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CM Revanth attends CWC meeting in Delhi



From Our Staff Reporter New Delhi, April, 10 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy participated in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting held at the Indira Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday.

The CWC meeting was held under the chairmanship of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge. Revanth Reddy participated in the meeting alongside key leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, K.C. Venugopal, Priyanka

Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh, Salman Khurshid, Ambika Soni, Sachin Pilot, and Bhupesh Baghel, among others. Furthermore, the Chief Minister engaged in key discussions alongside the Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled states, including Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

It is reported that the delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies

was discussed in the meeting. It is learnt that the issue of women's reservations was also discussed in the meeting. The CWC meeting has gained importance as there are special sessions of Parliament from April 16 to 18. Sources indicated that leaders discussed delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies during the meeting. In addition, they reviewed the issue of women's reservation. The discussions gained signifi-

cance as Parliament is scheduled to hold special sessions from April 16 to 18. Meanwhile, leaders are expected to coordinate strategy on key legislative matters. Party leaders held consultations on organisational and policy issues during the meeting. They also reviewed political developments at the national level.

The CWC meeting concluded after deliberations among senior leaders and Chief Ministers.

Revenue increased through AI technology, tax monitoring: Bhatti

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : During the meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee focused on revenue generation and resource mobilisation, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka remarked that the implementation of contemporary technologies such as artificial intelligence, alongside ongoing oversight of tax revenues across various departments and organized administration, has resulted

in enhanced revenue generation. The meeting was held on Friday at the secretariat under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister. Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, along with other members, participated in the review. He highlighted that the adoption of AI technology has helped enhance revenue streams in departments such as mining and transport.

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Police organise awareness drive, medical tests for history sheeters

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : As per the instructions of Hyderabad Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar, the Task Force of the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) on Friday organised a special drive in coordination with the local police staff.

During the drive, medical tests were conducted on rowdy sheeters, trouble mongers and individuals with a history of regular drug consumption in NDPS cases, with the intention of



creating awareness among drug consumers about the legal consequences they may face.

The programme was

organised under the supervision of Vaibhav Raghunath Gaikwad. The tests were conducted at Osmania General Hospital, Gandhi Hospital, and Government Hospital for Mental Care, Erragadda, in coordination with the doctors.

Jupally slams Harish over double standards on Palamuru projects



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : Minister for Tourism Jupally Krishna Rao launched a scathing attack on former minister and BRS MLA T. Harish Rao, accusing him of adopting double standards regarding projects in the erstwhile Palamuru district.

During a media briefing at the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) office

within the Assembly on Friday, Jupally Krishna Rao, accompanied by MLAs G. Madhusudan Reddy and Veerlapalli Shankar, condemned the situation as disgraceful. He pointed out that the previous BRS government had initiated Government Orders (GOs) for the development of the Gollapalli Reservoir but is now hindering the project's progress for political advantage.

The Minister recalled that it was the previous BRS government itself that issued a Government Order (GO) in 2016, allocating 74,177 crore for the construction of reservoirs with a total capacity of 25 TMC. He stated that proposing 27 reservoirs-including Gollapalli-in March 2019, only to now speak against that very project, amounts to deceiving the people of Palamuru.

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Vivek meets Indian Ambassador in Berlin to boost overseas jobs



From Our Staff Reporter Berlin Germany/ Hyderabad, April, 10 : In a significant step towards expanding overseas employment opportunities for Telangana youth, a high-level delegation led by Labour, Employment, Training & Factories Minister Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy held a strategic meeting with Ajit

Gupte, Ambassador of India to Germany, at the Indian Embassy in Berlin on Friday. The discussions focused on strengthening skill mobility pathways and enhancing the role of the Indian diaspora in Germany, Europe's largest economy.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the growing presence of the Indian community in Ger-

many, which has reached over 3.11 lakh, with nearly 1.16 lakh actively contributing to the economy. This reflects the increasing demand and acceptance of skilled Indian professionals in the German labour market. A key focus area of the talks was the rising demand for blue-collar and skilled workforce in Germany.

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RTC employees to receive 2.1% DA hike effective January, 2026



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : Minister for Transport Ponnampalapati Prabhakar on Friday announced a 2.1% increase in the Dearness Allowance (DA) for RTC employees, effective from this calendar year.

The DA will rise from the previous rate of 50.7% to 52.8% for employees. This revised DA will take effect

starting January 1, 2026. The state government has committed to disbursing the arrears for the last three months through supplementary bills, with payments to be made over the course of three separate months. Minister Prabhakar noted that this increase in DA will add a monthly financial obligation of ₹2.82 crore to the RTC.

Earlier, in July 2025, the state government had raised the DA by 2.1%, elevating it from 48.6% to 50.7%, effective from July 2025. The current increase of 2.1% brings the total DA to 52.8%. Following the implementation of FRPS-2017 in May 2024, there are no pending DA arrears owed to the employees.

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Cherlapalli central prison expands capacity with new G+1 barrack

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : A newly constructed G+1 barrack for prisoners was inaugurated at Central Prison, Cherlapalli, Hyderabad on Friday by chief guest Dr. Soumya Mishra, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services.

The newly built barrack has been designed to enhance the accommodation capacity of the prison and will facilitate housing for an additional 108 prisoners. This development is expected to significantly improve living conditions and help ease congestion within the facility.



Speaking on the occasion, Soumya Mishra stated that the construction of the building had been pending for the past four years and was successfully completed within a span of six months. Soumya Mishra high-

lighted that the new barrack significantly enhances accommodation capacity and reflects the department's focused efforts towards strengthening infrastructure.

She further emphasised that such initiatives contribute to improved living conditions and support a more humane, reform-oriented prison environment. During her visit, Soumya Mishra inspected various activities within the prison, including the prison garden where organic leafy vegetables are cultivated by inmates. She also visited the prison industries unit, interacted with inmates working there, and reviewed the factory premises for the proposed establishment of a new ITI training centre in collaboration with the Directorate of Employment and Training.

'My Bharat Budget Quest-2026' Grand Finale to be held on April 13 and April 14

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10 : My Bharat Telangana State has announced that the 'My Bharat Budget Quest-2026' Grand Finale-organized under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports-would be held on April 12 and 13 at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Chegur village of Nandigama Mandal from Ranga Reddy district. Speaking at the NSS media Center in the city regarding this event, My Bharat Deputy Director Anvesh Chintala stated that this program would serve as a platform for the Southern Zone comprising the states

of Telangana and Tamil Nadu. He noted that over 1.2 million youth participated nationwide in this initiative by submitting more than 46,500 essays and added that the selected youth participants would engage in discussions on key topics such as investments in education, skill development, employment and the digital and technological economy. He further explained that a "Women's Youth Parliament" would be conducted on April 12, centered around the theme "Nari Shakti: Viksit Bharat Ki Awaaz" (Women's Power: The Voice of a Developed India). He added



that April 13 would feature the inaugural ceremony along with a dedicated 'My Bharat' session and expert panel discussions. The organizers stated that the event was being conducted with the objective of channeling the ideas and perspectives of the youth to-

wards contributing to the nation's development. They announced that state Minister Vakiti Srihari, R. Dileep Reddy, and Venu Bhagavat would attend these sessions as chief guests. T. Isaiiah, Khushboo Gupta, G. Rajesh, and others also participated in this event.

Governor meets President, PM



New Delhi, April 10: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla met President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi separately in New Delhi on Friday. After assuming

charge as the Governor of Telangana, he called on the President and the Prime Minister for the first time as a courtesy. He thanked them for giving him the opportunity to serve as the Governor

of Telangana. The Governor met the two leaders soon after he assumed charge in Telangana. Officials described the calls as routine courtesy meetings that usually follow a new gubernatorial

appointment. Shukla expressed gratitude to the President and the Prime Minister for entrusting him with the responsibility. Authorities did not disclose further details of the discussions.

Kishan affirms Centre's commitment to Telangana development

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy has affirmed that over the past eleven years, the central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has consistently provided support for the development of Telangana. He emphasised that Telangana has been prioritised, with appropriate budget allocations made for road transport and railway initiatives. "It is with great satisfaction that I announce the recent approval by the Union Ministry of Road Transport for projects amounting to Rs. 103 crore under the 'Setu Bandhan' scheme. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for designating these projects for Telangana," he remarked.



The meeting of the Hyderabad District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) was held at Dr. MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills on Friday. The Hyderabad district collector, GHMC Commissioner and Managing Director of Water Works attended the meeting. The officials representing various govern-

ment departments also participated in the proceedings. The committee reviewed the progress of various development works and the central government schemes currently being implemented within the jurisdiction of Hyderabad district. Senior officials from the GHMC, Water Works and other government departments-along with mem-

bers of the DISHA Committee-participated in the meeting to provide updates on the ground-level implementation status of these schemes. The primary objective of this meeting is to ensure the timely completion of projects undertaken with the central government funds and to make welfare schemes more accessible to the public

Olectra Unveils New Brand Identity to Transform India's Electric Mobility

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10: Olectra Greentech Limited, India's leading electric bus manufacturer, has announced the launch of its new brand identity. The refreshed brand identity reflects Olectra's evolution from a pioneering electric bus manufacturer to a forward-looking, innovation-driven organization focused on delivering integrated mobility and energy solutions.

The refreshed identity introduces a modern visual language, a sharper narrative, and a unified voice aligned with Olectra's long-term vision to lead the global transition to a responsible future through sustainable and value-driven mobility and energy solutions. Aligned with this vision, Olectra's mission is to be the trusted partner in mobility and energy solutions by delivering accessible innovation, execution excellence, and a transformative customer experience, thereby creating outstanding value for all stakeholders. Olectra's new tagline, "Transforming Everyday," reflects its commitment to creating meaningful impact across the ecosystem-enhancing everyday mobility for citizens, enabling communities, empowering partners, and driving purpose within the organization. The brand repositioning is anchored in three core

pillars: Pragmatic Futurism, Accessible Innovation, and Trusted Guide. These principles define how Olectra approaches product development and market engagement-building future-ready platforms grounded in real-world conditions, ensuring innovation remains usable and scalable, and positioning the company as a dependable partner to the ecosystem. The identity also reinterprets Olectra's existing visual elements. The central triangle, reimagined as the Olectra Prism, represents structural integrity and purposeful direction, while the surrounding circle, the Olectra Universe, reflects the broader ecosystem of stakeholders, cities, and infrastructure the company serves.

Commenting on the launch, Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, Olectra Greentech Limited, said: "Olectra's new brand identity is not just a visual change- it represents our ambition, mindset, and the direction we are heading. It ensures that our brand, organization, and long-term strategy are aligned. As we transform from a pioneering electric bus manufacturer to a future-ready, innovation-led organization delivering integrated mobility and energy solutions, this new identity reflects our core values and our commitment to 'Transforming Everyday' across the mobility and en-



ergy ecosystem." With strong manufacturing capabilities, a growing order pipeline across government sectors, and an expanding portfolio that includes electric buses, trucks, and tippers, Olectra enters this next phase from a position of operational strength. The new brand identity formalizes a direction the company has been steadily building towards and sets the foundation for deeper engagement with markets, partners, and the broader EV ecosystem.

Artists must influence society through their art : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University in collaboration with Telangana State Department of Language and Culture organised the valedictory ceremony of a three-day "Art Camp" as part of the "Social Empowerment Week" at its campus on Friday. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU the Chief Guest at the valedictory function said Social Empowerment week was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversaries of eminent personalities like Babu Jagjivan Ram, Mahatma Jyothiba Phule and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar whose birth anniversaries fall between 5th to 14th of April. He applauded the artists for beautifully transforming their thoughts, experiences, and creative ideas into a powerful painting during this three-day camp. He expressed his hope that the artworks created by these artists would serve as an inspiration to students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds and commended them for using their art as a medium to express their thoughts tools that facilitate dialogue and contribute to the construction of society.

Revenue increased through AI technology, tax monitoring: Bhatti

From Page 1 Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to act more stringently against illegal sand mining, crusher operations, illegal transportation, and overloading. He noted that due to continuous reviews and strict tax administration measures, GST revenue in the commercial taxes department has shown a 15% increase over the past three months. Similarly, the Registration de-

partment has also recorded revenue growth. The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the revenue mobilisation Cabinet Sub-Committee meetings will be held regularly every Friday to further strengthen revenue streams. He directed all departments to prepare plans for revenue mobilization in line with the goal of achieving a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. Uttam

Kumar Reddy suggested that land sales under HMDA should be promoted globally, as prior awareness and outreach could significantly enhance revenue opportunities.

The Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials of the Registration department to first present the reports of committees studying land value revisions to the Sub-Committee, and then proceed to

submit them to the Cabinet. Ministers also reviewed aspects related to metro rail acquisition, management, revenue, and expenditure. Additionally, progress in increasing revenues in the Excise, Revenue, and Industries Departments was discussed. Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to present the action taken reports on decisions made in each meeting during subsequent reviews.

Jupally slams Harish over double standards on Palamuru projects

From Page 1 Jupally Krishna Rao clarified that there is absolutely no truth to Harish Rao's claim that 80 percent of the work on the Palamuru-Rangareddy project has been completed. "They have not even completed the construction of canals; there has been no land acquisition, nor have administrative approvals been

secured. Apart from hurriedly switching on the pumps just before the elections to deceive the people, did they actually provide water to even a single acre?" he questioned. Jupally Krishna Rao further pointed out that while the BRS government spent Rs 7,000 crore on Palamuru over the last ten years, the Congress governments in

the united state had spent Rs 8,300 crore. Jupally Krishna Rao expressed outrage, asserting that former minister Harish Rao, who forcibly evicted farmers to construct the 50 TMC Mallanna Sagar project, has no right to speak on behalf of the farmers of Palamuru. He lashed out at the previous government, accusing it of utilising these projects

solely to enrich contractors and to engage in looting. The Minister expressed confidence that the Congress party is certain to come to power in both the state and the country, and that Rahul Gandhi will become the Prime Minister. He ridiculed the BRS party, remarking that they are merely daydreaming if they believe they will return to power.

Vivek meets Indian Ambassador in Berlin to boost overseas jobs

From Page 1 Both sides underscored the importance of pre-departure skill training in India, ensuring candidates are well-prepared to meet international standards and workplace expectations. The Minister underscored Telangana's readiness in this regard, stating that the state has developed world-class training

infrastructure, including advanced laboratories and skill centres aligned with global industrial needs. Highlighting Telangana's proactive initiatives, the delegation briefed the Ambassador on Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM), PM SETU programme and master trainer initiative. The meeting was attended

by senior officials, including M. Dana Kishore, Special Chief Secretary (LET&F), Stalin Babu Cheekatla, Minister (Consular) at the Indian Embassy in Berlin, and representatives from TOMCOM. Ambassador Ajit Gupte appreciated the Telangana government's forward-looking approach and as-

sured full support from the Embassy in promoting ethical and structured labour mobility. This collaboration is expected to create new employment avenues for Telangana youth across sectors such as healthcare, engineering, and specialised vocational trades, further strengthening the state's global workforce footprint.

RTC employees to receive 2.1% DA hike effective January, 2026

From Page 1 Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar and RTC MD Nagireddy extended their greetings to the RTC employees on the occasion of the DA hike. The RTC MD and other senior officials expressed their gratitude to Minister Prabhakar for the announced DA increase for RTC personnel. In a meet-

ing with Regional Managers (RMs) from various regions, the Minister reviewed ongoing projects and development initiatives within the RTC.

He stated that the Corporation had released the final outstanding DA installment for RTC employees. Furthermore, he indicated that the DA arrears due

since January would be paid in three installments over the subsequent three months. Ponnamp Prabhakar emphasised that since its establishment, the "Telangana Praja Palana" government has concentrated its efforts on three fundamental pillars: protecting the RTC organisation, ensuring em-

ployee welfare, and improving passenger amenities. TGSRTC MD Y. Nagireddy expressed his satisfaction with the announcement of the DA increase, which RTC employees had been anticipating for a considerable time. Nagireddy affirmed that the well-being of the workers remains their top priority.

