, India's number two player at number 384, has been a consistent performer on the ITF circuit, reaching multiple semifinals over the past year and breaking into the top-300, underlining her role as the team's lead singles option.

She also gained valuable exposure at the WTA level, including a main-draw win on debut at the Chennai Open, reflecting her ability to compete against higher-ranked opposition. Shrivalli has shown her big-match temperament in national colours, having gone unbeaten in singles during India's strong run in the 2025 Asia-Oceania Group I event, defeating multiple higher-ranked players.

She faced early exits in recent events such as the Mumbai Open, but her fighting displays continue to underline her potential at this level. Her withdrawal is a setback for the hosts. "Shrivalli withdrew from the team due to back spasm. Vaidehee Chaudhari (India number 3) would have replaced her but she twisted her ankle on Thursday while practising with the team. She hasn't fully recovered so we can't risk her. Zeel Desai has replaced her," Uppal told PTI. "We have to work with and make the best of the cards dealt to us. I am focusing on what we have and how we make the most of it," he said. The rise of Vaishnavi Adkar has added depth to India's singles lineup. The youngster, now the country's number one singles player at

number 383, earned her maiden national call-up after a breakthrough run to the final of a W100 event in Bengaluru—the first by an Indian woman in over a decade—and also clinched an ITF title earlier this season, highlighting her rapid progress. However, the absence of top-200 players remains a concern, with India's singles contingent still outside the top 300, reflecting the gap at the highest level.

Indonesia head into the tournament as favourites, led by the highest-ranked player in the field Janice Tjen, who has rapidly risen into the top 50 of the WTA rankings. Her recent performances underline why she is a major threat. The world number 41 Tjen made global headlines last year by winning a match on her Grand Slam debut at the U.S. Open, becoming the first Indonesian woman in over two decades to register a victory at that level.

She has carried that momentum into 2026, defeating top-30 player Leylah Fernandez at the Australian Open before reaching the second round. She has the ability to trouble higher-ranked opponents.

On the WTA Tour, she has already shown consistency against quality fields, including wins over established names and a run to the third round in a tour event earlier this season. Though she suffered an early exit at the Miami Open, her competitive three-set loss against Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva further illustrated her fighting ability.

'Dravid rarely seen inside...': Kumble's witty take on pavilion end honour at Chinnaswamy

Legendary India spinner Anil Kumble shared a hilarious take on being honoured with the pavilion end at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium named after him, saying the pavilion end has not been named after Rahul Dravid because he either spent most of his time outside it or because he was 'rarely seen inside' once he walked out with the bat.

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) unveiled the "Anil Kumble End" and the "Rahul Dravid End" ahead of the IPL 2026 clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Chennai Super Kings on Sunday, recognising the contributions of two of Karnataka and India's finest cricketers.

Kumble shared a light-hearted remark involving Dravid. "Probably because Rahul spent most of his time outside the pavilion. When he used to bat, he was rarely seen inside," he told JioStar. The pavilion end of the stadium has now been named after Kumble, referencing his bowling style and long spells during his career. "And I have been given the pavilion end, probably because it is close to the pavilion and you don't need a run-up to bowl



from there. When I played, I bowled a lot of overs from both ends, so why did they give me the pavilion end?" he joked.

Reflecting on the honour, Kumble admitted the gesture had exceeded anything he had imagined during his playing days. "I never thought that there would be a permanent end at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in my name. It's a special feeling," he added.

The former leg-spinner, who remains India's highest wicket-taker

across formats, also reminisced about his early connection with the iconic venue, tracing it back to his childhood. "I was 9 years old when I first came to this stadium to watch a Ranji Trophy match between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. So, yes, this feels surreal."

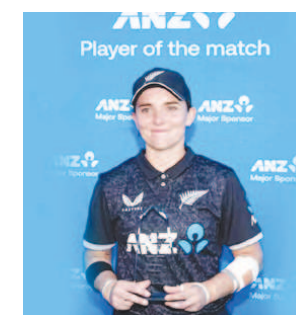
The ceremony, attended by KSCA officials, including president Venkatesh Prasad, marked a significant tribute to two stalwarts whose careers have left an indelible mark on Indian cricket.

Kerr, Mooney, and Khaka short-listed for ICC Women's Player of the Month award

New Zealand captain Amelia Kerr, Australia batter Beth Mooney and South Africa seamer Ayabonga Khaka have been shortlisted for ICC Women's Player of the Month award for March.

Amelia's all-round displays against Zimbabwe and South Africa have led to her being in contention for a third ICC Player of the Month award, while Beth impressed with consistent batting performances against India and West Indies. Ayabonga, meanwhile, topped the wicket charts in South Africa's T20I series in New Zealand before producing

a career-best effort in their opening ODI game. Amelia scored 176 runs at a strike-rate of 78.57 in four ODIs in March while also grabbing 18 wickets with an economy rate of 3.77. She was the Player of the Series as New Zealand defeated Zimbabwe 3-0 in ODIs, including taking 7-34 in the second match. In six T20Is, she scored 276 runs at a strike-rate of 158.62 and took six wickets as she extended her incredible streak of making 11 consecutive scores of 30 or more in the format. Amelia, the top-ranked all-rounder in the shortest format, was also



adjudged as the Player of the Series in New Zealand's 4-1 T20I series win over South Africa. Beth, meanwhile, scored 171 runs in two ODIs - an unbeaten 106 in the final ODI of the series against India in Hobart, which gave Australia a 3-0 series

win and 65 against the West Indies in Basseterre. She also amassed 107 runs at a strike-rate of 128.91 in three T20Is that included a match-winning 79 off 55 deliveries in the first T20I against the West Indies in Kingstown.

On the other hand, Ayabonga was the leading wicket-taker in their T20I series in New Zealand, grabbing eight wickets in four matches. She followed it up with consistent performances - like picking 6-56 in the first ODI against New Zealand in Christchurch, as South Africa won the game in thrilling fashion.

IPL 2026: When and where to watch RR vs MI, know all details

Guwahati: Buoyed by their early success, Rajasthan Royals, winner of the inaugural edition in 2008, will face five-time champions Mumbai Indians in the 13th Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 match at Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday. RR have started their campaign strongly, securing wins in their first two matches. They opened with a commanding victory over the Chennai Super Kings and later achieved a narrow six-run victory against the Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad.

The former champions possess a powerful batting lineup, featuring an aggressive opening pair in Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Yashasvi Jaiswal. Additionally, skipper Riyan Parag and Dhruv Jurel provide support in the middle order. Their quick bowlers, led by Jofra Archer and Nandre Burger, have also performed well with the new ball. Mumbai Indians, meanwhile, head into the

match after a setback against Delhi Capitals. The five-time champions have had a mixed start, securing a win over Kolkata Knight Riders but struggling with consistency overall. Currently placed sixth in the table, MI will be eager to bounce back, with captain Hardik Pandya likely to return to the playing XI. The addition of Mitchell Santner strengthens their spin department and provides better balance, enabling the side to field a three-pronged Indian pace attack alongside Trent Boult. On paper, both teams appear evenly matched, setting the stage for a competitive clash in Guwahati. While Rajasthan will aim to extend their winning run and cement their status as early contenders, Mumbai will be eager to regroup and get their campaign back on track. Where: Barsapara Cricket Stadium (ACA), Guwahati

Where to watch: The RR vs MI match will be broadcast by Star Sports Network, with JioHotstar

live-streaming the game.

Squads: Rajasthan Royals: Riyan Parag (c), Dhruv Jurel, Donovan Ferreira, Lhuan-Dre Pretorius, Ravi Singh, Aman Perala, Shimron Hetmyer, Shubham Dubey, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ravindra Jadeja, Dasun Shanaka, Adam Milne, Brijesh Sharma, Jofra Archer, Kuldeep Sen, Kwena Maphaka, Nandre Burger, Ravi Bishnoi, and Sandeep Sharma.