Second edition of the FICCI Net Zero Forum held in city

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 10: The second edition of the FICCI Net Zero Forum - "Pathways to a Climate-Responsible Future" was held at The Park in Hyderabad, on Friday, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, sustainability experts, financial institutions, and technology innovators.

Union Minister Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, in his video message at the inaugural ceremony, emphasized that India was firmly resolved to lead the global transition towards net-zero emissions. "Reinforcing this national commitment, the Supreme Court of India recently observed that India's transition from fossil fuels to non-fossil (renewable) energy was a 'fundamental necessity,' and not merely a policy choice, underscoring the urgency and inevitability of this shift. India's journey towards energy

Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) is no longer aspirational but is being actively delivered through decisive policy action and rapid capacity expansion," the Minister said. The Minister added that India stands as the third-largest country globally in solar power capacity, after China and the

United States and added that the country had achieved a significant milestone, with approximately 50-55% of its installed electricity capacity coming from non-fossil fuel sources, including solar, wind, hydro and nuclear energy and noted that A landmark achievement in this transition was India reaching around 150 GW of installed solar power capacity, positioning it among the top three solar power nations globally and strengthening its role as a major clean energy leader.

Highlighting the economic dimension, Minister Joshi noted that India's progress towards net-zero emissions could generate approximately 51 lakh (5.1 million) green jobs over the next four years, reflecting the strong linkage between climate action and economic growth.

He further emphasized that the FICCI Net Zero Forum will play a crucial role in mobilizing stakeholders, driving investments and fostering collaboration, helping India set a global benchmark for sustainable development.

Gareth Wynn Owen, the British Deputy High Commissioner in Hyderabad, was the chief guest and inaugurated the conference. Speaking on the occasion, he underscored that strong

global partnerships and collaborative action were essential to achieve the climate goals and advance sustainable development. Highlighting deepening UK-India cooperation, he referred to significant investments such as a £1 billion (approx. USD 1 billion) UK-backed project in Vijayawada of Andhra Pradesh, as a testament to growing clean energy collaboration. He noted that both countries were aligned under the leadership of their Prime Ministers, with a shared vision towards long-term climate targets, including 2035 ambitions. He highlighted key bilateral initiatives such as the UK-India Green Grid Initiative, ongoing green energy dialogues and the work of the UK-India Task Force, which are accelerating cooperation in clean technologies and energy transition. Stressing that climate finance remains the biggest challenge, he expressed optimism that India and the UK can work more closely to unlock and scale global finance for net-zero initiatives and called for enhanced access to international climate finance. The Principal Secretary of the Department of Energy of the state Navin Mittal said that the Government of Telangana reaffirmed Telangana's strong commit-

ment to clean energy transition and outlined policy priorities to accelerate renewable energy adoption and industrial decarbonization. He highlighted that following India's solar revolution, the next major transformation would be driven by the energy storage, which will play a critical role in ensuring reliability and efficiency in renewable systems. Drawing attention to current energy consumption patterns, he noted that India consumes nearly 150 billion litres of petrol and diesel annually, underscoring the urgent need for cleaner alternatives. He emphasized that the solar-powered electric mobility can cost as low as Rs.0.60 per kilometre, compared to approximately Rs.10 per kilometre for fossil fuels and Rs.2 per kilometre for conventional EVs. Mittal also pointed out that nearly 75% of energy was lost in conventional systems, whereas the electric mobility solutions achieve 80-90% efficiency, making them significantly more sustainable. He further underscored the importance of industry collaboration while noting that platforms like the FICCI Net Zero Forum will play a crucial role in driving innovation and accelerating India's transition to a low-carbon economy.

Intense Heat Grips Telugu States as Temperatures Soar

Vijayawada: Apr 10

The beginning of April has brought scorching heat across the Telugu states, with the sun blazing fiercely from as early as 7:00 AM and continuing until 5:00 PM. Many residents are hesitant to leave their homes amid daytime temperatures exceeding 41°C in numerous districts. Nearly 20 districts in Telangana have recorded maximum temperatures, prompting the Hyderabad Meteorological Centre to issue an 'Orange Alert' for these areas. The Centre forecasts a further rise of 2 to 3 degrees over the next three days and noted that temperatures are higher across all districts compared to last year. Telangana regional news

On Wednesday, the highest temperature of 41.6°C was recorded in Thirumalayapalem, Khammam district, followed by 41.5°C in Dummugudem, Bhadrachalam and Kothagudem, and



Neredugomma, Nalgonda. Other notable readings included 41.4°C in Mellacheruvu, Suryapet district, 41.2°C in Palakurthi, Jangaon, and Sangem, Warangal district, with Hyderabad experiencing 38°C. Temperature records continued into Thursday, with officials advising the public to exercise caution during outdoor activities. In stark contrast, Andhra Pradesh is experiencing a different weather pattern. While the afternoons remain hot, evening rains are providing relief in

some regions. On Wednesday, heavy rainfall was reported across parts of East Godavari district. However, in the Rayalaseema region, residents are battling the combined effects of extreme heat and high humidity. The Meteorological Centre recorded maximum temperatures on Wednesday as follows: 42.2°C in Palnadu, 42.1°C in Chittoor, 41.9°C in Nandyal, 41.8°C in Kadapa, 41.7°C in Anantapur, 41.6°C in Kurnool, and 41.5°C in Prakasam district.

Fly 91 launches new Hyderabad-Vijayawada Flight Service

Vijayawada: Apr 10

Travelers between Hyderabad and Vijayawada can now benefit from a new air route launched by regional airline Fly 91. The airline has begun operations to connect the two Telugu states, aiming to reduce travel time and make air travel more accessible to the general public. City & Local Guides Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, virtually



flagged off the service from Srikakulam today (Friday), officially inaugurating the route. The initiative seeks to offer swift, affordable travel options. In his address, Minister Naidu highlighted the government's commitment to improving regional connectivity, especially for Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities across India. He expressed optimism that this new service would help turn the Prime Minister's vision of enabling the common man to fly into a reality. He also noted that the flight would be particular-

ly beneficial given the high traffic between Vijayawada and Hyderabad. For passengers, the journey that typically takes around 5 to 6 hours by road can now be completed in approximately 50 minutes to one hour by air. With Hyderabad's prominent IT sector and Vijayawada's growing business hubs, the service is expected to be a significant boon for entrepreneurs and professionals. Fly 91 is also committed to keeping ticket prices affordable and competitive with other airlines on this route.

Amilineni opens school building, urges parental focus on education

Kalyandurg: Apr 10

MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu on Thursday inaugurated the new building of Brainy Star Private School here on Tuesday and emphasised the importance of parental involvement in students' education.

After formally opening the facility, the MLA inspected classrooms, a play area, and science laboratories. Addressing a gathering, he said parents must take greater responsibility in guiding children to become responsible citizens. He noted that both education and values are essential for achieving success in life.

Recalling his own schooling at Nirmala Convent, he said the English foundation he acquired there continues to benefit him. He also highlighted the



government's commitment to providing quality education and nutritious mid-day meals, along with educational kits for students. The MLA appreciated the school management for its growth from a small institution with 25 students to a well-developed campus accommodating around 250 students. He also pointed to the success of a

free teacher training initiative in the region, which helped several candidates secure teaching jobs. Raising concerns about poor road connectivity affecting students' access to schools, he said the issue has been brought to the attention of the Transport Department and assured that necessary steps would be taken.

AKPL achieves historic milestone of 59.22 MMT in FY 2025-26

Nellore: Apr 11

Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited (AKPL), a flagship asset of Adani Ports and SEZ Limited (APSEZ), achieved the historic milestone of 59.22 MMT in the FY 2025-26, registering eight per cent growth in throughput over the previous year. In addition to this, it recorded the highest monthly volume of 5.85 MMT in June 2025, a new milestone since the inception of Krishnapatnam Port, said Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited Chief Executive Officer Jagdish Patel. The CEO said that the port handled as many as 1071 vessels and record cargo of 59.22 MT with customer focus approach, operational excellence, infrastructure strength, technology adoption, and seamless coordination.



Adani Krishnapatnam port had also diversified its cargo by adding new ones

such as Laterite, Soda ash, Rock Phosphate and Yellow peas. The landmark achieved with the higher berth occupancy, seamless vessel operations supported by strong safety and emergency response mechanism. The port optimized its capability to handle five deep draft Cape size vessels simultaneously which is highest in India, thus maximizing parcel size and efficiency.

Anantapur told to lead Viksit Bharat push



Anantapur: Apr 10

Anantapur district should emerge as a frontrunner in achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat and Swarna Andhra Pradesh, said Lanka Dinakar, chairman of the 20-Point Programme Committee, during a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Thursday. The meeting, attended by MP Ambika Lakshminarayana, District Collector O Anand, and senior officials, reviewed the implementation of key Central schemes, including Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT 1.0 and 2.0, PM Surya Ghar, PM Kusum, and other welfare programmes related to health, education, and rural development. Addressing the media, Dinakar stressed the need for progress in education and health-care sectors to align with national and state development goals. He highlighted the importance of human resource development and called for effective planning under rural employment and livelihood initiatives to enhance asset creation and employment opportunities. Officials informed that proposals worth Rs 277 crore have been submitted for agricultural and horticultural development for 2026-27, with potential assistance exceeding Rs 1,500 crore over six years. The review also covered health programmes under the National Health Mission, maternal and child welfare schemes, and drinking water supply initiatives. MP Lakshminarayana urged strict implementation of Central schemes and timely achievement of targets. Collector O. Anand assured that all measures are being taken to ensure effective execution of development programmes across the district.

NSUI celebrates foundation day with grandeur



Anantapur: Apr 10

The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) celebrated its foundation day with grandeur here, led by district president Obulesu. State coordinator Naresh Yanamala attended as chief guest and hoisted the flag. Addressing the gathering, Naresh highlighted NSUI's legacy since its inception under Indira Gandhi, emphasising its tireless struggles for educational reforms nation-

wide. He praised the organisation for empowering youth and defending student rights, while urging members to uphold democratic values. Naresh criticised the BJP-led central government for allegedly undermining the education system, calling on NSUI to resist these policies. Several local leaders, including Ajay, Naveen, and C V Vinod Kumar, participated in the event.

Tap water project launched in Kothaburuzu village



Dhone (Nandyal district): Apr 10

A major step towards improving rural infrastructure was taken on Thursday as District Collector G Raja Kumari launched household tap connection works in Kothaburuzu village of Dhone mandal in Nandyal district. The project, costing Rs 30 lakh, is being taken up under the District Mineral Fund. Dhone MLA Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy was also present at the event. The aim is to provide safe drinking water to every home, as promised earlier by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu during his visit to the village. The Collector said that access to clean drinking water will improve health and living standards of villagers. She also announced that 30 households will get individual toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission, with a total cost of Rs.4.5 lakh. She stressed

that better sanitation will lead to a cleaner and healthier environment. She added that all approved development works will be completed on time, and pending proposals will be cleared within a week. Speaking about agriculture, the Collector encouraged farmers to shift towards horticulture, which can bring higher income compared to traditional crops. She said crops grown on 7 lakh acres generate about Rs.4,000 crore, while horticulture on 49,000 hectares earns nearly Rs 7,000 crore. The administration is also working on a 100-day plan to improve water security by restoring tanks and clearing feeder channels. The MLA said the government is committed to rural development and will fulfil all promises, including welfare schemes, housing, roads, and better irrigation methods like drip and sprinkler systems.

Govt committed to address fishermen problems: Collector

Nellore: Apr 10

District Collector Himanshu Shukla stated that the government's primary objective is to provide a permanent solution to the issue of illegal fishing by fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. He took part in a big convention cum interaction programme with representatives and village heads of fishermen who attended from 162 villages of Nellore, Tirupati, Prakasam, and Bapatla, organized at Town Hall in Nellore city here on Thursday.



Collector detailed as part of measure to prevent illegal venturing and infiltration of other states fishermen in to Andhra Pradesh the government has launched established Robust System with active participation from local fishermen. He announced that 4 High Speed Boats (HSB) one each to Tirupati, Nellore, Prakasam, and Bapatla districts and another two also would be allocated (Total 3 for Nellore District) as proposals were sent to the government to sanction them at once. He narrated that these boats designed with 650Horse Power (HP) capacity would be used for only patrolling purpose but not for venturing. Collector urged the village heads to nom-

inate the name of 10 beneficiaries for each HSB by April 12. While responding to the plea of fishermen over government to bear their maintenance cost related to procuring 650HP Steel Boats and repair of existing Marine Police Boats, consider the fishermen who are working on Patrolling as government employees, Collector assured them that he would pursue the matter to the government found amicable solution. SP Dr Ajitha Vejenndla suggested forming a special committee comprising officials and fishermen to decide on standard procedures for handling illegal fishing cases, including interception, detention, and patrolling norms. Additional SP Soujanya, DFO Mahaboob Basha, DRO Vijay Kumar, Fisheries Director Santhi, Nellore RDOs Anusha and others, were present.

AP Cabinet to Meet Today, Likely to Approve Major Projects and Reforms



Vijayawada, Apr 10

The Andhra Pradesh State Cabinet is scheduled to convene at the Secretariat today at 10:30 AM, with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu presiding over the session. The meeting is set to focus on key issues related to the state's development, investments, and administrative reforms. In light of the recent parliamentary approval of the Amaravati Capital Region Act, the Cabinet is expected to express its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the

Central Government. The session will also review proposals from the 16th meeting of the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB), with reports indicating approval for projects worth Rs.39,436 crore across 31 initiatives. These projects aim to bolster economic growth and create employment opportunities. Furthermore, the Cabinet is likely to authorise the establishment of three major institutions in Amaravati under the 'Quantum Valley' initiative. The meeting will also

consider an ordinance to establish a Fee Regulatory Committee (FRC) for the education sector. Land allocations for various institutions involved in the capital city's ongoing development are expected to be approved as well. Discussions are also scheduled regarding the finalisation of a zonal division for the state, based on its 28 districts. This move aims to streamline future recruitment processes and implement a multi-zonal administrative framework across Andhra Pradesh.

VSU releases affiliation notification

Nellore: Apr 10

Vikrama Simhapuri University (VSU) has released a notification inviting applications from affiliated colleges for renewal of Temporary and Permanent Affiliation for the academic year 2026-27. The notification has been issued as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor. All affiliated colleges offering Degree, Postgraduate, Education, Physical Education, Law, MBA, and MCA programs must submit their applications only through online mode. Applications should be submitted via the official portal managed by Andhra Pradesh Centre for Financial Systems and Services (APCFSS) <https://affiliation.apcfss.in> A prescribed user service charge will be collected from each college for processing



the application. After completing the online submission, colleges must submit hard copies of the application along with supporting documents on or before April 18, 2026.

Tragic Snake Bite Kills Girl in Konapapapeta

Nellore: Apr 10

A tragic incident has claimed the life of 13-year-old Chappa Deepika in Konapapapeta, on the outskirts of Ponnada in U. Kothapalli Mandal. The girl was bitten by a snake, believed to be a cobra, during her sleep early this morning. The incident occurred around 2:30 AM when Deepika was sleeping on a cot inside her home. She thought she had been bitten by a rat and informed her mother, Malleswari. Her mother advised waiting until morning for a hospital injection, and Deepika



went back to sleep. At around 4:00 AM, the girl began to complain of discomfort. Her family called relatives to help take her to hospital, but by then she was foaming at the mouth.

Recognising the severity of the situation, her family immediately called for an ambulance. While searching for her Aadhaar card to provide details, they discovered a cobra beside the cot. Realising she had

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Crisis Politics

When a global conflict intrudes into domestic politics, governments face a delicate balancing act: managing real economic risks while shaping public perception of responsibility. The unfolding tensions in West Asia place Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party in precisely that position as key state elections approach. Unlike the distant optics of the Russia-Ukraine war, the present crisis carries more immediate consequences for Indian households.

India's heavy reliance on imported crude ~ largely from West Asia ~ means that any disruption risks translating quickly into higher fuel prices, supply anxieties, and inflationary pressure. These are not abstract geopolitical concerns; they are kitchen-table issues. The political response has been notably calibrated. Rather than projecting decisive global intervention, the emphasis has shifted toward coordination, preparedness, and shared responsibility between the Centre and the states.

This is not merely administrative prudence. It is also political risk management ~ an effort to diffuse accountability ahead of potential economic strain. A further complication lies in the federal nature of India's energy distribution and pricing mechanisms. While global crude shocks originate outside national control, their retail impact is mediated through taxes, subsidies, and logistical coordination between Centre and states. This layered responsibility can blur political accountability, but it also ensures that no single actor can entirely evade voter scrutiny. However, elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, and Puducherry remain, at their core, contests shaped by local leadership.

Figures such as chief ministers Mamata Banerjee, M. K. Stalin, Pinarayi Vijayan, and Himanta Biswa Sarma are not peripheral actors; they are central to voter choice. Governance records, welfare delivery, and regional political identities continue to outweigh distant geopolitical narratives. Yet, to treat the West Asia crisis as electorally irrelevant would be a mistake. Its significance lies not in rhetoric but in transmission. If the conflict remains contained, its political impact will be marginal. But if it feeds into sustained price rises or visible shortages, it could alter the electoral conversation rapidly. Economic discomfort has a way of collapsing the distance between foreign policy and domestic accountability.

This creates a paradox for the ruling party. It seeks to highlight leadership and global engagement, but must simultaneously avoid owning the negative spillovers of a volatile international environment. The Opposition, for its part, sees an opening ~ but recent history offers caution. Previous crises, from demonetisation to the pandemic, did not translate into decisive electoral setbacks for the incumbent at the national level. The deeper pattern is this: Indian voters often distinguish between structural hardship and political culpability ~ unless the connection is made undeniable. The West Asia crisis will test that threshold once again. In the end, these elections are unlikely to be decided by events in distant capitals. But they may still be influenced by them ~ quietly, materially, and unevenly. The real question is not whether geopolitics matters, but when it begins to hurt enough to matter politically.

Lessons for India from Industrial revolution

The structural transformation Economic progress is often celebrated as a story of innovation, technological breakthroughs, and institutional advancement. It reshapes everyday life by replacing old practices with new systems, rendering obsolete products and methods that once seemed indispensable. Though innovation has been present throughout human history, sustainable economic growth is a relatively recent phenomenon. The emergence of this modern growth trajectory is commonly associated with Britain's Industrial Revolution. Economic historian and Nobel Laureate of 2025, Joel Mokyr argues that the take-off of sustained economic growth took place in Britain with the Industrial Revolution, commonly set between 1760 and 1830.

After Britain, economic take-offs into sustained growth have occurred in several Western countries. According to Mokyr, earlier civilizations experienced cycles of progress and stagnation. But scientific knowledge is rarely then translated into continuous economic production. The Industrial Revolution in Britain marked a turning point: scientific innovation became institutionalised. Technological advances fed into production, and economic growth became permanent rather than temporary. This 'new normal' of growth fundamentally changed living standards over the long term. Mokyr advocates that the Industrial Revolution in Britain had an intellectual origin. The Enlightenment, a pan-European movement, started in 1685 and ended in 1815, according to Mokyr, and paved the way for linking scientific inventions to technological innovations. Enlightenment thinkers insisted that scientific ideas should be reproducible, verifiable, and practically useful. Scientists started to find methods and experiments that should be reproducible and should have economic value addition. Enlightenment facilitated an increase in knowledge and its accessibility to those who could make best use of it. It

spread to a large circle and the circle was becoming larger. The collective knowledge in society in Europe was much greater than in any other area on the globe at that time. The total amount of knowledge ~ scientific or otherwise ~ that society controlled was vast. This vast array of knowledge had successfully been transformed into economic production and that is the primary reason for rapid economic growth of the Western economies. The intellectual elucidations were supported by institutional efforts. Intellect turned out to be the capital that could foster economic growth. Mokyr writes: "The short answer as to why the West is so much richer today than it was two centuries ago is that collectively, these societies 'know' more." Without Enlightenment, in the opinion of Mokyr, the Industrial Revolution could not have happened.

One of the prerequisites for sustained growth, according to Mokyr, is the joint evolution of science and technology which was hitherto not present. It is of central importance how science interacts with technology, and how change in technology impacts economic production. Secondly it is crucial to have skilled and knowledgeable personnel to implement new technologies in economic production. Mokyr stressed that sustained growth first occurred in Britain because it was home to many skilled artisans and engineers. They were able to understand designs and transform ideas into commercial products, and this was vital in achieving sustained growth.

Mokyr's insight that modern long-term growth rests on creation, accumulation and diffusion of knowledge remains one of the most persuasive elements of his argument. The democratization of knowledge serves as an important impetus for economic development when Mokyr observes that "the central fact of modern economic growth is the ultimate irreversibility of the accumulation of useful knowledge paired with

ever-falling access cost." Mokyr argues that "as long as knowledge was confined to a small number of specialists with high access costs of everyone else there was a serious risk that it would be lost." The decline in access cost implies knowledge is spread over many more minds and storage devices, so that any reversal in technological progress after the Industrial Revolution is ruled out. A revolution always implies a profound change. Western civilisation had been receptive to new ideas and concepts. Britain's Industrial Revolution was the result of a cultural shift that encouraged innovation and systematic use of scientific knowledge. "Seeds of innovation sprouted and flourished", Mokyr's arguments move away from the established framework of describing the Industrial Revolution by materialistic explanations like resource endowments.

However, industrialisation had contrasting consequences: technological advancement and prosperity in Britain coincided with deindustrialisation and structural economic changes in India. England struck down the ancient industries of India over a whole century. England when it obtained supremacy in India had the opportunity to enrich India also while bringing prosperity to herself. The fruits of the Industrial Revolution could have reached India too. India was well endowed with a potential of wealth, raw materials, skilled artisans, and markets. Britain possessed the opportunity to promote shared development across its empire, but colonial priorities often favoured extraction and unilateral advantage instead. Therefore, the purpose of intellect, whether good or otherwise, depends entirely upon the objective it nourishes. The study of Britain's Industrial Revolution, through contrasting lenses, offers crucial lessons for contemporary development policy. Mokyr's postulates are clearly relevant for present-day India. For India today, the path towards 'developed nation' status requires fos-



tering what might be called an 'Indian Enlightenment' ~ characterized by massive investment in education, research, and human capital. While India is projected to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030, it continues to grapple with the intricacies of its "developing nation" status, characterized by low per capita income coupled with low living standards. India's economic progress remains heavily reliant on the service sector, which despite its significant contributions, often operates in an unorganised manner that lacks the high-productivity value-addition with high reward typical of a developed economy. Further the vast workforce in the unorganised sector is either uneducated or lowly educated. They are oblivious of the idea that 'there is a world of thought and knowledge unattained by them'.

The 'Indian lettered classes' should take the burden of educating the 'Indian working folk' properly. Restoration of material prosperity is an imperative need in India. For this the energy and cooperation of the whole nation is necessary. The people of India must have the right to acquire education and knowledge. Only by the spread of knowledge could the country as a whole achieve its desired objectives of a prosperous nation. Education, more particularly higher education, must move beyond the confinement of a small, elite circle and reach the masses to become truly practical and

widespread. High access costs create 'information silos' that concentrate power and stifle competition. Therefore, research, scientific societies, journals, open lectures, and consistent deliberations facilitate the interaction between those who control propositional knowledge and those who implement techniques.

India must have the aspiration to transform into a knowledge society. After all, as Dr APJ Abdul Kalam asserted many years ago: "Knowledge is the primary source of wealth creation and societal well-being in the twenty-first century." Intellectual pursuits must be underpinned by robust, equitable institutional frameworks to ensure that the benefits of innovation are broadly shared. India's own development trajectory highlights this challenge.

Ultimately, the history of industrialisation teaches that economic progress is neither automatic nor morally neutral. The central question for modern societies is therefore not whether to pursue innovation, but how to guide it. When intellect serves narrow interests, progress may enrich a few while impoverishing others. When guided by inclusive institutions and ethical objectives, it can elevate entire societies. True economic development lies not merely in accelerating growth, but in ensuring that the fruits of knowledge and innovation are shared widely, sustainably, and justly.

The real reason China stayed 'quiet' about its US-Iran ceasefire role

Pakistan's media is ecstatic. After all, it was the country's apparent mediation that paused a disastrous war, and it is probably going to host the first delegation as early as next week. This is Pakistan's moment in the sun, or so it seems. But a tweet posted by the Prime Minister exposed embarrassingly enough that there might have literally been a US handle working the mediation machine. Standing quietly in the shadows is China. Its Foreign Minister has been busy, having made some 26 calls recently. It is also to host the US President soon. Meanwhile, Trump acknowledged Beijing's intervention in a single line. That counts for something. From this mess, some will emerge as winners. Others will scramble to clean up the dust.

The Key Motivation To Mediate At first sight, Pakistan's diplomatic cup seems to be overflowing. Iran's Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, has expressed gratitude and appreciation on X for the 'brotherly country' of Pakistan, though not just praising Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif but also Field Marshal Asim Munir. That should cloud the former's already knitted brow a bit. But Munir has apparently been working the lines the whole night, talking to the US and Iranian negotiators, all of which adds considerably to his stature. That's a big plus for his longevity in a country where former political heads or even army chiefs have had a sticky end. Consider that former Chief of Army Staff Javed Bajwa died un-mourned and mysteriously recently.

The biggest win for Munir, and for his country, however, cannot be publicised. And that is, keeping Pakistan out of the Iran-Saudi war, and thereby sliding out of implementing last year's 'Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement'. That was a black-and-white

commitment that required Islamabad to aid the Saudis if they were attacked. When the first drone attack hit, the Saudis summoned the Field Marshal, with Defence Minister Prince Khalid pointing that the two had discussed the attacks "and the measures needed to halt them within the framework of our Joint Strategic Defence Agreement". Any support to the Saudis would have had Iran venting its wrath on Pakistan, with a couple of missiles landing in its capital. An already enraged Shia population, which was told by an arrogant Munir to "go to Iran" if it so wished, would have risen up against the army. A catastrophe was averted with the mediation exercises. Danger again came perilously close when Iran recently hit the Jubail Petrochemical complex days ago, which led to Sharif yet again thanking Riyadh for its "restraint".

It's not over, though. Even after the declaration of the ceasefire, a vital pipeline that bypasses the Hormuz has been hit. That could upset the apple cart. Fronting For The US Into all this desperation came the US. The New York Times story confirms that a tweet, posted ostensibly by the Pakistan PM, was in fact drafted in the White House. Trump couldn't be seen as asking for a ceasefire, so he got Pakistan to 'front' the exercise, while pulling the levers behind. Recall that the tweet was mistakenly posted as "Draft: Pakistan PM's message on X" calling for an extension to the deadline to the US, and cooperation from "Iranian brothers". It was a dead giveaway.

Then came another kerfuffle. Sharif again posted that Iran and the US, "along with their allies", would also implement the ceasefire in Lebanon. That was denied almost immediately by Vice President JD Vance, who said the ceasefire was Iran-



focused. Yet another post earlier by Sharif, appealing for an end to attacks by all parties, was marked to everyone but Israel. Clearly, the perils of a mediation exercise are immense when the mediator doesn't recognise one of the central parties to the war. Pakistan's passport explicitly states that travel to Israel is barred. It seems then that a Prime Minister cannot acknowledge its existence in a post on X.

There's more to this. Islamabad apparently sent one version in Farsi to Iran and another version to the US. The main negotiator, Pakistan, grandly announced that all parties had agreed to a ceasefire in Lebanon as well. Soon enough, the US Vice-President, JD Vance, denied it, and Iran's Md Begher Ghalibaf directly accused Washington of violating the agreement when Israel launched a fierce attack on Lebanon, killing 200 and wounding a thousand-plus people. Rather an expensive mistake, for Lebanese lives, and a near-collapse of the ceasefire.

The Chinese Heft Meanwhile, China is moving quietly to get Iran to the negotiating table and end a war that has damaged its regional standing and potentially could harm its economy. Not only is China the largest import market for Iranian oil, but it has also promised Tehran a \$400 billion investment package, besides including the country in its multilateral groupings,

including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the BRICS. All six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members are part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Typically cautious, China did not quite invest the aforementioned sum but ensured that all energy trade was conducted in yuan, eroding the basis of the dollar, which is hinged on petroleum sales.

Then there is the masterclass that Beijing conducted in 2023 by restoring Saudi-Iran ties, ending seven years of hostility between the two. All that patient diplomacy went for a toss when the US struck Iran in June, and then even more with Operation Epic Fury.

China did not step up to protect its ally publicly. Whether it provided it with additional armaments via the 10,000 km freight corridor that goes entirely through land is unclear, but for years, reports have noted quiet support for its missile programme, and in the last month, specific charges of satellite intelligence for precise targeting. But here's the key: while China had no intention of supporting Iran publicly, it would have balked at Tehran's widening of the war to include its other friends in the region. So, while Chinese assistance eroded the facade of US 'invincibility' - and that too against a weak power - Beijing would have calculated that going further down that road would be diplomatically disastrous. Given

Trump's infamous ego and the need to declare 'victory', Beijing opted for a very quiet entry into the mediation, with Pakistan 'fronting' the whole exercise. If it failed, China's image would not be dented. So ironically, Beijing was as involved in setting the stage for an end to the war as was the White House.

This X-Based Mediation For India, all this underlines the perils of 'X-based' mediation, particularly in a highly complicated war where Shias, Sunnis, Jews and hardcore Christians are vying for advantage. Besides, heading a ceasefire inevitably means that the official mediator will also have to weigh in to police it eventually. Iran will demand a security guarantee, and the only way to do that is to send in troops, either under the banner of the Ummah or the unreliable United Nations. China will not step in, and neither will Russia. Both are, anyway, unacceptable to the US. At some point, Pakistan will have to put that together. So, while Sharif has been hailing the 'arrival' of Pakistan on the world stage, with thunderous applause from cabinet colleagues, the reality is quite different.

Nonetheless, given Pakistan's long capability to spin a narrative, it will still probably take a bow as the one country desiring "peace". It's ironic for the Indians. Equally ironically, many are also hoping it can swing the end to a highly damaging war. The truth then is that no matter how devious and self-serving Pakistan's exercise, much of the world is cheering it on. But here is the final reality: when the dust settles, the real winner will be China. Delhi needs to watch the upcoming summit with Trump, where a humiliated superpower will sit and talk to a quiet power that acts quietly to protect its interests. However, much water is yet to flow under the bridge. Watch this space.

Pakistan readies for crucial US-Iran dialogue; Bibi relents, calls for talks with Lebanon

Pakistan is poised to host high-stakes peace talks between the US and Iran in Islamabad this weekend, positioning itself at the centre of a delicate diplomatic push to stabilise West Asia even as the fragile ceasefire between the two adversaries showed signs of early stress. This came as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was seeking direct talks with Beirut, a day after the worst bombardment of the war killed more than 250 people in Lebanon.