Mumbai Indians: Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ryan Rickleton, Robin Minz, Mitchell Santner, Corbin Bosch, Naman Dhir, Jasprit Bumrah, Trent Boult, Allah Ghafanar, Ashwani Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Will Jacks, Raghu Sharma, Raj Angad Bawa, Sherfane Rutherford, Mayank Markande, Shardul Thakur, Quinton de Kock, Mohammad Izzar, Danish Malewar, Atharva Ankelekar, Mayank Rawat

Special attention should be paid to resolving PGRS complaints

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore instructions to the officials
People submitted 334 petitions at PGRS and Revenue Clinics

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 06 : District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has instructed the officials to pay special attention to the resolution of complaints received from the public through the PGRS (Public Grievance Redressal System) platform, resolve them promptly without delay, and take quality action. In the PGRS organized at the Collectorate meeting hall on Monday morning, he, along with DRO M. Visveswara Naidu and ADC Satyaveni, received complaints from the public. On this occasion, he



gave clear directions to the officials on the steps to be taken in resolving complaints. He said that the officials should talk directly to the petitioners and conduct a thorough examination of the complaints received repeated-

ly. He said that the problems need to be resolved before the deadline. A total of 334 complaints were registered in the PGRS program held on Monday. Out of them, 59 were from the Revenue Department, 83 from the GVMC, 23 from the Police Department, and 169 from other departments. In the PGRS, the District Collector, DRO, and ADC received complaints from the public, while in the Revenue Clinic, RDOs and Tahsildars received complaints from the public. District level officers of all departments were present.



Job fair on April 9th Selection process for 1960 jobs DRDA Project Director Srinivas Pani

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vizianagaram , April 6: The Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and the Society for Employment Generation and Enterprise Development in Andhra Pradesh (SEEDAP) are organizing a job fair with 1960 job opportunities for employment in various companies, said District Rural Development Agency , Scheme Director , Srinivas Pani in a statement. He said that this selection process will be held on Thursday, 09-04-2026 from 9.00 am at the local TTDC , Women's Campus. For information about the qualifications required and other details, candidates should contact D. Tirumala Rao on 8712495526 and S. Sai Kishore - 8712495524 . Candidates who are eligible to appear for the selection process will have to submit Aadhaar card , educational qualification certificates in xerox , two passport size photographs and bio-data.

Jobs details
1. Royal Enfield Company , Chennai invites applications from male candidates with BE/B.Tech (Mechanical/Automobile , Electrical , Electronics & related disciplines/Diploma Degree/ITI) for 50 posts.
2. Male candidates with SSC/Inter/Degree Diploma for 70 jobs in Waltas , Gummidipundi Sri City , Nellore ,
3. Hetero , men with B.Sc Chemistry , M.Sc Organic Chemistry , ITI Fitter

qualifications are looking for 70 jobs in Hyderabad.
4. Male candidates for 100 Security Guard jobs in GMR Raxaul , Hyderabad
5. Male candidates with B.Sc Chemistry and Diploma Mechanical (Freshers) for 150 jobs in Deccan Fine Chemicals , Tuni
6. Candidates who have completed Inter Pharmacist for 20 (10 Male + 10 Female) posts in Central Pharmacy , Visakhapatnam
7. W. N. S. (WNS), Visakhapatnam for 100 posts of D/B Pharmacy female/male candidates
8. Wooyoung DSC Hmaseung , BISA, Bangalore , Chennai for 600 jobs (free accommodation , food) for male candidates with SSC , Intermediate , ITI , Diploma , B.Tech , M.Tech.
9. Male and female candidates who have completed SSC and Intermediate for 200 jobs in Big Basket (KL Technical Service)
10. Dazzle Sportswear (Pvt) Ltd. , Hyderabad , for 50 jobs (Free accommodation , meals, 12 hours shift) Female candidates with 5th class , SSC and basic sewing machine experience
11. He said that candidates who have studied SSC , Intermediate , ITI , Diploma , B.Tech (Mechanical) should appear for job interviews for 550 jobs (free accommodation and food) in Greentech Industries India Private Limited , Hyderabad .

Black Ribbon Protest by Veterinary Students Demands Safer Work Conditions



By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli (Garividi), April 6
Responding to a nationwide call by the Indian Veterinary Association, a protest was held at the local Veterinary College in Garividi on Monday afternoon. Students and faculty members staged a demonstration wearing black ribbons to express concern over the increasing dangers faced by veterinary professionals. The protest follows two tragic incidents that shocked the veterinary community. Dr. Samaiky Reddy died on March 20

after sustaining injuries in a hippopotamus attack while on duty at a zoo in Shivamogga, Karnataka. In a similar incident, Dr. Vaishak lost his life on April 1 after an elephant attack at a zoo in Gujarat. As part of a coordinated nationwide movement, veterinary institutions observed the protest to urge authorities to strengthen safety protocols. The appeal has been directed to the Veterinary Council of India and the government, seeking policy-level interventions to ensure the safety of veterinarians working in haz-

ardous conditions. At the Garividi Veterinary College, the protest took place in the presence of Associate Dean In-charge Dr. Malakondayya, Student Affairs Officer Y.R. Ambedkar, and Technical Officer Dr. Muralidhar. Students participated actively, voicing their concerns. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Malakondayya advised students to remain vigilant and follow strict safety measures while handling animals, stressing that awareness and precaution are key to preventing such incidents.

AP govt sets its sights on setting up an international arbitration centre in Vizag

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 6
In a major push to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's industrial and legal ecosystem, the state government has set its sights on establishing a world-class international arbitration centre in Visakhapatnam. Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Kondapalli Srinivas mentioned that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is committed to making this a reality and described it as a transformative step for the state's economic and dispute resolution framework.

Addressing a gathering at the 'MSME Conference 2026' organised by the Asian Centre for International Arbitration and Mediation, the minister highlighted that the initiative builds upon earlier discussions held last September in collaboration



with the National Law University. He lauded the Chief Minister's resolve to make Andhra Pradesh a hub for international arbitration and mediation, which is expected to attract global investments and enhance ease of doing business. The government remains committed to strengthening the Alternative

Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism across the state and will extend complete support to institutions like ACIAM. Emphasising on efficiency and transparency, the minister noted that delayed payment claims from MSMEs are now being processed through the ODR portal established by the

Ministry of MSME, ensuring faster and more reliable resolutions. He further informed that the state currently operates one state-level and four regional MSME Facilitation Councils, which are actively resolving pending payment disputes. With an aim to create widespread opportunities for economic growth and self-employment, the minister announced an ambitious plan to establish MSME parks in all 175 assembly constituencies across Andhra Pradesh. Supreme Court Judge Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, MSME Ministry Director Ankita Pandey, Visakhapatnam North MLA P. Vishnukumar Raju, and Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation CEO Surya Raju, along with entrepreneurs attended.

Sabala food festival draws 50,000 visitors in Visakhapatnam

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 6
The second edition of the Sabala Bhojanala Panduga, a community-led food festival centred on natural farming and sustainable living, was held from April 1 to 5 at the Simhachalam Goshala in Visakhapatnam, drawing an estimated 50,000 visitors over five days.

Launched in 2024 under the initiative of Vijay Ram, an advocate of natural farming and organic food systems, the festival draws inspiration from agriculturist Subhash Palekar. Farmers from Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts have been central to the initiative, which aims to create awareness and address misconceptions surrounding traditional food practices. Sabala Bhojanala Panduga was held at the Simhachalam Goshala in Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 5. Sabala Bhojanala Panduga was held at the Simhachalam Goshala in Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 5. | Photo Credit: Paul Nicodemus
Many people assume that natural foods are difficult to cook or inac-



cessible, a hesitation that has adversely affected farmers who have shifted to organic methods, said Chalapathi Rao, a member of the organising team. He added that the festival was conceived to bridge this gap and foster a direct connection between farmers and consumers. A diverse range of dishes prepared using indigenous ingredients, including millets, grains, lentils and vegetables, was served during the festival. Organisers said more than 50 varieties of traditional seeds and rice were showcased through the

menu, with different preparations introduced each day. The food was served free of cost, with visitors encouraged to make voluntary contributions. Visitors said the festival offered both culinary and educational value. Dabbada Aswini, an employee of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Engineering Department, said they came to know about the festival through social media and recommendations from friends abroad, adding that it was their first visit and a very good experience.

Pidintla Pravallika, who works in the Home Department, said the sessions provided valuable insights into bio salt, its preparation, benefits and methods of making it at home, and noted that the explanations were clear and engaging. Around 30 stalls were set up by farmers to sell natural and organic produce. Seed conservation was a key focus, with experts from Maharashtra and Telangana participating in discussions. Organisers emphasised the importance of farmers retaining and regenerating seeds after each crop cycle instead of purchasing them repeatedly. The festival also featured demonstrations on sustainable living practices, including bamboo craft, palm-leaf bedding and pottery, along with indigenous healthcare systems such as Ayurveda, Siddha and Homoeopathy. Native cattle breeds were displayed, and folk performances from the three districts added a cultural dimension. Organisers said the initiative aims to strengthen local food systems while supporting farmers adopting sustainable practices.

District administration's efforts are successful in resolving PGRS/Revenue Clinic requests: Dist Collector

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vizianagaram , April 6: The 'Public Issues Resolution Forum' (PGRS) and 'Revenue Clinic' programs organized at the Collectorate Auditorium on Monday are receiving a great response. People from all over the district came to submit their petitions and complaints on their issues. District Collector M. Ram Sundar Reddy, who received the petition directly from the petitioner: The steps taken by the district administration under the leadership of District Collector M. Ramsundara Reddy towards the satisfactory resolution of the petitions are yielding results. People are expressing happiness over the manner in which the petitions are being resolved under the auspices of the district administration. On Monday, the District Collector personally went to the Collectorate Portion and received the petition from Sabbavarapu Pothuraj, a disabled person from Uttarapalli village of Kothavalasa mandal, and ordered the officials of the DCH / Medical / Differently Gifted Departments to immediately examine and resolve the application filed for increase in the disabled pension from



Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 15,000 on medical grounds, proving his humanity. The District Collector is directly talking to petitioners from various parts of the district and taking steps to ensure that their requests are satisfactorily resolved. Focus on PGRS/Revenue Clinic Requests: Out of the total 228 requests received by PGRS/Revenue Clinic, 89 were from the Revenue Department. District Collector S Ramsundara Reddy has instructed the district officials to work expeditiously in resolving PGRS and Revenue Clinic requests and to dispose of

pending requests immediately after resolving them. The Collector has instructed that delay in resolving PGRS and Revenue Clinic requests will not be tolerated, prompt action should be taken on the requests, and revenue issues and survey issues should be resolved immediately. He has instructed the officials to check PGRS requests online on the website from time to time and resolve the requests expeditiously. Digital Monitoring of PGRS: He instructed the officers to be responsible for the calls received through the 1100 toll free number. He said that he

is personally reviewing the progress of PGRS every week. Since the Chief Minister/CS is reviewing the PGRS from time to time, the officers should act with caution and pay utmost attention to resolving the issues. He instructed the officers of the concerned departments to give endorsement only after meeting and talking to the applicant. The date and time of talking to the applicant should also be recorded in their report. He said that the public should be made aware of the PGRS toll free number 1100. He said that the concerned officer should also respond to the calls received on this number in a proper manner. He issued orders to the concerned officers to take appropriate steps and take prompt action to resolve the issues of the applicants. The district administration, as per the instructions of the District Collector, is paying special attention to revenue-related complaints and issues and is immediately addressing the complaints of the people and farmers, which is receiving a special response from the people and farmers. The people and farmers are expressing happiness as the revenue complaints are being resolved quickly.

Winter camp inaugurated in Sri Durgamma temple premises

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 6 : A cold storage center was set up at the Sri Durgamma Ammavari Temple at Chandrapalem Jataru Gattu under the auspices of handloom associations as a service to the people and buttermilk was distributed. This winter camp was organized by members of the handloom associations Padmasali, Devanga, Pattushali, Karna Bhakta, and Karikala Bhakta associations with the support of Doddi Venkateswara Rao, Vice President of PM Palem Sri Padma Markandeya Seva Sangam, Madicherla Durga Prasad, and the Gangabhavani family. As part of the program, cold but-



termilk was distributed to the people, providing relief from the scorching sun. Speaking on the occasion, Sangha President

Koppala Nageswara Rao expressed special gratitude to the members of the Sri Durgamma Temple Committee, as well as the

couple Doddi Venkateswara Rao and Ramadevi. Vice President Doddi Venkateswara Rao said that it is commendable that PM Palem Sri Padma Markandeya Seva Sangam and other organizations are also participating in this program. He hoped that such service programs will continue successfully every year and that everyone will receive the blessings of the Goddess. Representatives of Padmasali, Devanga, Pattu Shali, Karna devotees, Karikala devotees associations, and representatives of the Sri Durgamma Temple Committee participated in this program.

The new facilities, equipped with latest technologies, to provide quality medical care to serving personnel, veterans & their dependents

- Innovation, capacity building & integration of advanced tech must to meet emerging military medicine challenges: Rajnath Singh
 - "Military medical services within the country & neighboring nations have emerged as a powerful testament to India's soft power"
 - "AFMS must focus on research, achieving self-reliance in pharmaceuticals & reforms within clinical trial framework"



New Delhi, April, 6 (PIB): Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, on April 06, 2026, laid the foundation stones of Ophthalmology, Oncology and Joint Replacement Centres at Army Hospital (Research & Referral) and new infrastructure at Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt as part of the 262nd Army Medical Corps Raising Day celebrations. The state-of-the-art facilities at Army Hospital (Research & Referral) are envisaged to significantly enhance the tertiary care capabilities of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS), particularly in the domains of advanced eye care, cancer treatment, and complex joint replacement surgeries,

while the new hospital infrastructure at Base Hospital is being developed with a capacity of 998 beds along with an additional 100 crisis expansion beds, to address routine and emergency healthcare requirements of the Defence Forces personnel. In his address, Raksha Mantri underlined the importance of continued innovation, capacity building, and integration of modern technologies to meet the emerging challenges in military medicine. He exuded confidence that the new facilities, equipped with modern technologies and infrastructure, will provide quality medical care to the serving personnel, veterans &

their dependents. Rajnath Singh commended the dedication, professionalism, and compassion of the AFMS personnel for rendering services to every nook and corner of the country, from towering mountains to inaccessible forests, from times of peace to moments of disaster. He appreciated them for organising medical camps across the country and neighboring nations, including Nepal, while specially mentioning the successful conduct of glaucoma surgeries and eye care services. "Such initiatives strengthen our ties with friendly nations while simultaneously bringing about positive transformations in the lives of people. Your services have emerged as a powerful testament to India's 'soft power'," he said.

While Raksha Mantri reiterated the Government's commitment to providing world-class healthcare facilities for the soldiers & their families, and termed it as top priority, he exhorted AFMS to lay special emphasis on 'research', stressing on the integration of modern medical science with ancient philosophy to present a truly effective healthcare model to the public. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the nation has made significant strides in the medical domain, from continuous expansion of healthcare infrastructure, increase in the number of institutions such as AIIMS to the access of healthcare facilities to everyone through the Ayushman Card, and advancements in fields such as cancer treatment, bypass surgery, and critical care. However, when it comes to frontier technologies and deep research, we still have a long journey ahead. For instance, in cancer research, specifically early detection technologies and personalised medicine, several countries are currently ahead of us. We also must further strengthen our capabilities in developing advanced predictive models for cardiovascular diseases, as well as in neuro-research related to mental health," he said.

Underscoring the importance of achieving self-reliance in the pharmaceuticals sector, Shri Rajnath Singh asserted that while India is a major global supplier of medicines, dependency on external sources remains evident in the fields of high-end drug innovation and

original research. He highlighted the need to move beyond generic production and focus on fostering an innovation-driven pharmaceutical ecosystem. He added that concurrently, priority must be given to the discovery of new drugs, strengthening of clinical research, and adoption of global quality standards. He endorsed the integration of MSMEs and start-ups into the pharmaceutical innovation landscape, development of robust testing infrastructure, and cultivation of a skilled workforce. This approach will not only fulfill domestic requirements but also enable India to emerge as a global leader in these sectors, he said.

Drawing attention on the crucial subject of clinical trials, Raksha Mantri said that clinical trials are industry-sponsored in many advanced nations, and equal emphasis is placed on research, treatment & innovation. He pointed out that while efforts in this direction are being made in India, there is a need for reforms within the clinical trial framework. "We must explore how AFMS can make a meaningful contribution in this domain, ensuring

that our medical capabilities extend beyond mere curative treatment to encompass the creation of new knowledge," he said. Rajnath Singh also pitched for creating robust Standard Operating Procedures and standardised protocols for dissemination of clinical experience regarding a specific disease to other doctors and hospitals through systemic channels. "This would render faster, more efficient, and evidence-based treatment, enhancing not only individual capability but overall system efficiency. Establishing a national-level data pool would be a monumental step in this direction. It would provide better inputs for policy formulation, aid in validating new medical practices, and enable large-scale replication of effective treatments, thereby gradually transforming our healthcare system from a reactive into a proactive model," he said.