Top Iranian leaders, including Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, will likely lead Tehran's delegation, while the US side will be led by Vice-President JD Vance, Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff and senior adviser Jared Kushner. The delegations from the rival sides are expected to arrive in Islamabad tonight for the talks. The Pakistan capital has been placed under a security lockdown. Sources said negotiations could begin shortly after both sides assembled, with talks likely to stretch over nearly two weeks as mediators push for a comprehensive agreement. The diplomatic initiative comes against the backdrop of a tenuous two-week ceasefire brokered between Washington and Tehran after 39 days of intense hostilities that had pushed the region to the brink of a wider war. Netanyahu, whose government rebuffed an offer for direct talks with Lebanon last month, on Thursday said in a statement that he had given instructions to start peace talks with Lebanon as soon as possible, which would also include disarming Iran-aligned militant group Hezbollah. Before the formal negotiations could begin in Islamabad, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh said Tehran was on the verge of responding militarily to an overnight ceasefire violation, but held back following urgent intervention by Pakistan. Khatibzadeh confirmed that Iran would proceed with the Islamabad talks, underscoring Pakistan's growing role as a mediator amid rising tensions and competing narratives on the ground. Diplomatic activity in Islamabad has intensified rapidly. A US delegation led by Ambassador Natalie Baker met Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to review logistical and security arrangements for the high-level engagement. Naqvi assured "foolproof security" for all visiting dignitaries, stating that a comprehensive plan had been put in place to safeguard delegations "in every respect". He confirmed that Vance, Witkoff and Kushner would be among the key American participants, describing them as Pakistan's "special guests". The US side, in turn, acknowledged

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Islamabad's diplomatic outreach, with Baker appreciating Pakistan's "sincere" efforts in facilitating dialogue during a volatile phase in the region. Islamabad has been effectively placed under a security lockdown. The authorities have enforced sweeping traffic restrictions, sealed sensitive zones and deployed additional security personnel across the capital. The Red Zone— Islamabad's high-security administrative district—has been sealed, with restricted access points and enhanced surveillance. A designated hotel within the zone has been cleared and secured exclusively for the visiting delegations. Pakistan's diplomatic engagement has been central to the current de-escalation framework. Its effort culminated in the announcement of the two-week truce, described by US President Donald Trump as a "double-sided ceasefire", contingent upon Iran ensuring the safe reopening of the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, a key artery for global oil flows. Before Netanyahu's go-ahead to talks, Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian warned that Israeli actions risked rendering negotiations "meaningless", signalling Tehran's readiness to escalate if violations persisted. Simultaneously, Trump adopted a hardline posture, asserting that US military assets would remain deployed in and around Iran until a "real agreement" was fully implemented. He warned that any breach could trigger a significantly escalated response, stating that "the shooting starts" if commitments were not honoured.

Netanyahu authorises direct talks with Lebanon 'as soon as possible' in boost to ceasefire efforts

In a potential boost to Middle East ceasefire efforts, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday that he authorised direct negotiations with Lebanon "as soon as possible" aimed at disarming Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants and establishing relations between the neighbours. The two countries have technically been at war since Israel was established in 1948, and Netanyahu later stressed that there was no ceasefire between them. In a video statement, he said Israel will keep striking Hezbollah until security is restored in northern Israel. There was no immediate response from Lebanese authorities. But



Israel-Lebanon negotiations were expected to begin next week at the State Department in Washington, according to a US official and a person familiar with the plans who both spoke on condition of anonymity. The prospect of talks appeared to bolster the tentative ceasefire in the

Iran war that has staggered under the weight of Israel's bombardment of Beirut, Tehran's continued chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz and uncertainty over whether planned peace talks can find common ground. US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that he was "very optimistic" about

the prospects of reaching a peace deal, saying Iranian leaders are more amenable in private conversations than in their public statements. Netanyahu's announcement came amid disagreement over whether the ceasefire deal included a pause in fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, and a day after Israel pounded Beirut with airstrikes that resulted in the deadliest day in Lebanon since the war began on February 28. Israel has fought multiple wars and launched several major invasions over the years, most recently sending in large numbers of troops last month in response to Hezbollah fire on Israel's northern border communities.

Pakistan eases entry norms with visa-on-arrival for key Islamabad talks

Pakistan has announced visa-on-arrival facilities for all individuals travelling in connection with the Islamabad talks, including delegates and journalists from participating countries, as it prepares to host high-stakes negotiations between the United States and Iran. A high-powered lineup of negotiators from Washington and Tehran will most likely reach Islamabad on Friday, underlining the scale and urgency of the diplomatic engagement being facilitated by Pakistan. In a post on X, Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said the country "welcomes all delegates, including journalists", attending the talks. He added that airlines have been instructed to allow boarding of such passengers even if they do not possess a prior visa.

According to an official communication issued by Pakistan's Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control, immigration authorities will issue visas on arrival upon entry. Airlines have also been requested to facilitate such travel, while dedicated desks have been set up at relevant airports to assist arrivals. The talks, expected to begin this

weekend, will bring together senior leadership from both sides. The US delegation is set to be led by Vice President JD Vance, accompanied by key envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, reflecting the priority the Donald Trump administration has placed on the negotiations. Iran, meanwhile, is expected to be represented by Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf and Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi, signalling Tehran's willingness to engage at both political and diplomatic levels. Pakistan, which has positioned itself as mediator and host, is expected to play a central role in facilitating dialogue and sustaining communication between the two sides. The negotiations will take place in Islamabad's high-security Red Zone, where extensive arrangements have



been made, including the designation of a secured hotel as the primary venue. The composition of the delegations suggests the talks could extend beyond stabilising the current ceasefire to addressing broader issues such as sanctions, nuclear policy and regional security, even as deep mistrust and recent tensions continue to cast a shadow over the process. Authorities concerned have been directed to extend necessary support to ensure smooth processing of participants arriving for the event.

Vikram Misri visits Pentagon, discusses defence co-production, tech ties

India and the US on Wednesday discussed ways to take forward defence industrial and technology linkages as part of ongoing efforts to co-produce and co-develop high-end technologies. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri held an interaction with US Under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment Mike Duffey at the Pentagon in Washington DC. The discussions took place even as IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh is on an official visit to the US. Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, in a post on X, said the meeting aimed at "advancing the India-US major defence partnership, focusing on co-production, sustainment and shared priorities in the Indo-Pacific". The Indian Embassy in the US also said the two sides discussed ways to further deepen defence industrial, technology and supply chain link-

ages in line with the ambitious goals laid out in the framework for the bilateral major defence partnership signed last year. On Wednesday, the IAF Chief visited the Peterson Space Force Base. The IAF said the interaction involved "a productive exchange of perspectives on complex operational modalities, reflecting the strength of the growing partnership". The meeting between Misri and the US Department of War official is the second such high-level engagement in less than three weeks. On March 25, the two countries held a Defence Policy Group meeting to discuss the way forward for co-production and co-development of advanced technologies. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and US Under Secretary of Defence Elbridge Colby had also met in New Delhi, with both sides looking to accelerate momentum in defence cooperation. Colby had said



the US was looking ahead to a critical new decade in its defence partnership with India, adding that while military equipment sales would expand, the potential for co-production and co-development with India was great possibility. These engagements come as India and the US move closer to finalising a deal for joint production of F414 fighter jet engines in India. The engines are expected to power the Tejas Mark 2 jets and the initial version of the

advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA). The US has also expressed commitment to deepen cooperation in areas such as long-range precision fires, resilient logistics, maritime domain awareness, anti-submarine warfare and advanced technologies. The Framework for the US-India Major Defence Partnership was signed between US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in October last year.

Pakistan vs Israel tensions: Khawaja Asif brands Israel 'cancerous', Netanyahu slams comment

In a strong denunciation of "outrageous" remarks made by Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Israel has raised doubts about his country's role as a "neutral arbiter". "Pakistan Defence Minister's call for Israel's annihilation is outrageous," the Israeli Prime Minister's Office said in a post on X. "This is not a statement that can be tolerated from any government, especially not from one that claims to be a neutral arbiter for peace," the PMO said on Thursday evening. Pakistan has been credited with mediating a tempo-



rary two-week ceasefire between the US and Iran and is preparing to host peace talks over the weekend. However, Asif, in a social media post, called Israel

"evil" and a "curse for humanity". Asif also claimed that as "peace talks are under way in Islamabad, genocide is being committed in Lebanon". "Innocent citi-

zens are being killed by Israel, first Gaza, then Iran and now Lebanon, blood-letting continues unabated," Asif said. "I hope and pray that the people who created this cancerous state on Palestinian land to get rid of European Jews [sic] burn in hell," he added. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar also condemned Asif's comments, saying, "These blatant anti-semitic blood libels from a government claiming to mediate peace." "Israel will defend itself against terrorists who vow its destruction," Sa'ar said.

India-Kenya ties deepen: INS Trikand visit bolsters defence and maritime security

Nairobi [Kenya], April 10 (ANI): Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trikand, a frontline guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy, is on a port call at Mombasa Port, Kenya from April 7-10, as part of its operational deployment in the Western Indian Ocean Region. The visit of the naval ship underlines India's commitment to strengthening maritime partnerships with African nations and is aligned with India's MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) vision. Sharing the details, the Indian High Commission in Nairobi noted the visit is accompanied by that of Vice Admiral K. Swaminathan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. Reflecting the growing depth of defence cooperation, the visit also saw the signing of an Implementing Arrangement under a Quick Impact Project (QIP) for provision of a 1.5 Tesla MRI machine to the Kenya Defence Forces, as well as the handover of 100 INSAS rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition. As per the statement, during the port call, the ship's crew is engaging in a range of professional exchanges and interactions with the Kenya Navy, aimed at enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices. The visit



will conclude with a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) between INS Trikand and a Kenya Navy ship, reflecting growing operational cooperation and mutual trust between the two navies. Vice Admiral Swaminathan and Adarsh Swaika, High Commissioner of India to Kenya, called on General Charles Kahariri, Chief of the Defence Forces of Kenya, in Nairobi. The discussions focused on further strengthening bilateral defence cooperation, including capacity building, training exchanges, and enhancing institutional linkages. They also met Dr. Patrick Mariru, Principal Secretary for Defence. Both sides reviewed the expanding India-Kenya defence partnership, noting the regular exchange of high-level visits and institutional dialogues that continue to deepen bilateral cooperation.

The statement further noted that Vice Admiral Swaminathan also held discussions with Major General Paul Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, in Mombasa, focusing on strengthening maritime cooperation, training exchanges, and avenues for enhanced collaboration in the Western Indian Ocean Region. A Deck Reception was co-hosted onboard INS Trikand in Mombasa by Vice Admiral Swaminathan and the High Commissioner, bringing together senior Kenyan officials, including Major General Paul Otieno as Chief Guest, Deputy Governors of Kilifi and Taita Taveta, representatives of the Kenya Navy, members of the diplomatic corps, and prominent members of the Indian diaspora. The event celebrated the deep-rooted maritime and cultural linkages between India and Kenya and reaffirmed the shared commitment to regional peace, stability, and security. The visit of INS Trikand highlights the growing depth of India-Kenya relations, particularly in the maritime domain, and reflects a shared vision for a secure, stable, and prosperous Western Indian Ocean Region.

Russia, Brazil launch global rollout of 'The Art of Sport' documentary series

Moscow [Russia], April 10 (ANI): An international conference titled "The Art of Sport. International cooperation between Russia and the BRICS+ countries in the field of sport" was held at the All-Russian State Library for Foreign Literature, bringing together diplomats, policymakers, media professionals and civil society representatives from across BRICS and partner nations. The event marked the presentation of the documentary series 'The Art of Sport' by the TV BRICS International Media Network, with its international rollout beginning in Brazil. Delegates from countries including India, China, Brazil, Egypt and others discussed frameworks to deepen cooperation in sports through cultural and media exchanges, as reported by TV BRICS. In a video message, Maria Zakharova emphasised that the project reflects a shared commitment to promoting core sporting values and strengthening cultural ties. She noted that sport, intertwined with cultural

expression, can serve as a powerful bridge between nations. Brazil's Ambassador to Russia, Sergio Rodrigues dos Santos, welcomed the decision to premiere the series on Brazilian television, emphasising sport's role in fostering unity and supporting a multi-polar global framework. Adding to the discourse, Aleksander Zhukov highlighted a proposal to establish an inter-parliamentary BRICS working group on sport, aimed at harmonising policies, sharing best practices and enhancing collaboration across grassroots and elite levels. The media's role in shaping global sporting narratives was also underscored by experts, who noted its



ability to transcend linguistic and cultural barriers. The four-part documentary series explores disciplines such as wrestling, triathlon, equestrian sport and curling, linking each with artistic expression. First premiered in Russia in 2025, the series is now being adapted for international audiences, reinforcing BRICS' cultural diplomacy through sport. (ANI)

Dacoit movie review

Cast - Adivi Sesh, Mrunal Thakur, Anurag Kashyap, Prakash Raj, Sunil, Atul Kulkarni, Zayn Marie Khan and others

Director - Shaniel Deo
Producer - Supriya Yarlagadda, Suniel Narang
Banner - Annapurna Studios

Music - Bheems Ceciroleo
Adivi Sesh is back on the big screen after his usual 3-year gap with Dacoit, along with Mrunal Thakur, promising a different love story.

As always, the promotional material created good buzz. Let's see if he maintains his success streak.

Setup:

Hari (Sesh) and Saraswathi (Mrunal) were once lovers but got separated due to caste issues. Hari believes Saraswathi betrayed him by sending him to prison for a crime he didn't commit and now wants revenge. Years later, Saraswathi is living with a child and an ill husband, facing financial problems. Both of them reunite for a heist to solve their problems. Will they succeed? Will Hari take revenge for the betrayal? This forms the rest of the story.

Technicalities:

Cinematography by Danush Bhaskar is good. Visuals look adequate and natural most of the time. Editing by Kodati Pavan Kalyan is slick and stylish. Though the pace is flat and lacks highs, the editing pattern feels



new and shows effort. Music by Bheems Ceciroleo is very average. The song "Roobaroo" works well on screen. The special number "Chichu Buddi" featuring Jonita doesn't have much impact and is forgettable. Background score by Gyaani is the show stealer. It feels fresh and fits the film well. Production values are okay, but the budget that is being talked about is not visible on screen. The story by Shaniel Deo and Adivi Sesh feels outdated and routine, though the screenplay has some merit with a few modern touches. Shaniel Deo's debut as director is a miss with an unengaging narration.

Performances:

Sesh looks good in his role as a small-town boy and a roughened prisoner. His performance in emotional scenes is commendable. However, his Rayalaseema dialect feels off throughout. Mrunal Thakur gets a strong role again and does it really well. She carries the role with the required

emotion and maturity. There is a dialect issue here as well, with Chinmayi dubbing for her. Other roles by Anurag Kashyap, Zayn Marie Khan, Prakash Raj, and Atul Kulkarni are okay but don't stand out much. Anurag has some better moments towards the climax.

Positives:

Adivi Sesh & Mrunal Thakur
Background score
Climax

Stylish treatment in parts

Negatives:

Outdated story
Flat narration
No emotional connect

Repetitive action scenes

Songs

Analysis:

The film starts on a decent note with a well-established love story and core conflict. Technically, it looks strong with all departments doing their part well. But as it progresses, the treatment turns slow and the narration feels flat, with very few engaging moments. The promotional material promised intense action episodes, but that intensity is largely missing in the film. The action sequences that do appear feel staged and not very natural, which reduces their impact. There is a slight pickup towards the interval, but it doesn't fully

elevate the momentum. The second half begins on a good note with a twist and manages to create some interest. A few more twists follow, and while they are decent on paper, some of them miss the required impact due to the way they are executed. The film again slows down with repetitive heist episodes, and the narration continues to feel stretched. The emotional core is present, but it doesn't land effectively because of the slow treatment and lack of depth in key moments. The overall idea and setup feel routine and old, even though they are presented in a somewhat modern way with a neat background score and editing. The lack of gripping moments and intensity hurts the film throughout.

The climax, though predictable, lands well emotionally. However, the impact is not as strong as it should have been, mainly because the slow narration leading up to it doesn't build enough momentum. If the action episodes were more raw and natural, and the love story emotions were handled with more depth, the film could have worked much better. The real problem with Dacoit is that the story, setup, and overall treatment feel mid and routine, which is not what we expect from a Sesh film after the reputation he has built as a new-age filmmaker.

Overall, Dacoit is an average but watchable film if you go in with the right expectations.



Who Did Sandeep Reddy Target With Dhurandhar 2?

Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga is returning to the big screen with Spirit, which has Prabhas in the lead role and is currently in introduction. In the meanwhile, Sandeep Reddy and Prabhas took the time to watch Dhurandhar 2 last night and Sandeep later had an explosive tweet on the same. Filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga stirred a fresh debate on social media after



posting a sharp reaction to the reception around Dhurandhar 2 The Revenge. Without naming anyone directly, Vanga took aim at what he called a section of writers and actors who, in his view, "built careers on propaganda" and are now quick to mock a film like this while claiming to be liberal. Tagging director Aditya Dhar and actor Ranveer Singh, Vanga used strong metaphors, suggesting that mere symbolic gestures are not enough to ward off the negativity surrounding the film. His post praised Dhurandhar 2 The Revenge as an outstanding effort while questioning the selective outrage and criticism it has attracted. Industry observers believe Vanga's com-

ments are not random. Over the years, several mainstream Hindi films with clear political or ideological undertones were celebrated by the same circles that are now questioning Dhurandhar's narrative tone. Vanga appears to be pointing at this perceived double standard where certain narratives are applauded as artistic freedom, while others are dismissed as propaganda. His remarks are being interpreted as a broader criticism of a section of the film fraternity that, according to him, stayed silent when propaganda suited them but has now found a voice to criticize a film that challenges their comfort zone. The tweet has triggered intense discussion across film circles and social media alike.