On the heavy workload in hospitals, Raksha Mantri stated that doctors remain constantly occupied with providing treatment & performing surgeries, and crucial aspects such as research, training, and teaching tend to take a backseat. This is a practical chal-



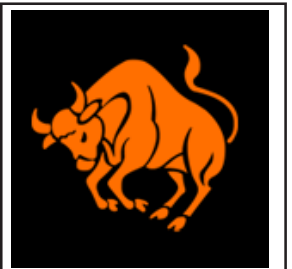
lenge that needs to be acknowledged, urging AFMS to explore ways to effectively balance the immense workload. Rajnath Singh also urged AFMS to examine the feasibility of setting up institutions at par with Army Hospital (R&R) in all four corners of the country with the aim to provide the soldiers at every region and location, superior medical facilities. "It is not strictly necessary to establish a greenfield project or construct an entirely new institution. There are immense possibilities within brownfield projects. Command Hospitals or Base Hospitals at various locations can be upgraded with modern facilities and elevated to this very same standard," he suggested. Raksha Mantri emphasised that in today's context, 'security' encompasses far more than merely safeguarding borders, with health security holding equal significance. "Health security plays a pivotal role when we successfully execute major operations like Operation Sindoor. When our soldiers possess the confidence that superior medical support is available to them, they accomplish their missions without apprehension. Therefore, it is imperative to adopt a consistently proactive and positive approach toward health security," he said.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Good day filled with happiness. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation-which will also bring you financial gains. You will be in the limelight at the social get-together that you attend today. Instant romance could come your way if you go out with friends in the evening. Use your judgment before you sign up for any costly venture. The elders of this zodiac sign can go and meet their old friends today in their free time. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today.
 Remedy :- For a faster career growth, ensure that contaminated water is not collected in or around your home.



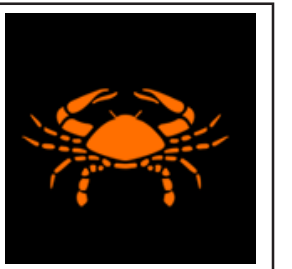
Taurus

Some physical changes that you do today will definitely enhance your looks. You will emit a positive aura today and step out of your house with a good state of mind, but your mood can get affected due to any of your precious items getting robbed. Health of some female member in the family may cause worries. You are going to make your life worthy by giving pleasure and forgiving for past mistakes. Successful day for those in the creative fields as they receive long awaited fame and recognition. In today's busy lifestyle, it gets difficult to find time for yourself. But today is your lucky day, as you will have plenty of time for yourself. Today, you will know that how does it feel to have a wonderful life-partner.
 Remedy :- For increase in income, establish chandra yantra at the place of worship in your home.



Gemini

Health will be perfect despite a hectic day. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today. It is possible for your maternal uncle or maternal grandfather to help you financially. Your witty nature will make you popular at social gatherings. Your courage would win the love. Today you will realize that it is the support of your family that you are doing well at work. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. Today, you will realize that your marriage had never been so beautiful.
 Remedy :- Store water in a red or maroon coloured glass bottle and let it absorb Sun's rays. Then mix this water with your bathing water and have bath for active professional life



Cancer

You will have ample time to do things to improve your health and looks. Unexpected bills will increase financial burden. An old friend makes an unexpected visit bringing back pleasant memories. Love is limitless, love is boundless; you must have heard these things before. But today, you will experience it. Your cooperative attitude and analytical skills will be noticed. Nothing is impossible as long as there's a will to overcome it. Rain is known for romance and you will feel the similar ecstasy with your life partner throughout the day.
 Remedy :- Apply mark of white sandalwood paste on your forehead for financial success.



Leo

Maintain your mental health-which is prerequisite for spiritual life. Mind is the gateway of life because everything whether it is good/bad comes through mind. It helps in solving life problems and endows one with requisite light. Avoid any long-term investments and try to go out and spend some pleasant moments with your good friend. Good advice from family members will bring gains to you today. Don't give up to emotional demands of your lover. New ideas would be productive. You can read a book in your free time. However, you may constantly feel disturbed by the members of your family. Your health might suffer due to the stress given by your spouse.
 Remedy :- Distribute (and also eat) sweets and savouries made of gram flour for fun-filled and happy love life.



Virgo

Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation-which will also bring you financial gains. Stay away from people who are likely to influence you with bad habits. Travel will promote romantic connection. If you should be going on a days leave then do not worry- as things will run smoothly in your absence- If for some strange reason there's a problem- you'll fix it easily when you return. Travelling will not bring immediate results but will lay down good foundation for future benefits. You will spend the best day of your life with your spouse today.
 Remedy :- Make use of marbles and coloured pebbles in plant pots, and keep in these in the corners of the home.



Libra

Take care of health and set things in order. Well-established and known businessmen of this zodiac sign are required to invest their money very thoughtfully today. Friends will come to your aid if needed. You need to be in your best behaviour, because your lover will be in a highly unpredictable mood. Success and recognition would be yours if you stay focused on your job. Pleasure trip will be satisfying. You might feel troubled due to your spouse today.
 Remedy :- Worship Lord Bhairava for excellent health.



Scorpio

Health remains perfect. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Your ability to impress others will bring rewards. You will never forget this day in your entire life, if you didn't lose the opportunity of making love today. Success is definitely yours- if you make crucial changes one step at a time. A day when events will be good and disturbing-leaving you confused and tired. Your life looks really wonderful in terms of marriage today.
 Remedy :- Wear bangles or khadas made of silver and make your love life memorable.



Sagittarius

Your swift action will motivate you. To achieve success-change your ideas with time. This would broaden your vision-widen your horizon-improve your personality and enrich your mind. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Unexpected good news from distant relatives will bring happy moments for the entire family. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. Get involved in jobs which are of creative nature. Today you would be full of good ideas and your choice of activities will bring you gains far beyond your expectations. There are fairly good chances that people around you will try to create differences in your relationship. Do not go as per the advice of outsiders.
 Remedy :- For progress in professional life, pay obeisance to the twelve names of Sun God daily (Mitra, Ravi, Surya, Bhanu, Khaga, Pushan, Hiranyagarbha, Marich, Aditya, Savitar, Arka, Bhaskar).



Capricorn

Your personal problems may ruin mental happiness but involve yourself in some mental exercise by reading something interesting to cope up with these pressures. You will like to overspend on others. Make sure you have approval of others before you make changes to your home environment. Be careful as falling in love could be sacrifice for you today. Banking sector professionals will receive a good news. Promotion chances are for some are high on the card. You can share your happiness with colleagues to double the joy. While fulfilling the needs of the family, you often forget to give yourself a break. But today, you will be able to take out some time for yourself and look for a new hobby. You might find your married life going boring. Find some excitement.
 Remedy :- Enjoy a blissful family life by engraving Shukra Yantra on a piece of Silver.



Aquarius

You will find it hard to concentrate on your work-as your health would not be perfect today. Those who are managing their business with their close ones or relatives need to remain very careful today, otherwise financial losses can occur. You should spend your spare time enjoying the company of children-even if you have to go out of your way to make that happen. If you feel that your beloved does not understand you, then take some time out and spend it with them. Talk openly and speak out your heart clearly. Today you will have the stamina and the know-how to raise your earning power. 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. The day is really romantic. With nice food, fragrances, happiness, you will spend an amazing time with your better-half.
 Remedy :- Engrave Mangal (Mars) Yantra in a gold ring and wear it to attain good health.



Pisces

Your health and energy conservation habit will benefit you immensely as you plan to go on a long journey. Despite a busy schedule you will be easily able to cope up with the tiredness. 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. Work hard for the welfare of your family. Your actions should be dictated by love and positive vision and not by greed. Today your love blooms to show what a beautiful deed you have done. You will benefit from the changes occurring at work. After completing household chores, housewives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie on TV or get engaged in their mobile phones in the free time today. If you were craving for the love of your spouse, the day will bless you.
 Remedy :- Financial life will become better by using green vehicles.

Launch of the first ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises

New Delhi, April, 6 (PIB): The National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), launches the first ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE) from April, 2026 covering all States and Union Territories; accompanied by an explainer document titled Know Your Survey: A User Guide to the Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE), designed specifically for communicating survey processes in a user-friendly manner. In terms of economic significance, the services sector contributes more than half of India's GDP, generates millions of jobs and has been a major catalyst for the country's economic transformation in the last few decades. ASISSE is envisaged to be a key source of official data on the incorporated services sector of the economy comprising of services like trade, transport, hospitality, information technology, education, health, etc. and thereby representing one of the most dynamic components of India's economy. ASISSE is a significant initiative aimed at developing a comprehensive database of the incorporated services sector in India. A comparable database for the registered manufacturing sector already exists through the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), conducted by the NSO, MoSPI. The unincorporated non-agricultural sector (excluding construction) is covered by the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) of MOSPI. Together, these three surveys provide a holistic view of the non-agricultural economy, capturing key indicators at both state and industry levels.

The survey covers corporate entities in the services sector - companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 or Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008. With a sample size of approximately 1.21 lakh enterprises, the survey is expected to generate key operational and economic indicators, which are crucial for evidence-based policymaking and economic analysis. The survey will be conducted under the provisions of Collection of Statistics Act, 2008, as amended in 2017 and through the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 and data will be collected through a secure web-based portal.

On this occasion, NSO also releases an explainer document "Know Your Survey - A User Guide to ASISSE", aimed at promoting greater awareness, transparency, and ease of compliance, and at improving the quality and reliability of data collected under ASISSE. The guide provides detailed information on survey objectives, coverage, concepts, definitions, and other relevant information in a clear and user-friendly manner. It addresses frequently asked questions and clarifies reporting requirements for selected enterprises. The document also includes a dedicated section for survey respondents, addressing their common queries, concerns, and doubts that may arise during the course of survey. The preparation of this document is aligned with global best practices followed internationally by national statistical systems in communicating survey design, processes, and outputs. The publication reflects NSO's commitment to fostering a more informed, aware, and engaged data user community, thereby strengthening public trust in official statistics.

Pre-Enrollment Awareness Rally for the New Academic Year

Skyline Correspondent Husnabad: April-06 Under the leadership of Headmaster Gangishetti Mahender of the PM Shri Zilla Parishad Girls High School in Husnabad town, an awareness rally was conducted for advance student admissions for the upcoming academic year (2026-27). "On this occasion, the rally toured the 11th, 15th, and 17th wards of the town, creating awareness among the public about the facilities available in government schools." Speaking on the occasion, 11th Ward Councillor Poodari Varaprasad said that the

Zilla Parishad Girls High School has facilities on par with residential (Gurukul) institutions and suggested that even the children of government teachers should be encouraged to study in government schools. "17th Ward Councillor Gadapaka Ravinder stated that this school is one of the best in the mandal with high standards. He also mentioned that private schools are increasing the financial burden on parents and advised them to enroll their children in government schools." 15th Ward Councillor Akula Rajitha



Venkanna explained that the school provides several facilities such as a modern science lab, computer lab, vocational courses like IT/ITES and automotive, free textbooks, uniforms, mid-day meals, digital classes, sports, yoga, karate, educational tours, and industrial visits. "They further added that from the coming academic year,

the government will also provide breakfast, shoes, ties, and belts." Teachers G. Narender, P. Lakshmaiah, S. Ravinder, P. Rajaiah, V. Yugandhar Reddy, B. Manohar, G. Ravinder, Satyanarayana Reddy, M. Vanamala, K. Swetha, T. Naveen Kumar, A. Renuka, along with students and others, participated in the program.

District Collector Khushboo Gupta Directs Advance Planning for Vanamahotsavam Plantation Drive



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar: April-06 Prepare Advance Plan for Tree Plantation under Vanamahotsavam: District Collector Khushboo Gupta "District Collector Khushboo Gupta has instructed officials of con-

cerned departments to prepare a comprehensive advance action plan for the upcoming Vanamahotsavam (tree plantation drive) to be conducted at the beginning of the rainy season. "Speaking at a

review meeting held with district officials at the Collectorate conference hall, the Collector directed the Rural Development Department, Panchayat Raj Department, Forest Department, and other officials to

jointly prepare a detailed action plan. "She stated that the district has set a target of planting 58 lakh saplings this year and emphasized that a well-planned strategy is essential to achieve 100% of the target.

Grand Graduation Day Celebrated at Sri Chaitanya School in Rajanna Sircilla

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla: April-06 Grand Graduation Day celebrations were held at Sri Chaitanya School located in Ellareddipet mandal center of Rajanna Sircilla district. On this occasion, various cultural programs were organized for the students. "Speaking



at the event, A.G.M. of Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, Mudrakola Raju, said that Sri Chaitanya School provides

quality higher education to students and urged parents to make use of this opportunity. "The event was attended by Principal Akunoori Venkatesh, Dean Ravinder, in-charges Shekhar, Odela Divya, Poornima Babu Reddy, Sukitha, Narender, Srikanth, along with students and their parents.

Traffic SI Venkateshwarlu Spreads Awareness on Road Safety Rules in Husnabad



Skyline Correspondent Husnabad: April-06 Traffic SI Venkateshwarlu created

awareness among vehicle drivers and the public about traffic rules at Ambedkar Chowrasta

in Husnabad of Siddipet district. He informed that a fine of ₹10,000 will be imposed if anyone is

caught driving under the influence of alcohol. He advised all riders to wear helmets while driving. He also stated that minors should not be given two-wheelers and those without a driving license must obtain one. He warned that talking on mobile phones while driving can lead to accidents. He urged all motorists to follow traffic rules and stay safe. Traffic staff and others also participated in the program.

Complaint to District Collector Over Illegal Encroachments on Korutla Fort Bastion Lands

Skyline Correspondent Korutla: April-06 Leaders of the Fort Bastion Protection Committee and the All-Party Public Organizations Joint Forum have submitted a complaint to the District Collector alleging illegal encroachment attempts on the historic fort bastions and surrounding village common (Gram Kantham) and Abadi lands in Korutla town.

bastions by creating fake documents and attempting to convert them into private properties using suspicious VLTs. They alleged that despite repeated complaints to the authorities in the past, no action has been taken so far and demanded that such VLTs be cancelled immediately. "Responding to the complaint, Additional District Collector B. Raja Goud instructed the Korutla Commissioner to immediately cancel any such irregular approvals if found. "On this occasion, leaders of various public



organizations including Dr. Peta Bhaskar, MD Mujahid, Chinta Bhoomeshwar, and MD Mujibur Rahman stated that there are ongoing efforts to convert these lands into plots and proceed with registrations. They urged officials, political leaders, and the people of Korutla

to remain vigilant. They emphasized that the fort bastions are symbols of the town's history and warned that if encroachments continue, future generations may lose this valuable heritage. They appealed to citizens, intellectuals, and democratic forces to reflect on the issue.

Father, Grandparents, Uncle Arrested For Killing Twin Girls. They Wanted Son

Karimnagar: The horrifying murder of four-year-old twin girls in Jubilee Nagar village was driven by one family's obsession with having a son, police said, as they revealed chilling details of a conspiracy allegedly hatched months before the children were killed. Karimnagar Rural Circle Inspector A Niranjan Reddy said the twins' father, 28-year-old Srisailam, along with his parents Ashok and Lavanya and younger brother Rakesh, plotted to kill the girls because they believed daughters would become a "burden" on the family. "Srisailam never wanted girl children. He always wanted a son," the Circle Inspector said. "Even during his wife's pregnancy, after learning that she was carrying twin girls, he tried to force her to undergo an abortion." According to police, Srisailam, an M.Com graduate working as a computer operator at Prathima Medical College, married Mounika in 2020. When the couple was blessed with twin daughters in 2022, he allegedly refused to accept them.

"He did not even go near the babies in the hospital after their birth," Niranjan Reddy said. "His parents and younger brother also disliked the birth of twin girls. They repeatedly pressured Mounika to abort the pregnancy, but she refused." Police said Srisailam frequently argued with his wife and eventually sent her to her parents' house. Investigators said he believed his property, which he valued at nearly Rs 2 crore, would be spent on the girls' marriages. "He believed everything he owned

would be lost because of the daughters," the officer said. "His parents and brother shared the same thinking. Finally, all four of them conspired to eliminate the children." According to the investigation, the family conspired to kill the girls four days before committing crime. On the afternoon of April 3, Srisailam allegedly told his wife to stay home and cook mutton curry and took the girls to the family's agricultural field, saying he would return shortly.