Rao Bahadur: Satya Dev and Deepa captivate in retro style



The upcoming film Rao Bahadur is creating quite a stir as an incredibly interesting project featuring Satya Dev in a never-seen-before character. The promotional campaign has been solid, starting with a powerful title glimpse. Now, the makers are set to release the beautiful first single, O Sundari, on the 15th of April.

Writer and director Venkatesh Maha is the driving creative force behind this much-awaited film. He possesses a strong penchant for deliv-

ering something unique and original to the audience.

His ability to craft fresh narratives guarantees that this movie will stand out from the crowd.

Adding immense prestige to the project is presenter Mahesh Babu via GMB Entertainment. His decision to support such a content-rich film is worthy of high praise. The production values are equally impressive, with producer Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy, Anurag Reddy, and Sharath Chandra ensuring

a rich and high-quality theatrical experience. The aesthetics of the new poster are brilliantly designed, utilizing a sheer fabric in the foreground for a dreamy framing effect. Deepa Thomas appears extremely graceful and poised. Satya Dev, meanwhile, looks exceptionally striking in his vintage avatar. Sporting classic spectacles, a patterned shirt, and a distinct hairstyle, his stylish appearance is sure to raise curiosity levels even further.

Thimmarajupalli TV Trailer: Kiran Abbavaram's Rural Drama Brings Nostalgia Alive



Young actor Kiran Abbavaram is now trying something new in his career. He is stepping into film production with a village-based movie titled Thimmarajupalli TV. This film is directed by newcomer V. Muniraju and stars Sai Tej and Veda Jalandharr in lead roles. The movie is planned for a grand theatrical release on April 17, 2026. The recently released trailer gives a clear idea about the story. The film is set in an old-time rural background when televisions were rare. In those days, not every house had a TV. Usually, one television in a village would bring everyone together to watch programs and movies. In the story, the village of Thimmarajupalli does not have a television. This becomes a matter of pride among the villagers. Different groups compete with each

other to bring the first TV to the village. What starts as a small competition slowly turns into serious fights and conflicts. The situation becomes intense as people go to extreme levels just to prove their dominance. The trailer begins in a light and simple way but later shows strong emotions, arguments, and even violent moments. The TV becomes the main reason behind all the chaos in the village. It shows how a small thing can create big problems among people. The performances of the new actors look fresh and impressive. The film also has several supporting actors like Pradeep Kotte, Swathi Karimireddy, Amma Ramesh, Satyanarayana, and Lathish, who play important roles in the story. The music is composed by Vamsikanth Rekhan, which adds to the film's mood.

Sahu Garapati continues his success streak with Vaazha 2



Sahu Garapati has secured another colossal victory as he celebrates the massive success of his new Malayalam release, Vaazha 2. Opening to a tremendous audience response, the film has swiftly joined the elite Rs.100 crore club, achieving this staggering worldwide gross in a mere seven days. Backed by his banner Shine Screens, this latest milestone highlights the producer's remarkable consistency and his rapidly expanding influence in Indian cinema.

The producer is successfully branching out well beyond his established roots in the Telugu film industry. He has been delivering consecutive hits that connect deeply with regional audiences. The

Rs.100 crore success of Vaazha 2 follows his other recent Malayalam triumph, Vyasanametham Bandhumithradhikal. His winning formula is clearly working across borders, as he continues to score big in Telugu with recent hits like Kishkindhapuri and Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu. Maintaining such a strong track record across multiple languages is a rare achievement in the film business. Sahu Garapati has proven that universal storytelling and smart production choices transcend language barriers. As Vaazha 2 continues its extraordinary run at the global box office, he firmly establishes himself as a powerhouse producer with a clear vision for cross-regional dominance.

Kantara Franchise in Trouble?



The movie Kantara became a huge success across India. After the first part became a blockbuster, the sequel also received a great response. Because of this, the demand for the Kantara franchise increased a lot. However, recent reports suggest that there may not be another film in the Kantara series anytime soon. This news has surprised many fans. The main reason being discussed is the working style of actor and director Rishab Shetty.

After the massive success of Kantara Chapter 1, it is said that Rishab Shetty has increased his remuneration significantly. Reports say he is now charging around ₹60 crore per film. Along with this, there are also talks that he wants his wife to be involved as a co-producer in his upcoming projects. On the other hand, the production house

Hombale Films is known to be very strict about its policies. The company does not usually allow outside involvement when it comes to production rights and financial decisions. The producers, including the Vijay Kiragandur family, prefer to maintain full control over their projects. Because of these differences, it is being said that the Kantara franchise has been paused for now. Sources claim that if Rishab Shetty approaches the production house again in the future, they may reconsider continuing the project. In recent times, Rishab Shetty has also been in the news for various controversies. With the rumors about the sequel not happening, discussions have become even stronger on social media. At present, Rishab Shetty is busy working on his new project Jai Hanuman.

Thalapathy Vijay's Jana Nayagan Leaked Online before Release?

The upcoming film Jana Nayagan, starring Vijay, is facing several unexpected problems even before its release. The movie has already been delayed, and now a new issue has created more trouble for the makers.

Recently, some scenes and a song from the film were leaked online. These clips are now spreading quickly on social media platforms. This has come as a big shock to the film team. They are trying hard to remove the leaked content and stop it from reaching more people.

The team is also planning to take legal action and may approach the police to find out who is responsible for the leak.

The delay in the film's release is mainly due to multiple reasons. One major factor is the upcoming elections in Tamil Nadu. Because of this, the



makers decided to postpone the release. At the same time, there were also issues related to the censor process. Although the film has been reviewed, the final certificate is still pending.

There were also rumors that the OTT deal for Jana Nayagan was cancelled due to the delay. However, recent clarification has put an end to these talks. The makers have said that no OTT deal has been finalized yet. Since the release

date is not confirmed, the digital release plans are also not decided. They mentioned that everything will be planned closer to the theatrical release. Jana Nayagan is directed by H. Vinoth and features a strong cast including Pooja Hegde, Mamitha Baiju, and Bobby Deol. The film has created huge expectations among fans, especially because it is expected to be Vijay's final film before he fully enters politics.

Get Ready For Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Romanchikam

Ace director of movies like Kabir Singh and Animal, Sandeep Reddy Vanga, is not just focusing on Spirit with Superstar Prabhas. He is quietly expanding his space as 'only' producer, too. While all the films he carved out so far are also his own production ventures, this time he's just producing a film rather than directing it. Under his Bhadrakali Films banner, Sandeep is backing a new film titled Romanchikam. The shoot is already in progress, and it stars 'Memu Famous' fame Sumanth Prabhas in the lead, while directed by a newcomer, Venu. From what we hear, it is set in rural Telangana and revolves around a youthful romantic drama.

In Telugu cinema, some directors have successfully transitioned into production. Sukumar is a strong example. With Sukumar Writings, he backed films that worked both commercially and content-wise. At the same time, not everyone managed to sustain that balance. Many directors, like Sampath Nandi and



Trinadha Rao Nakkina, tried their hand at production but struggled to pick the right projects or maintain consistency. Can Sandeep Reddy Vanga crack this space now? Sandeep has a very strong understanding of storytelling and audience pulse. Films like Arjun Reddy showed how he connects with youth. Backing a rooted, romantic drama like Romanchikam fits into that sensibility. But if the director understands things like budgeting, casting, release strategy, and market positioning, surely he is going to make it big.

IPL 2026: Mukul is a real athlete; he runs between the wickets like Kohli, opines Langer

New Delhi: Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) head coach Justin Langer has hailed young batting sensation Mukul Choudhary, calling him a 'great athlete' with a 'sharp brain,' comparing his game sense and elite running between the wickets to that of the legendary Virat Kohli. Choudhary's match-winning unbeaten 54 off 27 balls,



laced with seven sixes and two fours, against KKR has propelled him into the spotlight. "What I love the most is that he is a real athlete, and the way he runs between the wickets is elite.

It is like how Virat runs between the wickets, but the other thing about him is his game sense.

"We have had some practice games, and the way he talks about the game is like he has been playing 300 matches. So, he has

got some power, he is a great athlete, and he has got a sharp brain. He has a very curious mind and wants to get better. He went away and worked on the short ball. We have been doing drills with him every day, and then it came out in practice and in the game," said Langer on JioHotstar. He also revealed how their team analyst

Shrinivas Chandrashekar was crucial in getting Choudhary on board. "We saw him at

a training camp a few months ago. There is so much talent in this country. A real big shout-out goes to Shrinivas, our data analyst, who said, 'Coach, we have got to get this kid.'

Asked about his thought process when LSG were needing 54 runs required off the final 24 balls, Langer said, "I was probably thinking about what I was going to say to our players. I thought we bowled brilliantly on this

wicket; we were outstanding. "I actually jotted that down, and regardless of whether we win or lose, our bowling was excellent, and our fielding was elite as well. So, I was really pleased with that, but we also talked about taking responsibility, and we saw a 22-year-old kid taking responsibility; what an effort it was."

Langer believes that pulling off such a heist early in the tournament acts as a 'magic tonic' for team morale. "If you win the close ones, you get that little bit of belief, don't you? It doesn't matter whether you do it with the ball or with the bat, these tight wins are like a magic tonic. So, hopefully, it is a bit of a confidence booster that we like at the start of the season, and we have got a lot of upside left in our game as well."

Kaif slams Pant for lack of responsibility despite LSG's thriller win

Former India cricketer Mohammed Kaif has criticised Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant even after their dramatic three-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), saying the wicketkeeper-batter must show greater game awareness and consistency as a leader. Pant managed only 10 runs in the low-scoring thriller at Kolkata on Thursday, continuing a patchy run of form that has seen him alternate between one good innings and multiple failures this season. Kaif said that as captain and an experienced IPL campaigner since 2016, Pant should have taken responsibility and stayed longer at the crease.

"He is an experienced player, having been in the IPL since 2016. The situation when he came out to bat was not particularly difficult. LSG had already scored 41 in the first five overs. One batter needed to take responsibility and bat through the chase. That role was meant for Pant. As captain, if you don't take responsibility, you cannot help your team win games. Yes, he did well against SRH, but he needs to find consistency. Playing one good knock and then failing in the next few games is not enough. He has to read the match situation better and learn when to shift gears," he said. Kaif further stressed that Pant must focus on building innings rather than playing risky shots early in the chase.

"A captain's job is to stay till the end in a chase, and that is something Pant must work on." Meanwhile, former India captain Sunil Gavaskar said LSG's victory was significant

as the team managed to win despite underwhelming performances from their senior batters, including Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, Pant and Nicholas Pooran.

Gavaskar expressed concern over Pooran's form, saying the West Indies batter "looked lost". "What's a concern for LSG is the poor form of Nicholas Pooran. He looked out of touch against KKR and LSG moved him to the middle order because they wanted more firepower there.

"But, he looked lost. He was just swinging his bat at each ball in the hope of getting some contact with the bat but that is not the Pooran we know. LSG will have to find a way to make Pooran regain his confidence back," said Gavaskar. However, he praised the emergence of young batter Mukul Choudhary, who played a match-winning knock under pressure.

"They (LSG) were in a tough spot, but sealed a miraculous win with the help of their youngsters. Mitchell Marsh didn't score much runs, Aiden Markram made only 22, Pant and Pooran also failed to get going.

"Despite their main batters struggling, LSG still rescued themselves and secured the win. Last year, they relied completely on their main



players. This season, they are winning without relying on them.

"Despite being at 104 for 5 after 13 overs, with all their main batters back in the dugout, they still managed to win. It gives LSG confidence. They know their fearless youngsters will come good at some point, and that belief alone can take them a long way.

"Unbelievable innings by this fearless prodigy, Mukul Choudhary. What I love about the IPL is that every day we get to see something different. Here, it is Mukul Choudhary, who stepped up and helped his side cross the finish line. This guy is a young kid who bats at number five for Rajasthan in domestic T20 cricket.

"He just comes into the IPL, plays an unbelievable innings and makes everyone talk about him. The confidence he showed and the way he executed his shots was simply amazing to watch," added Gavaskar.

IPL 2026: 'Wherever we go, we can adapt our game,' says RCB coach ahead of RR clash

Guwahati: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) head coach Andy Flower has shown confidence in his team in adapting to new conditions as the side prepares for their first away match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 against Rajasthan Royals at Barsapara Stadium on Friday.

Reflecting on the team's approach, Flower noted that RCB takes pride in adjusting their game according to conditions, regardless of the venue. "We'd like to think that wherever we go, we can adapt our game and make it appropriate for the conditions. That adaptability, whether we're in Guwahati or anywhere else, is something that we are proud of and we'll be looking to repeat," he said in a video released by RCB on X.

RCB had a stellar record in away games last season, where they created history by winning all seven away games. They eventually went on to lift the title for the first time in the history of IPL. The RCB coach also hinted at an exciting contest

ahead, expecting aggressive batting from both sides.

"The guys were on fire and really enjoying it. I expect some exciting batting to be on show from both sides," he added. Despite the absence of key pacer

Josh Hazlewood, Flower lauded the team's powerplay bowling unit for stepping up, highlighting the performance of Jacob Duffy, who is playing his first season in IPL.

"Duffy's been brilliant. He's picked up five wickets in his two games, including crucial top-order scalps. He's taken to the IPL and RCB like a duck to water," Flower said. Duffy, who is looking in great touch, said that he is really enjoying the tournament, and it's great to win both games.

"Defending our home turf at



Chinnaswamy, which is awesome. I think we're playing really cool cricket, you know. Obviously, getting a big score with the bat, 250, and then also chasing down 200 in pretty quick fashion was awesome," he said. RCB is expected to face a tough challenge against Rajasthan Royals, who have surged to the top of the standings after winning all three of their matches so far, with victories over Chennai Super Kings, Gujarat Titans, and Mumbai Indians.

IPL 2026: Some of Choudhary's shots reminded me of watching Dhoni, feels du Plessis

New Delhi: Former South Africa captain Faf du Plessis has showered rich praise on Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) young batting sensation Mukul Choudhary, adding that his finishing prowess and flick shots to give the side a three-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) were akin to the batting style of the legendary MS Dhoni.



At Eden Gardens, Choudhary smashed an unbeaten 54 off 27 balls, laced with seven sixes and two fours, and helped LSG get a win on the last ball. "It's incredible to see the awareness to take the game through. The power from the young man, unbelievable batting. "What a game of cricket, with lots of ebbs and flows, and stealing it

towards the end. Some of the shots reminded me of watching MS Dhoni back in the day, especially those flick shots, so much power," said du Plessis on JioHotstar.

While LSG found a new hero in the inexperienced but talented Choudhary, Du Plessis pointed out that three-time champions KKR are currently struggling to find the 'rub of the green' in their favour. "You get little moments in the season where it can almost be defined, and you look back and think, 'If that had just gone our way, the season would have looked a lot different.' This is one of those moments for LSG, finishing the game and getting

gling to find the 'rub of the green' in their favour. "You get little moments in the season where it can almost be defined, and you look back and think, 'If that had just gone our way, the season would have looked a lot different.' This is one of those moments for LSG, finishing the game and getting

across the line when they shouldn't have, with a player who is inexperienced but has the pedigree to take the game through. On the other side, KKR will feel that the rub of the green is not going their way. KKR, who are yet to win a game in IPL 2026, find themselves in a precarious position. "They are a team that has now had three losses and one rainned-off game, those 50-50 moments are just not falling in their favour. I think back to the first ball of the last over, when an easy single was on offer for Avesh. Those are the kinds of things you have to make sure you are switched on for as a team if you want to get across the line," concluded du Plessis.

You ended my son's career: Chris Broad's anguish.. UV's reaction!