"He deliberately chose a time when no farmers would be in the fields," police said. "He made the children sit near the well while they were playing." Srisailam first pushed one of the girls, Geethanvika, into the well, killing her instantly. The second child, Geethamshi, struggled in the water and tried to survive. "When he realised she was still alive, he climbed into the well and drowned her with his own hands," the Circle Inspector said. "It was an extremely cruel and calculated act." After the murders, police said, Srisailam staged a false rescue attempt and shouted for help to make it appear like an accident. When mother Mounika reached the field after hearing his cries, she found one daughter lying near the well and the other still missing. Villagers and farmers rushed to the scene and used ropes to pull the children out. "When questioned, Srisailam lied and said he had gone to cut grass and later discovered the girls missing," Niranjan Reddy said. "But villagers became suspicious because his story kept changing."



Angry villagers allegedly beat Srisailam before police intervened. He later fled from the spot and informed his parents and brother that "the plan had succeeded", investigators said. The four accused then hid at a relative's house in Gopalpur before they were tracked down and arrested. Police later called expert swimmers

to recover the second child's body from the well. "This is one of the most shocking and inhuman crimes we have investigated," Niranjan Reddy said. "The victims were innocent children killed only because they were girls. We will ensure the strictest punishment for all those involved."

Japanese Tourist Harassed By 5 Men Near Jaipur Fort, Accused Caught On CCTV

Jaipur: A Japanese tourist was allegedly harassed by five men near the Amer Fort in Jaipur on Sunday morning. The accused grabbed the woman's hand and misbehaved with her. She eventually managed to escape and alert some guards nearby. The accused have been captured on CCTV but are yet to be arrested. The woman had arrived in Rajasthan from Japan three days ago and had gone to visit Amer Fort. She was walking towards a Ganesh temple nearby when five men stopped her and misbehaved with her, taking advantage of the secluded stretch, said Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Surendra Singh. Left terrified, she screamed for help, but there was no one around. She eventually managed to free herself and ran towards the fort, where she informed the security guards on duty. But by the time the guards arrived at the spot, the accused had fled.

The woman has lodged a police complaint, based on which a case has been filed. A police team was immediately formed in coordination with the fort's control room to search for the accused, said Gautam Dotsra, Station House Officer (SHO) at Amer Police Station. The five men were seen in CCTV footage moving down the hill, police said, adding that efforts are underway to trace them.

Sunetra Pawar Files Nomination From Baramati, Mentions Ajit Pawar's Dreams



Baramati -- which has emerged as the focal point of Maharashtra politics -- went into election mode today as Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar filed her nomination papers today, setting the stage for a direct contest against Congress candidate Akash More. Baramati was the constituency of her husband Ajit Pawar, who died in a plane crash two months ago.

Speaking at a gathering prior to filing her nomination for the by-election in Baramati, Sunetra Pawar made an emotional appeal, saying the election is a "solemn pledge to carry forward the dreams" and developmental vision of the late leader.

"We lost Ajit Dada just two months ago, yet even today, it does not feel as though he is no longer amongst us. This by-election in Baramati stands as a symbol of the deep sentiments attached to his 'Karmabhoomi' (land of work and service)," she said.

"Pledge for Development": Sunil Tatkare

The state NCP chief and MP Sunil Tatkare, who was also present on the occasion, said: "This is not merely a nomination; it is a

firm resolve to advance along the path of development laid down by Ajit Dada. The people of Baramati still harbor immense love for Dada in their hearts." He appealed to the electorate of Baramati to extend the same unwavering support to Sunetra Pawar as they had previously accorded to Ajit Pawar.

An Emotional Appeal Addressing the people of Baramati, Sunetra Pawar said, "Every citizen of Baramati is a member of my family. I will never leave you feeling alone. The development of Baramati will continue to proceed at a rapid pace, just as it has in the past." Law and order will be strictly maintained and that hooliganism and extortion will be met with absolute zero tolerance, she added.

Prominent Leaders Present

Present during the nomination filing were Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, senior minister Chandrashekhar Bawa nkule and NCP stalwart Praful Patel, along with a large contingent of other ministers and party workers.

Congress Fields a Candidate

The Congress has fielded

Shiv Sena UBT's Sanjay Raut had said the party had not taken a decision yet. Sources indicated that Maharashtra Congress chief Harshwardhan Sapkal had conveyed to Sunetra Pawar that the push to field a candidate has come from the party's central leadership. With this move, the Congress has made it clear that the party is now inclined to adopt an aggressive strategy for a prestigious seat like Baramati.

Will the Attempt at an Uncontested Election Succeed?

Senior leaders of the NCP have indicated that they will continue their efforts to persuade the Congress until the last moment to withdraw their candidate. But given the current circumstances, the outcome appears unlikely.

Baramati: A Battle of Prestige and Legacy

The Baramati seat is regarded as one of the most prestigious political constituencies in Maharashtra and the election has evolved into a test of political legacy, emotional bonds, and development models.

Masked Man Who Breached Delhi Assembly, Kept Bouquet Inside, Arrested

New Delhi: A car driven by a masked man forced through one of the boundary gates of the Delhi Assembly premises on Monday afternoon and then managed to flee in a stunning breach of security in the national capital. However, after a few hours of intense search operation, the masked man has been arrested and the car has been seized. The man has been identified as Sarabjit Singh and the car was recovered from Roop Nagar, a densely populated residential neighbourhood in North Delhi. The incident comes close on the heels of bomb threats received by the Assembly during the recently concluded budget session.

The car, carrying a UP registration number, entered the Assembly premises breaking through Gate No 2 at around 2 pm and then managed to escape. The Tata Sierra, with number UP-26 AZ 8090, broke through the gate at the VIP entrance where CRPF personnel were deployed for security. The driver stopped the vehicle abruptly after breaching the barrier, got out calmly, placed a bouquet near the gate, and then drove away.

Victim appeals Collector to help reclaim her land



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.6 : Bele Daivadeenam, a victim, has appealed to the District Collector to assist her in reclaiming her land. On Monday, during the public grievance session, she submitted a petition to the District Collector.

Bele Daivadeenam, wife of Bele Pundarikam, said that she has three sons and two daughters. She alleged that her sons Bele Pawan and Bele Srikanth threatened to kill her and subsequently sold off her 30 tulas of gold, took her husband's retirement benefits, and the land registered in her name. She further claimed that for the past twelve years, her two sons and daughters-in-law have been subjecting her to harassment. She recounted an incident where they in-

entionally caused a gas leak in the house in an attempt to kill her, however, she survived with the help of neighbours after screaming loudly for help. She added that on another occasion, they threatened her with a knife, forced her to sign bond papers, and then evicted her from the house. She said that since then, she has been residing in an old-age home in

Hyderabad. She mentioned that in 2023, when she suffered from severe lung complications, her sons ignored her pleas for medical treatment, it was her youngest son who took out a loan for the necessary medical care. She further alleged that when she was compelled to sell 1.01 acres of land located in Tallapalli village due to her deteriorating health, her sons filed a case against her and began threatening to kill her. She claimed that despite having three sons and two daughters, her sons created a fraudulent "legal heir" document listing only the three sons, and subsequently used the money they had forcibly taken from her to purchase land. Citing the need for funds to cover medical expenses due to her illness, she requested that justice be served by restoring the money and gold seized by her sons, and by dismissing the legal cases filed against her land.

Initiate strict action against illegal Land Transactions

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.6 : Initiate strict action against illegal land transactions, urges victim family member to District Collector. On Monday, during the public grievance held at the Sangareddy Collectorate, Jogu Dhanaraj, a family member of the victim, Mudamala Padmalatha lodged a complaint with the District Collector. According to the details provided by the complainant, the matter concerns plots situated within an approved residential layout known as "Sri Sainath Gardens," located in Rudraram village of Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District. The complainant said that Smt. Mudamala Padmalatha

had purchased several residential plots through registered sale deeds bearing Document Nos. 13027/2004, 13028/2004, and 13029/2004, executed on November 27, 2004, by K. Srinivasa Rao, the Managing Director of M/s G.P.R. Housing Private Limited. Furthermore, he said that this layout was established after the land had been converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential use, subsequently divided into plots, and developed accordingly. It was said that the total extent of the land is approximately 12,400 square yards, constituting a part of a duly approved layout. However, it was alleged that the established layout and the sale of the individual plots, the vendor fraudulently



misrepresented the land as agricultural land once again, by deceitfully mortgaging the property, the vendor subsequently executed numerous illegal transactions in the same land. The Collector was requested to conduct a detailed inquiry into the fraudulent actions of the

vendor, to annul all sale deeds executed by falsely portraying the plotted land as agricultural land, and to restore the revenue records in favor of the legal purchasers, and to initiate legal action against the officials who colluded in facilitating these illicit transactions.