Yuvraj Singh's six-scoring in a single over in the 2007 T20 World Cup is a miracle in the history of cricket. But Yuvraj recently shared some interesting things that happened off the field after that incident on the show 'The Over Lap'. Yuvraj explained how that rain of sixes affected Stuart Broad's career and how his father Chris Broad reacted. Stuart Broad's father, Chris Broad, who was the referee for that match, came to Yuvraj after the match and said, "You almost ended my son's career." As a father, he expressed the pain his son was going through. Yuvraj responded by saying, "Sir, I

have hit five sixes in my bowling in the past, I know that pain."

Then, as per Chris Broad's request, Yuvraj signed a jersey and wrote, "I hope you become the best bowler in the world in the future." However, Yuvraj recently learned that Stuart Broad had thrown the jersey in a dustbin in anger. Yuvraj responded very maturely, saying, "It is natural to get angry when such an insult



happens, it is not wrong." Yuvraj praised the fact that Broad did not get discouraged by that setback and went on to take over 600 Test wickets and become a legendary bowler.

ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol: Divya's fourth, Gajanan's fifth, highlights of India's day in Granada

New Delhi: Divya T.S.'s creditable fourth place finish in the women's 25m pistol and Gajanan Khandagale's fighting fifth on her India and World Cup debut in the men's 10m air rifle, were the highlights of India's day at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol event at the Las Gabias Shooting range in Granada, Spain, on Thursday. Divya shot 28 in her third individual World Cup final to finish just outside the medals, while Gajanan bowed out with an effort of 187.5 in the men's air rifle final. Rhythm Sangwan also made the women's 25m pistol to finish seventh. China's Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Xiao Jiaruixuan won gold in the event after two rounds of shoot-offs were needed to separate her from her teenage compatriot and debutant Kong Jieru. Both had tied with 39 hits



after the regulation 10-series of five rapid-fire shots. Paris Olympics bronze medalist Camille Jedrzejewski edged out Divya for bronze and finished with 34 hits after the penultimate series. Earlier, Rhythm was the stronger of the two Indians in the qualifying stage, shooting 586 for a fifth-place finish. Divya shot 585 to take the seventh qualifying spot ahead of Poland's Agata Nowak. World Cup Finals winner Simranpreet Kaur Brar finished 30th with a

575. Gajanan Khandagale also had a brilliant debut after he stormed into the final in second place with an effort of 634.3 in qualification, which was just 0.2 behind Paris silver medalist Victor Lindgren of Sweden. Olympic and world champion Sheng Lihao of China, who eventually won gold, shot 633.6 to qualify in fourth. Arshdeep Singh was 21st with 629.5 while Dhanush Srikanth was 23rd with 629.2.

Gagan was one of six shooters to start the final in the 10-ring and shot valiantly in a high-class field to bow out after the 18th shot, just 0.1 behind Chinese youngster Ma Sihan, who took fourth place.

Aleksa Rakonjac of Serbia took silver and a first World Cup medal, as did Lindgren with his bronze, despite being a former world champion and an Olympic medalist. All three Indians navigated the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) elimination relays safely as well, with Olympian and world championship medalist Anjum Moudgil best with a 592. Ayushi Podder shot 587 in the second relay, and Surabhi Bharadwaj Rapole shot 582 as 58 of the 75 made it to the main qualification round.

Friday has the women's 3P final as the showpiece of the day, with the Indians making another attempt to add medals to their tally.

Unstoppable Momentum Powers BMW Group India's Best?Ever Q1. Record Deliveries of 4,567 units with Exceptional +17% Growth.

Visakhapatnam: Apr 10
BMW Group India has posted its highest?ever Q1 car sales, registering consistently high double?digit growth in an otherwise moderate segment performance. The company sold 4,567 cars in first quarter of calendar year 2026, achieving high growth of +17% year?on?year (YoY). The year started off on a very positive note with every month recording its best?ever sales. Mr. Hardeep Singh Brar, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, "BMW Group India has entered 2026 in an extremely strong position. We have achieved our highest?ever Q1 sales, registering solid double?digit growth, despite macroeconomic and geopolitical headwinds. Our lead in India's luxury electric mobility also continues thanks to the immense trust our valued customers have put in our electric offerings in terms of performance, EV ecosystem and technology. We are geared to a pulsating 2026 that will be marked by our most ambitious product offensive, with 4 already launched and 23 more to go. Sustaining this momentum into long?term success, our unwavering focus on customer experience, aftersales and brand connect will be taken to the next level. With each new car, we aim to deliver JOY to our customers who



enable this success story for BMW Group India." Electric Vehicles (EV) Making electric mainstream in the luxury segment, BMW Group India is the most preferred luxury EV brand. The electric lead continued in Q1 with 1,185 BMW and MINI EVs sold, achieving +83% growth YoY. Every fourth car BMW Group India sells today is an EV. The company commands the largest market share of over 70% in luxury electric segment in India. The EV penetration to total sales stood at 26% in Q1. BMW Group India continues to strengthen its leadership in luxury electric mobility with comprehensive and highly curated luxury EV ecosystem. The brand offers an unmatched blend of cutting?edge electric products with long range and high performance, extensive charging convenience, assured buy?back value and an attractive

cost of ownership. BMW Group India has expanded its customer?centric initiatives with offerings such as Destination Charging, Smart E?Routing, Charging Concierge and the High?Power Charging Corridor. Through partnerships with leading service providers, BMW and MINI customers now enjoy access to over 6,000 charging points nationwide, comprising of a high number of DC chargers. The company also boasts the widest EV portfolio in the luxury segment, spanning six electric cars and two electric scooters: BMW i7, BMW iX, BMW i5, BMW iX1 Long Wheelbase, MINI Countryman E, MINI Countryman SE ALL4, BMW CE 04 and BMW CE 02. BMW Long Wheelbase models redefine comfort, luxury and performance, while retaining the core of the BMW DNA, that is Sheer Driving Pleasure. In Q1, Long Wheelbase models accounted for over 50% of sales with growth of +23% YoY and sales of 2,256 units. Sports Activity Vehicles (SAV) BMW Group India SAVs recorded an even faster pace of growth at +38% YoY at 2,966 units. Highly favoured among the luxury SAV enthusiasts, their share in sales today stands at 65%.



Bhogapuram International Airport roads work reviewed

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 10
Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat, VMRDA Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal, and Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharat have inspected the roads being laid to connect the Bhogapuram International Airport. They inspected the work being done from the

Adavivaram junction. Later, they inspected the routes that connect the national highway. Speaking on the occasion, Pranav Gopal said that work on the connecting roads would be completed by the time the Bhogapuram Airport becomes operational. As directed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu, the main roads would be completed by the first week of June, and the Thimmapuram-Marikavalasa road was already completed. Over 40 percent of the work on the Adavivaram-Sonthyam road was over, and the remaining work would be completed as soon as possible, said the VMRDA chairman,

adding the work on the remaining roads was progressing at a fast pace. Stating that there was no compromise on the quality, he said the work was being monitored regularly. Tej Bharat said the work was going on smoothly with the cooperation of the people, and compensation was also paid for the structures affected during

the laying of the roads. Chief engineer Vinay Kumar, supervising engineers Bhavani Shankar and Madhusudhan Rao, executive engineer Durga Prasad, deputy executive engineers Ravi Shankar, Vishwanath, Reddy Gutthedaru, and others accompanied the MP and the VMRDA Chairman.

Scientists inspect cashew orchards, advise farmers

By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli (Garividi), April 10
Due to changing weather conditions, unseasonal rains, hailstorms, and rising temperatures, pest and disease incidence has increased in cashew orchards, affecting flowering and nut quality. A team of scientists, along with horticulture officials, inspected orchards in Cheepurupalli (Alakanarayanapuram, Peddanadipalli), Garividi (Mandiravalasa), and Merakamudidam (Yadika). They observed



issues like flower blight (20%), mealybugs (15%), and leaf-eating pests (10%). The team advised farmers to spray neem oil and recommended pesticides in proper doses, and suggested adopting pruning, balanced fertilization, and eco-friendly pest control methods to improve yield and protect orchards.

GITAM's 'Parinama' showcases the soulful Artistry of Gen Z

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 10
In an era where the younger generation is often perceived as being tethered to mobile screens and social media reels, the students of GITAM Deemed to be University proved that the heartbeat of classical art is stronger than ever. The campus transformed into a vibrant hub of creativity during 'Parinama', a day-long event organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences here on Friday. The event was a breathtaking transition from the digital world to the world of fine and performing arts. Young minds, just stepping out of their teenage years, showcased a sophisticated mastery of traditional forms. Students colored canvases with profound inner thoughts,



proving that art remains a powerful medium for self-expression. The audience was mesmerized by soulful vocal performances that displayed rigorous training and melodic precision. Clad in stunning traditional attire, dancers enthralled the gathering with rhythmic footwork and expressive storytelling. GITAM Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Y.Gouthama Rao distributed the prizes to the per-



formers and said that the event was the visible impact of the New Education Policy (NEP), which GITAM has embraced to broaden student horizons. At GITAM, an engineering student isn't confined to labs; they can choose a Minor in Fine and Performing Arts, allowing them to explore music, dance, or painting alongside their technical studies, he added. This event is living evidence that if we show the

right path to young people, they can create wonders, said by GITAM Registrar Prof.D.Gunasekharan. He added that by engaging with fine arts, students are distancing themselves from mobile addiction and enriching their lives with a more holistic vision, he remarked an observer at the event. The event was meticulously organized and coordinated by the noted scholar Dr. A. Malyada

Poshan Pakhwada awareness programme held in Garividi

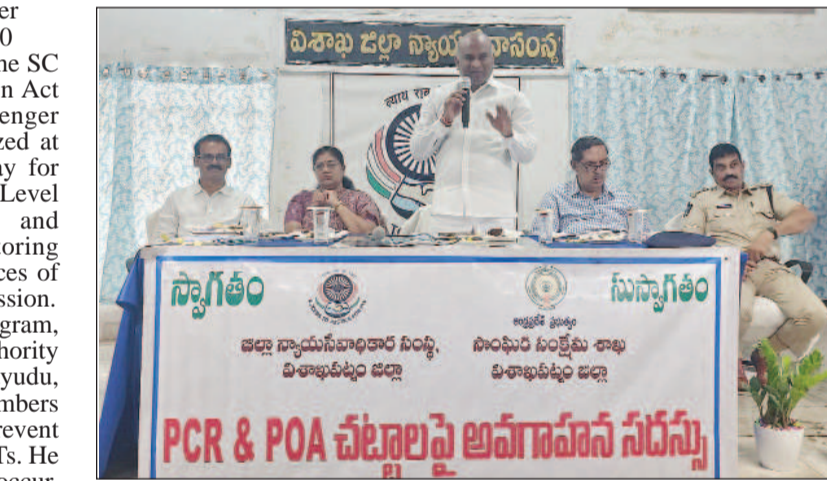
By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli (Garividi), April 10
As part of the 8th Poshan Pakhwada (April 9-23, 2026), an awareness programme was conducted in Gudem and Jammupeta villages under the ICDS Garividi Project. Health officials educated pregnant women and lactating mothers on the importance of nutritious home-cooked food, traditional dietary practices, and the risks of



junk and packaged foods. ICDS staff, including CDPO Arudra and supervisors, along with local women, participated in the programme.

Awareness program on SC, ST prevention of atrocities act and manual scavenger prevention act

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 10
An awareness program on the SC and ST Atrocities Prevention Act and Manual Scavenger Prevention Act was organized at the District Court on Friday for the members of the District Level Monitoring Committee and Divisional Level Monitoring Committee under the auspices of the Judicial Service Commission. The chief guest of the program, District Legal Services Authority Secretary Sri R. Sanyasinayudu, said that the committee members should work sincerely to prevent atrocities against SCs and STs. He said that before atrocities occur, they should visit various parts of the district and create awareness among the people to create an atmosphere of peace and harmony. He suggested that the people should be informed that strict punishments will be imposed if anyone violates the law and dis-



criminates against SCs and STs or commits atrocities. He clarified that land disputes and assigned land issues fall under the purview of civil courts and the police will not interfere in them. District Revenue Officer Vishweshwara Naidu said that steps will be taken to ensure that

the Revenue Department responds immediately in issuing caste certificates to victims, providing timely financial assistance and rehabilitation. Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Shri K. Rama Rao, who presided over the program, explained various provisions ranging from the

Civil Rights Act to the SC and ST Atrocities Prevention Act, and explained the rights and protections available to SC and ST. He asked the committee members to work in coordination and convey the problems of the victims to the machinery at the earliest. SC and ST Special Court Special Public Prosecutor Mrs. Revathi and former PP Shri S.S.S. Vasu explained the technical aspects faced in the investigation of cases. Speaking, ACB spokesperson Shri Ambedkar said that the cooperation of the committee members is necessary in the investigation of cases. In-charge RDO Seshasailaja District Monitoring Committee members Professor Subbarayudu, Chokkakula Rambabu, Mrs. Kalpana, Mrs. Sujatha, Shri Joseph, Shri Anjaneyulu and others participated in this program and discussed various cases in the district.

Chandanotsavam tickets online from April 12

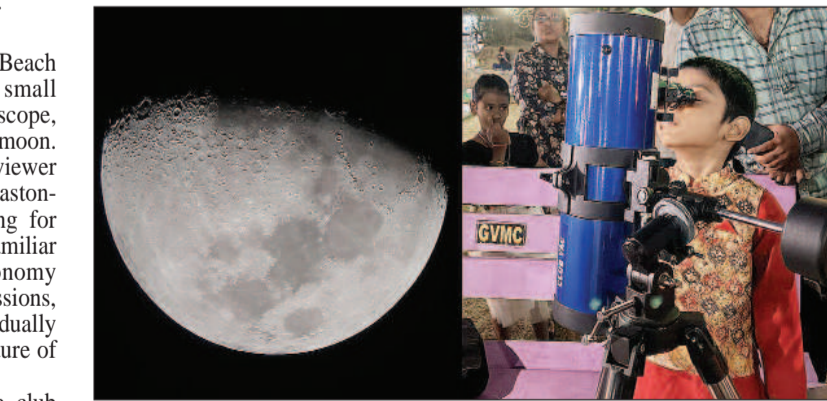
By Skyline Staff Reporter Vizianagaram, April 10
Tickets for the 'nijaroopa darsanam' of Lord Varaha Lakshmi Nrusimha Swamy on the hilltop temple of Simhachalam during 'Chandanotsavam' will be available online from April 12. The process will continue till April 17. Over 1.5 lakh devotees are expected to have a darshan of the Lord on the auspicious day (April 20), and arrangements are apace for the annual event. The APSRTC has decided to operate as many as 70 buses for the convenience of the devotees visiting the temple on the day. District



Collector Abhishikh Kishore, accompanied by officials, reviewed the ongoing arrangements. Stating that the district administration is taking all measures for hassle-free darshan for devotees, he has sought public cooperation for smooth conduct of the event. According to him, steps are being taken to ease the rush on queue lines and for the supply of food and drinking water to devotees. A team of ministers will take stock of the arrangements at the collectorate on April 12, according to the collector.