BJP foundation day celebrated grandly

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, April.6 : On the occasion of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Foundation Day, flag-hoisting ceremonies were organized across the Tellapur division. These events were conducted under the leadership of Mallepalli Rajender Reddy, the District President of the BJP Kisan Morcha. Flag-hoisting ceremonies were carried out at various locations within Tellapur, including the Auto Stand Alliance, Shivaji Circle, Jyothirao Phule Colony, Usman Nagar, and the Kollur Double Bedroom housing area. On this occasion, Mallepalli Mamata Rajender Reddy hoisted



the party flag. Additionally, several individuals from the Tellapur area—including Priyanka, Shailaja, Jyothi, Radha, Sundar, Ashok, Kapil, and others—joined the BJP. Speaking at the event, Mallepalli Rajender Reddy highlighted and explained

the various development initiatives undertaken by the BJP government across the country. He specifically noted that the provision of a 33 percent reservation for women is a highly commendable measure. The event was attended by Praveen

Kumar, Kote Ravi, Narsimha, Krishna Yadav, Navari Raji Reddy, Mangali Srinivas, Navari Lakshma Reddy, Kondakalla Muthyam Reddy, Shankar, Koti Praveen, Ravi, Satyanarayana, Srinivas Reddy, Vital Goud, Venkat, and others.

Minister, MP inaugurates Pista House in Tellapur



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Patancheru, April.6 : Damodar Rajanarasimha, the

State Minister for Medical and Health and Medak MP Raghunandan Rao grandly inaugurated the newly established Pista

House in Tellapur. The event was attended by several distinguished guests, including Chinna Srisailem Yadav, Kata Srinivas Goud, the Congress party in-charge for Patancheru; Kata Sudharani, and Anumula Tirupati Reddy, the brother of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Pista House owner Mallesham Goud extended a warm welcome to the guests and successfully organized the event. Speaking on the

occasion, the leaders remarked that the launch of new business establishments in the Tellapur region contributes significantly to its development. They noted that such initiatives would lead to increased employment opportunities for the local youth. The event witnessed a massive turnout, with local public representatives, Congress leaders, party activists, and residents in large numbers.

Mallesham elected as SRD Kuruma Association president

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.6 : Karkam Mallesham, a resident of Sangareddy town, was unanimously elected as the President of the Sangareddy Town Kuruma Association in Sangareddy District. Speaking at a meeting held in the presence of Kuruma community elders including District President Gudem Malliah, State Leader Dr. Gaddameedi Srihari, Working President Paithara Saikumar, and former Working President



Advocate Bhagaiah. Speaking on the occasion, Mallesham pledged to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to him with efficiency and to strive for the development

of the association. On this occasion, 36th Ward Municipal Councilor Lade Manila Mallesham extended special congratulations to Karkam Mallesham. The Program

was attended by Kuruma Association leaders Purra Narayana, Shekar, Advocate Ravinder, Narsimlu, Thatipalli Pandu, District Youth President Srikanth, and others.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Lays Foundation Stone for Basara Temple Development



(Skyline Correspondent / Nirmal)

April-06 The Chief Minister of Telangana, A. Revanth Reddy, visited Basara in Nirmal district on Monday and laid the foundation stone for the development works of Sri Gnana Saraswati Ammavari Temple. He initiated a comprehensive development master plan with an estimated cost of ₹225 crore. "The Chief Minister arrived in Basara by helicopter, where he was welcomed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Excise & Prohibition Min-

ister Jupally Krishna Rao (District In-charge Minister), and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha. District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav, Khanapur MLA Vedma Boju Patel, and SP Janaki Sharmila, among others, greeted him with bouquets. "The Chief Minister performed Bhoomi Puja for the development works worth ₹225 crore near the temple. Additionally, he unveiled a plaque for the construction of the Young India Integrated School in Mudhole, to be built at a cost of ₹200 crore." "He also

released a 'Coffee Table Book' showcasing the district's history and cultural heritage. The District Collector explained the contents through a presentation. On this occasion, traditional Nirmal wooden toys and paintings were presented as souvenirs to the Chief Minister and ministers. "The event was attended by Chief Minister's Advisor Sudarshan Reddy, Rajya Sabha Member Vem Narender Reddy, Adilabad MP Godam Nagesh, MLAs Pawar Ramarao Patel, Eleti

Maheshwar Reddy, Vedma Boju Patel, Endowments Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer, Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, District SP Janaki Sharmila, Nirmal and Bhainsa Municipal Chairpersons Appala Kavya and Dattatri, Additional Collectors Venkateswarlu and Kishore Kumar, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanketh Kumar, Temple EO Vijayaramarao, RDO Ratna Kalyani, along with various officials and public representatives.

SP Rohith Raju Inspects Manuguru Police Station, Stresses Public Accessibility and Swift Response

(Skyline Correspondent / Bhadradi Kothagudem)

April-06 District SP Rohith Raju visited the Manuguru Police Station on Monday. On this occasion, he inspected the police station premises. Later, he gave several instructions to the police officers and staff present there. He advised that the police station surroundings should be kept clean at all times and that officers should act responsibly to ensure justice for victims who come to the station with various issues. "He inquired about the details of several cases registered within the station limits and instructed that all pending cases should be resolved promptly. He directed officials to take strict legal action against those involved in anti-social ac-



tivities. He also emphasized conducting regular awareness programs in villages under the station limits to prevent people from falling victim to cyber crimes. "He instructed that police personnel should be available to the public at all

times by patrolling with patrol and Blue Colts vehicles. He also enquired about the issues faced by the officers and staff working at the police station. The SP inspected the newly constructed Manuguru Police Station

building and also reviewed the old police quarters, giving necessary suggestions to the officials. "Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy, SB Inspector Srinivas, CI Nagababu, SI Shravan, and other staff participated in the program.

Young girl pleads Jagga Reddy to save her



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.6 : Accompanied by her parents, a young girl approached Jagga Reddy and

pleaded with him to save her life, expressing her strong desire to live. Jagga Reddy inquired about the situation and asked the young woman for the

details. She explained that their family hails from Nagireddypalli village in the Kohir Mandal of the Zaheerabad constituency in Sangareddy district. She revealed that she is suffering from a serious illness resembling cancer and that they have already spent nearly 5 lakh rupees on treatment so far. She said that they have run out of funds, but noted that another 5 lakh rupees

would be sufficient to complete the remaining course of treatment. Mentioning that doctors have assured her the disease is curable, she appealed to Jagga Reddy to save her life. Jagga Reddy reassured her not to lose hope and promised to provide the 5 lakh rupees required for the remaining treatment, expressing their gratitude to him, the young woman and her parents then departed.

Additional Collector M. David Directs Swift Disposal of Prajavani Grievances in Asifabad



Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : April-06 Additional Collector M. David instructed officials to thoroughly examine the applications received through Prajavani at the field level and ensure their prompt

resolution. "On Monday, the Prajavani program was conducted at the meeting hall of the Integrated Collectorate Complex. Additional Collector M. David participated in the program along with Asifabad Revenue Divisional Officer Lokeshwar Rao. "Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Collector emphasized that every application received in Prajavani must be carefully verified at the ground level and resolved quickly. Later, he received petitions directly from the applicants. Bethi Sunanda from Kagaznagar town submitted an application seeking sanction of a disability pension. Kommu Vijaya from Chor Palli village of Asifabad mandal applied for a widow pension following her husband's demise. Kamite Shankar from Vankulam village in Rebbena mandal also sub-

mitted a request for a disability pension. "Jadhav Rohidas from Goleti village in Rebbena mandal requested compensation as his agricultural land is being affected by open-cast mining. Lingam Pelli Chinnamma from Gambhiravupet village in Tiryani mandal submitted an application to remove her patta land from the prohibited list. Mannepalli Aruna from Narayanpur village in Rebbena mandal and Challa Lakshmi from Gurudupet village in Koutala mandal submitted applications seeking sanction of Indiramma housing.

Resolve Prajavani Complaints Promptly: District Collector Khushboo Gupta

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-06 District Collector Khushboo Gupta directed officials to take immediate action to resolve the grievances received from applicants during Prajavani. On Monday, the Prajavani program was conducted at the Collectorate meeting hall, where the District Collector personally participated. During the program, she received petitions from applicants who came from various parts of the district, listened carefully to their issues, and instructed the

concerned officials to examine the complaints and take appropriate steps for their resolution. "She also instructed that Tahsildars and MPDOs from all mandals must attend the Prajavani program online without fail. Speaking to the Tahsildar of Chinna Chintakunta mandal, she reviewed the complaints related to the mandal and directed that they be examined and resolved promptly. A total of 107 complaints were registered during the Prajavani program. Additional Collector (Local



Bodies) Madhusudan Naik, Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. Haripriya, DRO Ram Reddy, ZP CEO (In-charge) DPO Venkat Reddy, RDO Naveen, DRDO Narasimhulu, district officials, and applicants participated in the program.

ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul Appreciates Tribal Student's Artistic Talent



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem : April-06 ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul stated that if students studying in tribal welfare ashram schools and gurukul institutions focus on their interests such as arts and painting along with academics, it will greatly help

them in building better livelihood opportunities in the future. "On Monday, at his chamber, he examined various hand-painted artworks created by Irfa Swathi, a final-year B.A. student from the Tribal Welfare Gurukul Degree College in Khammam. He appreciated her keen interest

in art and praised her paintings as very impressive. "He further mentioned that arrangements will be made to display paintings related to tribal heritage in the Tribal Museum. He also emphasized that steps are being planned to encourage students interested in painting through self-employment courses, along with their degree studies. Plans are underway to introduce various self-employment courses in the current academic year. "Later, he handed over a cheque of ₹2 lakh for development works at the degree college in Khammam and presented ₹22,500 as an incentive to Irfa Swathi for her artwork. He assured full support to help her paintings gain recognition. Swathi also presented 16 different paintings depicting various postures to the Project Officer. "On this occasion, RCO Gurukul Arun Kumari, College Principal Rajani, Team Leader Sridevi, and others participated in the program.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Highlights Rs1,238 Crore Development Works at Pipri Praja Palana Meet



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-06 Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu addressed a massive public gathering at Pipri village in Both constituency as part of the Praja Palana - Pragati Baata program. "He stated that the

large public meeting in Pipri was not his idea but the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. On the occasion, foundation stones were laid for development works worth ₹1,238 crore. "The Deputy CM emphasized that the government operates with a humanitarian

perspective and aims to build an equal society free from inequalities. Telangana, achieved through great struggle, must be governed by its people and not by feudal forces. "He said that people are at the center of governance and their aspirations guide

government policies. The administration is being carried out in a way that makes citizens feel proud to be born in Telangana, and the government is fulfilling all its promises. "Bhatti Vikramarka mentioned that during discussions on the Praja Palana - Pragati initiatives, the Chief Minister suggested organizing this large public meeting as part of the 99-day governance. "Recalling his People's March padayatra from Pipri to Khammam, he said that several assurances were given after hearing people's problems. The government has taken responsibility to immediately sanction and implement those promises, especially in the erstwhile Adilabad district.

Everyone Should Follow Healthy Habits District Collector: Haritha

Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : April-06 District Collector Haritha stated that everyone should follow healthy habits to remain healthy. On Monday, as part of the Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika 99-Day Program, a 2K run rally was organized by the Medical and Health Department in the premises of the Integrated Collectorate Complex. "The rally was flagged off by the Collector along with Additional Collector M. David, District Medical and Health Officer Sitaram, and Medical College Principal Subodh Kumar. Medical and Nursing College students actively participated in the



rally. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector emphasized that maintaining good health requires adopting healthy practices. She advised people to consume easily digestible food and engage in daily activities such as walking and exercise. She also stressed the importance of regular health

check-ups. "She further stated that by following healthy lifestyle tips, people can stay away from diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and cancer. As part of the government's prestigious Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika 99-Day Program, Health Week programs will be conducted across the

district from April 6 to April 11 under the supervision of the Medical and Health Department. "The rally proceeded from Kumram Bheem Chowk to Ambedkar Chowk via the bus stand. Officials, medical and nursing students, and health department staff participated in the event.

DISHA Full Body Meeting to be Held on Wednesday - District Collector Ankit

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem : April-06 District Collector Ankit announced in a statement that a DISHA full body meeting will be held on Wednesday to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation and progress of Central Government schemes in the district. "He stated that the meeting will take place at 11:00 AM at the IDOC office on the 4th of this month. Initially, the meeting was scheduled for 3:00

PM, but due to administrative reasons, the timing has been revised to 11:00 AM. "He advised all concerned officials and members to take note of this change and attend the meeting on time. The meeting will be chaired by Khammam Member of Parliament Rama Sahaya Raghurama Reddy, while Mahabubabad MP Porika Balam Naik will participate as Co-Chairman. "Members of the Legislative Council,

Members of the Legislative Assembly, Municipal Mayors, DISHA committee members, and district officials from all concerned departments will attend the meeting. "The Collector stated that detailed discussions will be held on the progress of Central Government schemes being implemented in the district, utilization of funds, achievement of targets, and services being delivered to beneficiaries. "He directed all departmental



officials to attend the meeting fully prepared with progress reports and relevant details of the Central Government schemes under their respective departments.

BJP Foundation Day Celebrated in 22nd Division



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : April-06 On the occasion of the 47th Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), celebrations were held grandly in the 22nd Division of Ramagundam Municipal Corporation under the lead-

ership of contesting candidate Kampalli Raghu. "The chief guests for the event were BJP SC Morcha State General Secretary Kajipeta Shivaji and District Program Convener and former Corporator Pidugu Krishna, who hoisted the party

flag. "They guided the party workers on the ideology of the BJP and explained the significance of the party's foundation day. They stated that ensuring central government welfare schemes reach the grassroots level is the core

principle of the BJP. "Several participants attended the program, including local residents, BJP former district secretary Jakkula Narahari, SC Morcha State Executive Member Janagama Shivaramakrishna, municipal election contestants Rajesh Sharma, Ram Ashok, Chukkala Ramulu, Shrivanthi, and leaders Bunga Mahesh, Chakravarthi, Dasari Shyam, Suresh, Praveen, Sandeep, Satish, Kousalya, Sushila Vani, along with a large number of colony residents.

Public Advisory on Heatwave: Collector Khushboo Gupta Urges People to Stay Alert in Rising Temperatures

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-06 The District Collector, Khushboo Gupta, urged people to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to prevent heatstroke, as temperatures are rising early and significantly during this summer. "Speaking at a district-level task force committee meeting held on Monday at the Collectorate conference hall, she emphasized the need for widespread awareness campaigns regarding preventive measures against heatstroke. She stated that due to intense heat, people are at risk of heatstroke and should take adequate precautions. "She high-



lighted that children, pregnant women, and the elderly are more vulnerable to heatstroke and should be given special care. Officials were instructed to take special measures to protect MGNREGA workers by pro-

viding drinking water and temporary shelters at work sites. "She also directed ICDS and other department staff working outdoors to take necessary precautions. In case of heatstroke symptoms, people should immedi-

ately consult doctors at nearby primary health centers. "The Collector instructed health officials to ensure the availability of medicines and medical facilities in all hospitals and primary health centers.

BJP 46th Foundation Day Celebrations Held Grandly in Vemulawada



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-06 The 46th Foundation Day celebrations of the Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) were held grandly on Monday in Vemulawada town. On this occasion, Town President Rapelli Sridhar hoisted the party flag at

the party office and distributed sweets to the party workers. Speaking on the occasion, Town President Rapelli Sridhar said that the BJP, which was established in 1980 with immense popularity across the country under the leadership of Narendra Modi. He stated that forming the central government for the third consecutive time is a

testament to the party's growth. "He further mentioned that BJP stands as a party committed to working for the nation and upholding its values. Leaders including Pinninti Hanumanlu, Bonala Shiva, Vivek Reddy, Annam Narasayya, Namala Shekhar, Nerella Sai, Billa Krishna, Gudise Manoj, and Kesari Yashwanth participated in the program.