How Vizag Astronomy Club is bringing stargazing back to Visakhapatnam

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 10
On a humid evening along Beach Road in Visakhapatnam, a small crowd gathers around a telescope, waiting for a glimpse of the moon. Conversations quieten as each viewer takes a turn. Some step back in astonishment, others linger, returning for another look. These are the familiar rhythms of the Vizag Astronomy Club's ongoing moon watch sessions, a public initiative that has gradually shaped a modest yet steady culture of sky-watching in the city. Founded by BSS Srinivas, the club began without formal infrastructure or institutional backing. Srinivas recalls that its earliest sessions were held for neighbours, friends and family, with a single telescope and a simple intention to share what he describes as "the joy of astronomy". "Over time, these informal gatherings widened into structured public programmes. Our Moon Watch sessions held at the Beach Road are drawing first-time viewers as well as regular participants," says Srinivas. There is a certain historical continuity to these efforts. In 1840, Gode Venkata Jaggarow established an observatory on his private estate in what is now Dabagardens, marking one of the earliest engagements with astronomy in the region. While many residents may be unaware of this history, the Vizag Astronomy Club's



work is rekindling interest in the field. The moon watch sessions, locally referred to as Chandra Darshanam, are designed as open-access gatherings. They are typically held from the fourth day after the new moon until the full moon phase, when lunar features become increasingly visible to the naked eye and through telescopes. At the Beach Road, sessions currently run between 6.30pm and 10pm, with the programme scheduled to continue until April 3. Visitors can join without prior registration, an approach that has contributed to its growing footfall. For many first-timers, the encounter is unexpectedly affecting. Srinivas says they often react the way early astronomers did! "They realise the moon is not smooth, but full of craters, ridges and plains," he says. During one recent session, a child,

after looking through the eyepiece, remarked that he finally understood why ancient cultures built stories around the moon. Beyond the visual experience, the sessions include guided explanations. Volunteers speak about the formation of lunar craters, evidence of past volcanic activity and the role of the moon in stabilising Earth's environment. The sessions also explain how early civilisations named lunar features and developed calendars based on its phases. Private sessions In recent years, the club has introduced terrace-based private viewing sessions across the city. These smaller gatherings, usually lasting two to three hours, are organised for families and small groups. "Many participants prefer the familiarity of their own

spaces, where conversation flows more easily and the experience feels less formal," says Srinivas, who has conducted over 60 such sessions, often centred on events such as planetary alignments or prominent lunar phases. The club's equipment varies according to requirement, including Dobsonian, equatorial, Galilean and Newtonian telescopes, allowing both basic and more detailed observation. For those seeking deeper engagement, monthly star parties and astronomy camps offer overnight sessions where participants can interact with experienced observers and pursue extended study of the night sky. The membership base reflects this widening interest. Alongside 100 long-time members, the club now has around 300 active participants. Srinivas attributes this growth to a gradual shift in public curiosity. Srinivas says many people, used to screens, expect telescope views to look like digital images. "They come with that idea," he says. However, once they encounter celestial objects directly, the experience acquires a different significance. At the Beach Road, in front of Ambica Sea Green Hotel sessions are held from 6.30pm to 10pm and will continue until April 3. The next Moon Watch programme will begin from April 21. For details, contact 6304963367.

Legal awareness conference on drugs and their adverse effects on youth was held

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vizianagaram, April 10
The chief guest of the program was Shri A Krishna Prasad, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority. Addressing the students in the college, he advised them to stay away from drugs and not to get involved in them and to be aware of them from this age. He said that the youth are destroying their lives by getting addicted to drugs and thereby causing distress to their future as well as their parents, and that their future and the future of the country will also be destroyed through this. He informed that those who consume drugs, sell or transport them will be severely punished. For this, they will not be granted bail even for six months. He especially advised that every youth



should have a goal and work hard to achieve the goal. He gave detailed information about the NALSA (DAWN -- DRUG AWARENESS & WELL NESS NAVIGATION FOR A DRUG FREE INDIA) Scheme, 2025 prepared by the National Legal Services Authority. He advised that legal advice and solutions to problems can be obtained by calling the toll-free number 1 5 1 00 prepared by the National

Legal Services Authority. Later, the students took a pledge to stay away from drugs. The Vice Chancellor of the University was present at the event. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Mahanthi, Profession and Excise Department Additional Superintendent AS Dora, Neuropsychiatrist Dr. Hemant Madhav, and Nellimarla SI B Ganesh participated.

Nitin Gadkari Calls for Adoption of Alternative Fuels and Innovative Technologies in Construction Sector

- Addresses 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards and Exhibition 'Viksit Bharat 2047' in New Delhi



New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari emphasized the importance of innovation, technology and sustainable practices in the construction sector while underlining the need to promote alternative fuels and new technologies for the future of infrastructure development. Addressing the gathering at the 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards and Exhibition 'Viksit Bharat 2047' at New Delhi, the Minister said that innovation, entrepreneurship, science, technology, research and skilled practices are essen-

tial for converting knowledge into wealth. He added that the construction sector is constantly evolving with continuous research, innovation and technological changes. Emphasizing the need to reduce the cost of construction, Shri Gadkari said that adopting modern technologies and improving processes can significantly enhance efficiency and reduce project costs. He stressed that infrastructure development requires faster decision-making, better project planning and strong commitment to quality. The Minister highlighted the impor-



ance of completing key prerequisites such as land acquisition and statutory clearances in advance to ensure smooth execution of infrastructure projects. He noted that delays caused by pending clearances and procedural bottlenecks in the past had severely impacted project timelines and the financial health of contractors.

Gadkari also underlined the need to ensure quality-based evaluation in project implementation, stating that quality and performance must receive higher priority along with cost consider-

ations. Emphasising sustainable solutions, he urged stakeholders to explore the use of biofuels, biomass-based fuels and other alternative fuels, stating that such technologies can help reduce dependence on conventional fuels and lower operational costs. He also called for greater use of waste-to-wealth technologies, including recycling of plastic waste and used tyres in road construction. Referring to successful innovations, the Minister said that the use of plastic waste in road construction has already shown positive results in projects such as those implemented in Nagpur, demonstrating the potential of sustainable materials in infrastructure development. He further highlighted the importance of adopting futuristic technologies and research-based solutions and encouraged stronger collaboration between industry, research institutions and academia for developing innovative construction technologies. Gadkari also noted that Indian infrastructure companies have demonstrated their capabilities globally, executing major projects in countries such as Dubai, Qatar and several African nations.

Visit of Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Doha, Qatar, 9-10 April 2026



New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri arrived in Doha on April 9 afternoon on a two-day official visit. In the evening, he met with Qatar Minister of State for Energy Affairs, and President and CEO of QatarEnergy, H.E. Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi. Hon'ble Minister conveyed greetings and message of solidarity and support on behalf of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi to His Highness The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani as well as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani.

He recalled the two telephone conversations between PM Modi and His Highness The Amir in March 2026 following the start of the conflict, during which both leaders had emphasized the urgent need to restore peace and stability in the region through dialogue and diplomacy. PM Modi had conveyed gratitude to His Highness for the care and support given by Qatar to the Indian community. Both Ministers discussed all aspects of the strategic relations between the two countries including high level engagements, trade, investment, energy, culture and people-to-people relations. They hoped for early return of peace and stability in the region and further strengthening of the bilateral relationship between India and Qatar. His Excellency Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi reaffirmed the State of Qatar's commitment to remain a reliable energy supplier and looked forward to continuing and strengthening energy relations and cooperation with India. Both Ministers also welcomed the two-week ceasefire agreed on April 8, and stressed the importance of an early end to disruption in global energy supplies and restoration of normalcy. In this context, they emphasized the need for unimpeded freedom of navigation and the global flow of commerce to maintain global supply chains. Hon'ble Minister thanked Qatar's MOS for Energy Affairs HE Mr. Kaabi for hosting him. Both Ministers agreed to remain in regular touch in coming weeks.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

You are likely to spend your time in sports to maintain your physical stamina. If you are planning on hanging out with your friends, then spend money thoughtfully, as you are likely to suffer from money loss. Family problem should be given top priority. You need to discuss it without delay because once this is sorted out-the life at home will be much easier to cope and you would not find any difficulty in influencing your family members. Likely to feel the presence in absence of your partner. Avoid getting friendly with people who waste your time. Your spouse will make you realize today that heaven is on earth. An elderly senior at home can impart some knowledge with you today. You will like their preaching and try to follow them. Remedy :- Donate packets of milk to economically weak women, for continued prosperity.



Taurus

Health can bloom by sharing happiness with others. 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. Someone you know might overreact to situations concerning finance, bringing uneasy moments at home. Chances of meeting an interesting person on card. 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. Your married life is all about fun, pleasure, and bliss today. An elderly senior at home can impart some knowledge with you today. You will like their preaching and try to follow them. Remedy :- Offer your respects and donate raw turmeric, five peepal leaves, 1.25 kgs of yellow pulses, saffron, a sunflower, and yellow clothes/fabric to a Brahmin for preserving family happiness.



Gemini

Your willingness to help each and everyone will leave you tired and exhausted. If you are a student and want to study abroad, then financial crisis at home can upset you today. Children may bring in some thrilling news. Your devoted and unquestioned love has a magic creative power. You can watch a movie in your spare time. However, you'll feel like you have wasted your time by watching this movie as you won't like it. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse. Today, doing yoga and meditation will make you mentally strong. Remedy :- Feeding dogs rotis/bread will help attaining good health.



Cancer

Realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. Investment in antiques and jewelry will bring gains and prosperity. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. Plant a sapling today. You are likely to pick up a nice dress material for yourself if you go for shopping today. You might feel troubled due to your spouse today. Before initiating any work, analyse its results and impact on you. Remedy :- Apply saffron mark on your forehead before you go to meet your lover, and increase your love bond.



Leo

Participating in sports and other outdoor activities will help you gather your lost energy. Those who had borrowed money from a relative may have to return that amount in any condition today. Relatives/friends drop by for a wonderful evening. Change your nature of keep falling in love everyday. Today, you'll plan to reorganize your house and clean the mess, but will not get any free time today. The day will provide you a respite after a difficult phase in married life. It is going to be a day when clocks tick slowly and you stay in your bed till eternity. You may get a much needed rejuvenation today. Remedy :- Offer milk to banyan or neem tree, and apply a tilak of the soil of the tree on your forehead. This will empower your economic condition.



Virgo

Health will be fine despite some mental pressures. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Besides personal life engage yourself in some charitable work. It will give you mental peace but not at the cost of personal life. You should pay equal attention to both Your love life will bring you something really really awesome today. Volunteering work that you do today will help not only those you assist but will help you look at yourself more positively. The day will not be very good for you as there might be many disagreements on several issues. Remedy :- To achieve good income, keep silver coin in a gangajal and keep in home.



Libra

A reunion with an old friend will brighten up your spirits. If you want to become financially strong in the future, then you have to start saving money from today. Make sure you have approval of others before you make changes to your home environment. Phone call you receive from your beloved/spouse would make your day. Natives of this zodiac sign will plan to execute creative tasks in their free time today. Although you won't be able to succeed in your planning. Your spouse will push the rewind button of those early stage love and romance today. Your simple behaviour helps to sustain simplicity in life. You need to remember this saying and follow what's needed to make your life better. Remedy :- Tending to sick people and caring for the terminally-ill patients, will invariably bring in positive vibrations to your family life.



Scorpio

You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. An uninvited guest can arrive at your house unexpectedly today, due to which you can spend your money on household items you had thought of buying the next month. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you. Romance will be exciting-so contact the person you love and make the best of the day. Disenchanted by money, love, or family, you can go to meet a spiritual teacher today in search of divine pleasure. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today, you will find a solution to many of your problems by meeting an intellectual man. Remedy :- Bundle seven black grams, seven black pepper and a piece of raw coal in a dark blue piece of cloth and bury in an isolated place for a fulfilling and satisfactory economic condition.



Sagittarius

You should destroy your negative thoughts before they become mental illness. You can get rid of them by involving yourself in some donation and charity work that would give you complete mental satisfaction. Together with your spouse, you can discuss finances and plan your wealth for your future. Spend some pleasant time with your children in the evening. Today your beloved would find it extremely difficult to deal with your erratic behaviour. Today you should focus on important issues. You might feel lack of attention from your spouse, but at the end of the day you will realize that he/she was busy just for making the arrangements for you. Try not to get stressed today and take proper rest. Remedy :- Love in relationship will increase by drinking stored water from an orange-coloured glass bottle.



Capricorn

Your energy level will be high. Simply ignore those who approach you for temporary loans. A lack of communication with someone you care will leave you depressed. Those undertaking a small vacation with their beloved will have a highly memorable period. 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. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today. Doing the same thing or following the same monotonous routine everyday makes a person mentally tired. You can too suffer from the same problem. Remedy :- Offering Dhruva at Lord Ganesha temple will be good for financial life.



Aquarius

Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. Today, investing in land or any property can be fatal for you. Avoid making such decisions as much as possible. Domestic life will be peaceful and adorable. Your sweetheart is going to miss you badly all day. Plan a surprise and make it the most beautiful day of your life. Your free time will be wasted today because of any unnecessary work. Physical intimacy will be at its best with your spouse today. Candlelight dinner with someone special may help you eliminate all exhaustion you accumulated during the week. Remedy :- For a successful financial life, donate black woolen blankets to the poor and needy.



Pisces

Blessings of a saintly person will give peace of mind. Those who were unnecessarily blowing their money till now should control their actions from today and start saving up. Try not to say the wrong things at the wrong time-Be careful not to hurt the ones you love. Your partner thinks well of you, which is why s/he gets angry at you at times. Instead of responding back, it would be better to understand their words and where they are coming from. Today, you will love to spend your day away from all the relatives to a peaceful place. You might feel lack of attention from your spouse, but at the end of the day you will realize that he/she was busy just for making the arrangements for you. You should have complete information about the work you are assigning to someone. Remedy :- Wearing pure silver bangle will improve your love life.

Workshop on AI-Driven Drug Discovery: Advanced Tools, Techniques & Applications

New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): A three-day intensive workshop on "AI-Driven Drug Discovery: Advanced Tools, Techniques & Applications" was successfully organized at the CSIR-Human Resource Development Centre (CSIR-HRDC), Ghaziabad, from April 7 to 9, 2026. The programme was exclusively designed for CSIR Scientists and Technical Officers, with the objective of equipping them with advanced knowledge and practical exposure to cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools transforming modern drug discovery. The workshop was inaugurated in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Prof. G. N. Sastry, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Hyderabad; Dr. T. S. Rana, Head, CSIR-HRDC; Dr. Vinay Kumar, Scientist G & Programme Convener; and Mrs. Preeti Chaudhary, Programme Coordinator. In his inaugural address, Prof. Sastry highlighted the transformative role of AI in revolutionizing the drug discovery process and emphasized the growing importance of interdisciplinary approaches in pharmaceutical research. Dr. Vinay Kumar also presented a comprehensive overview of the workshop, outlining its vision, objectives, and the rationale behind conceptualizing this programme to address emerging needs in AI-driven drug discovery. Over the course of three days, the workshop featured a series of insightful lectures and interactive sessions delivered by distinguished experts from premier institutions. Notable contributors included Prof. Prabha Garg (NIPER, SAS Nagar), Prof. D. Sunder (Director, IBAB), Dr. Arijit Roy (TCS, Hyderabad), and Dr. S. Nagamani (CSIR-NEIST), who shared their expertise, real-world applications, and emerging perspectives in AI-enabled drug discovery. The technical sessions on AI in Target Identification and Biomarker identification, AI-Assisted Molecular Docking & Scoring and AI in Bimolecular Simulation were particularly well-received. Experts such as Dr. Rajnish Kumar, Associate Professor (IIT BHU, Varanasi), Dr. Firoz Khan (CSIR-CIMAP), and Dr. Tarak Karmakar (IIT Delhi) provided in-depth knowledge and hands-on insights, significantly enhancing participants' understanding of advanced computational approaches in drug discovery. The workshop concluded on April 9, 2026, with the distribution of participation certificates by Dr. T. S. Rana and Dr. Vinay Kumar, recognizing the active engagement of participants throughout the programme. The valedictory session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Preeti Chaudhary, who expressed sincere gratitude to all distinguished speakers, dignitaries, and participants for their valuable contributions in making the programme a grand success. The workshop received highly positive and encouraging feedback from participants, which will serve as a guiding framework for organizing future programmes. The programme successfully provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and fostering innovation in the rapidly evolving domain of AI-driven drug discovery.

Mega Hero Sai Dharam Tej Visits Vemulawada, Receives Grand Welcome



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-10: Mega film hero Sai Dharam Tej visited Vemulawada, popularly known as "Dakshina Kashi," on Friday to have darshan of Lord Bhimeshwara Swamy. Before visiting the temple, he toured the daily Annadanam (free food distribution) center being run under the aegis of the Munnuru Kapu Association. On this occasion, the State President of the Munnuru Kapu Association, Konda Devayya, extended a grand welcome to him and honored him with a traditional garland. Fans gathered in large numbers and enthusiastically took photos with Sai Dharam Tej. Karate Association state leader Abdul Mannan, Megastar Chiranjeevi Fans Association leaders Aruna Teja Chari, Pappi, and others participated in the program.

Indefinite Strike by Electricity Artisan Workers Enters Third Day in Husnabad

Skyline Correspondent Husnabad : April-10: The indefinite strike undertaken by artisan employees, following the call of the Telangana Electricity Artisan Employees Joint Action Committee, has reached its third day in front of the Electricity Department DE office in Husnabad, Siddipet district. BRS leaders extended their support to the striking artisan workers. The artisan workers stated that they are protesting with the primary demand of being merged into the organization, but alleged that the state government and the management



are ignoring their concerns. They demanded that artisan employees be regularized and provided with all the facilities that are being given to other employees working in the organization. They expressed anguish that they are being made to work with meager salaries, like bonded labor. BRS leaders demanded that the state government and the management respond immediately and ensure job security for the artisan workers.

Government Will Support Farmers Losing Land: District Collector K. Haimavathi



Skyline Correspondent Siddipet : April-10: District Collector K. Haimavathi stated that the government will extend full support to the affected farmers who are losing their land due to the Husnabad Industrial Park, and urged them to cooperate with the land acquisition process. On Friday, the District Collector held a meeting at the Integrated Office Complex meeting hall in Husnabad with farmers from Choutapalli, Jangaon, and Thotapalli villages of Akkannapet mandal, whose lands are being acquired for the TGIC Industrial Park. Speaking at the meeting, the Collector said that around 124 acres of land from Choutapalli, Jangaon, and Thotapalli villages in Akkannapet mandal of Husnabad constituency will be handed over to TGIC and developed into an industrial park. She mentioned that the establishment of industries in this area would create employment opportunities for local youth and contribute to regional development. She emphasized that cooperation from all farmers is essential for this development. She assured that the government would ensure that the compensation due to the farmers, who are sacrificing their lands for public needs, is provided promptly. She urged farmers to come forward to hand over their lands quickly and assured that fair compensation would be given to everyone as per government norms.

Practice Yoga Daily for a Healthy Life : District Collector Garima Agrawal

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : April-10: District Collector Garima Agrawal emphasized that everyone should practice yoga daily. As part of the Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika 99-day action plan, a yoga awareness program was organized on Friday at the Government Junior College ground in Rajanna Sircilla district headquarters. The event was conducted under the supervision of the Medical and Health Department, with the participation of the AYUSH department and other departments. District Collector Garima Agrawal attended the program as the chief guest, inaugurated it by lighting the ceremonial lamp, and also observed World Homeopathy Day. A yoga instructor demonstrated yoga postures and guided participants



through meditation, explaining their benefits. The Collector urged everyone to dedicate at least 30 minutes to one hour daily to exercise and yoga, highlighting that it greatly benefits both physical and mental health. She explained that it enhances daily productivity and professional efficiency. She encouraged people to make yoga a part of their lives, stating that many physical ailments can be prevented through yoga and meditation. She described yoga as a way of life. The event was attended by Sircilla Market Committee Chairperson Swaroopa Reddy, RDO Venkateshwarlu, District Medical Officer Rajitha, District Welfare Officer Lakshmi Rajam, District Agriculture Officer Afzal Begum, District Fisheries Officer Soujanya, DYSSO Ramdas, MEPMA AO Mirza Fasahat Ali Beg, Medical College Principal Dr. Rajeshwari, Municipal Commissioner Khadeer Pasha, Deputy Tahsildar Bhaskar Reddy, Anganwadi teachers, nursing students, walkers' association members, senior citizens, and others.

Cash Row Judge Quits Amid Removal Process. Will He Get Retirement Benefits?

New Delhi: Allahabad High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma had been facing an inquiry by a committee set up by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla after a huge stash of cash was recovered from his home last year. He had also accepted an impeachment process for the judge's removal, if proven guilty. However, with him resigning yesterday, the process would come to an end, sources in the Lok Sabha Secretariat said. Legal experts suggest that after his resignation is accepted, Justice Varma would be entitled to pension and other benefits that a high court judge gets upon retirement. He would have been deprived of the benefits if he was removed by the parliament. Sends Resignation To President Amid Impeachment Process Supreme Court Advocate on Record Akanksha Rai told that several high courts in the country have taken the view that the 'resignation' of a High Court



Judge constitutes 'retirement' under the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Services) Act 1954. Thus, a judge who has resigned from services would be entitled to the same pensionary benefits as a judge who superannuated, she remarked. The same has been affirmed by the Supreme Court, Rai added. Justice Varma's resignation came on a day he was to begin his arguments before the inquiry panel to defend himself against the corruption charges, sources said. He had been given time from April 10 and April 14 to present his side, they said, adding that the prosecution had placed its arguments before the panel in March. The judge had been under fire since a large amount of cash was recovered from his official residence in Lutyens Delhi on March 14, 2025. At that time, he was serving as a judge at the Delhi High Court. The cash was allegedly found in a storeroom near the servants' quarters. The judge had denied that he or his family members ever kept cash there. The Supreme Court had taken away judicial work from Justice Varma at the Delhi High Court. It had transferred him to his parent Allahabad High Court and asked its Chief Justice not to assign any judicial work to him.

Yoga Training Conducted Under Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika 99-Day Action Plan in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-10: As part of the prestigious "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika 99-Day Action Plan" being implemented by the Telangana State Government, a yoga training session was successfully conducted on Friday at the District Yoga Center in Kamareddy under the supervision of the Homoeopathy and AYUSH Department. District Collector Ashish Sangwan attended the program as the chief guest and inaugurated the session. The District Medical and Health Officer presided over the event. RDO Y.V. Giri, the Government General Hospital Superintendent, district-level officials, and staff from various departments participated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector stated that "Praja Palana



is not just about infrastructure development but also about improving public health. AYUSH medicine and yoga are integral parts of our culture, and it is the responsibility of the health department to take them to every household." He emphasized that AYUSH systems play a crucial role in public health care. Traditional systems like yoga, Ayurveda, and homoeopathy not only help in maintaining health but also improve lifestyle. He urged the public to make use of the mega AYUSH medical camps organized by the government and to pay attention to their health. He further explained that the main objective of these programs is to provide accessible healthcare services to people in rural areas. The District Collector called upon everyone to incorporate healthy practices like yoga into their daily lives and contribute to building a healthier society. During the awareness session, the DMHO highlighted the importance of AYUSH medical systems such as homoeopathy, Ayurveda, and Unani. He noted that yoga and pranayama play a key role in preventing lifestyle diseases, particularly Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

"You Do Hanky Panky Then File Chargesheet" : Supreme Court To UP Cops Over Rape-Murder

New Delhi: The Supreme Court blasted Ghaziabad authorities over their "indifference" and "insensitivity" in the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl, summoning the police commissioner and the investigating officer with case records next week. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Panchohi took note of the submissions of senior lawyer N Hariharan, appearing for the victim's father - a daily wager, and expressed its displeasure over the manner in which the state police had conducted the investigation. The incident took place on March 16 when the

child was lured away from her home by a neighbour on the pretext of buying chocolates. The girl did not return home for a few hours, following which her father began a search and found her lying unconscious and covered in blood nearby. The girl was initially taken to two private hospitals who denied admission. She was then taken to a Ghaziabad district hospital, where the doctors declared her dead. "The most shocking part of the alleged offence is that it exhibits complete indifference and an insensitive approach by two alleged private hospitals, as well as the local police," the top court said. The girl's family reported the

matter to the local police immediately, but instead of taking cognisance, they were physically assaulted, they said. However, after an uproar, a case was filed a day later - on March 17, and the accused was arrested on March 18. Although the FIR had no mention of POCSO and Section 376 (punishment for rape). "We have also seen the panchnama (spot assessment), which does not record whether the victim child was wearing clothes in the lower part of the body. But it was stated that her private part was bleeding. There were injuries to her head. The doctor who conducted post mortem has failed to record the brutal, aggra-

vated sexual assault on the child," CJI Surya Kant said. According to the victim's lawyer, a blunt object was inserted into her private parts, the post-mortem showed. However, the police only wanted to investigate this as a murder, he said. Additionally, the police report showed that the child was dead by the time they heard the case. However, a purported video recording showed the child was in fact alive. The victim's lawyer told the court that her father is being asked to withdraw the case every day. "Every day he steps out, he is being asked to withdraw the case," Senior Advocate Hariharan said.

AYUSH Health Camp Inaugurated at Mother and Child Hospital in Jagtial on World Homeopathy Day

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-10: An AYUSH Health Camp was inaugurated at the Mother and Child Hospital (MCH) in Jagtial as part of the Telangana Government's prestigious 99-Day Action Plan, marking the occasion of World Homeopathy Day. The camp was formally inaugurated by Jagtial MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Jagtial Municipal Chairperson Smeemla Vani Srinivas. Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries stated that Homeopathy is an ancient system of medicine and emphasized that the government's primary goal is to provide quality



and accessible healthcare services to the people. They highlighted that AYUSH systems — including Yoga, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, and Unani — are playing a significant role in strengthening public healthcare. They also informed that free medical consultations and medicines would be provided at the camp and encouraged the public to take full advantage of the initiative. The program was attended by District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) Dr. Sujatha, Councillor Prashanth Rao, doctors, and a large number of local residents.

Will strive to establish libraries in Govt's

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Narayankhed, April-10: Dr. Patolla Sanjeeva Reddy, the Narayanakhed legislator said that the establishment of libraries in government schools is absolutely essential to enhance student learning. He added that he is making special efforts in this direction.

On Friday, he visited the Zilla Parishad High School located at the Nagal Gidda mandal headquarters. On this occasion, he inspected a room suitable for setting up a library for the students. He



expressed the view that establishing a library within the school would foster a greater

interest in reading among the students. The Program was attended by Municipal Vice-

Chairman Daram Shankar, Sarpanch Anil Patil, Teachers and others.

People's Government Prioritizing Education and Healthcare: Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Distributes CMRF Cheques Worth rs.58.58 Lakhs to 191 Beneficiaries

Skyline Correspondent Khammam : April-10:

State Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that the state government is giving top priority to education and healthcare by allocating higher funds. On Friday, at the Kusumanchi camp office, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, along with District Collector Anudeep Durishetty and CP Sunil Dutt, distributed CMRF (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) cheques worth ₹58.58 lakhs to 191 beneficiaries from Kusumanchi mandal. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the people's govern-



ment is not only prioritizing education and healthcare but also ensuring complete support to every poor person. He emphasized that in cases of illness, the government is extending full financial assistance without hesitation, regardless of the cost involved. He further stated that compared to the past,

the government is now spending nearly double the amount on healthcare so that the poor are not burdened financially. Through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, financial assistance is being provided to those who have undergone medical treatment. Municipal Chairperson of Edulapuram

Pokabattini Anitha, Paleru constituency Special Officer Ramesh, district officials, Khammam RDO Srinivas, Tahsildar Saidulu, MPDO, village sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, officials from various departments, public representatives, and others participated in the program.

Strict Action Against Single-Use Plastic in Korutla

Skyline Correspondent Korutla : April-10:

Korutla Municipal Commissioner Ravinder Goud warned that strict action will be taken against those using single-use plastic. Following the directions of Commissioner Ravinder, municipal officials conducted surprise inspections on Friday at restaurants, hotels, and tiffin centers in the town. During the inspections, single-use plastic items being used and improperly stored food items were seized. A total fine of ₹12,000 was imposed, and awareness was created about the use of cloth bags. Officials also advised shopkeepers to renew their trade licenses. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner



Ravinder Goud stated that single-use plastic must be completely banned, failing which heavy penalties will be imposed and shops may be sealed. He further instructed that those without trade licenses should obtain them immediately.

Shopkeepers were directed to segregate waste generated from their business activities into wet, dry, and hazardous categories and hand it over to municipal collection vehicles. Otherwise, fines will be imposed under the SWM Rules,

2019. Sanitary Inspectors Rajendra Prasad, In-charge Sanitary Inspector Ashok, Record Assistant Jagadeesh, Environmental Engineer Mahesh, Hemanth, and other municipal staff participated in the program.

Mahabubnagar Government General Hospital to be Developed as a Super Specialty Referral Center : Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-10:

State Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha announced that the Mahabubnagar Government General Hospital will be developed into a Super Specialty Referral Hospital serving as a central hub for South Telangana. As part of the Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika 99-day program and Health Awareness Week celebrations being conducted from April 6 to 11, the Minister inaugurated a voluntary mega blood donation camp at the Government General Hospital in Mahabubnagar along with Government Whip and MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy. He also visited stalls set up by AYUSH, Homeopathy, and Unani departments.



Later, the Minister interacted with students of the Medical and Nursing Colleges and

enquired about their issues, including infrastructure requirements and facilities needed from the Health Department. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the government is committed to developing Mahabubnagar district into a Super Specialty Medical Hub for South Telangana. Plans include increasing medical college seats, expanding PG

courses, providing separate hostel facilities, and constructing an auditorium. He stated that the new teaching hospital building works will be completed soon and are expected to be inaugurated in June. Foundation stones will also be laid soon for hostel buildings and an auditorium. The government will provide all necessary infrastructure for the medical college and hospital. The Minister emphasized that Mahabubnagar will serve as a referral center for districts like Narayanpet, Wanaparthy, Gadwal, and Nagarkurnool. Advanced medical facilities such as MRI, robotic surgical equipment, modern operation theatres, organ transplant retrieval centers, and vascular access centers will be established.

Government Sets Up Maize Procurement Centers to Ensure MSP for Farmers in Dharmapuri

Skyline Correspondent Dharmapuri : April-10:

State Welfare Minister Laxman Kumar urged farmers to take advantage of the maize procurement centers being set up by the government through DCMS to ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) for maize crops cultivated during the Rabi season. On Friday, the minister inaugurated a maize procurement center at the Dharmapuri Agricultural Market. Speaking on the occasion, he said that compared to last year, farmers in the Dharmapuri constituency have increased maize cultivation by 25% this year. He added that maize has been cultivated in 4,898 acres across six mandals—Dharmapuri, Velgatoor, Buggaram, Gollapalli, Pegadapalli, and Endapalli. Agriculture officials have estimated a yield of around 1.46 quintals in these



mandals. Considering the large-scale cultivation, the government has established procurement centers to ensure farmers receive a fair price for their produce.

The minister stated that middlemen are currently purchasing maize at only Rs.1,600 per quintal. To protect farmers, the government has set up

procurement centers offering a support price of Rs.2,400 per quintal and urged farmers to sell their produce there. He criticized the previous BRS government for neglecting farmers' issues and imposing a deduction of four kilograms per quintal during paddy procurement. He said that under the Congress government, for the past

two years, farmers have been receiving full payment without any deductions. The event was attended by Dharmapuri Market Committee Chairman Chilumula Lavanya Laxman, District Library Chairman Sanganabhatla Dinesh, Dharmapuri Municipal Chairman Vemula Nagalakshmi, and others.

Collector Rajarshi Shah Leads Yoga Session, Calls for a Healthier Society in Adilabad

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-10:

District Collector Rajarshi Shah stated that building a healthy society is the primary objective of the government. He emphasized that yoga is the best practice to overcome increasing mental stress in changing lifestyles and to achieve both physical and mental balance. As part of the Telangana Government's prestigious programs "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" and "Telangana Rising 2047", a yoga camp was organized on Friday morning at Indira Priyadarshini Stadium in the town, on the occasion of World Home-



opathy Day and AYUSH Day, under the 'Health Week' celebrations. On this occasion, the Collector personally participated and performed yoga along with the public, officials, and students. Addressing the gathering, he

said, "Together for health... moving forward with knowledge," and called upon every citizen to take part in building a healthy society in the district. He added that yoga helps not only in strengthening the body but also in achieving mental

peace. Additional Collector Rajeshwar, Municipal Chairman Bandari Anusha, RIMS Director Jai Singh Rathod, District Medical and Health Officer Narendar Rathod, along with other officials, medical staff, and students participated in the program.

Young Brothers Achieve Elite World Record in Bhagavad Gita Recitation - SP Amazed by Their Extraordinary Memory

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-10:

"These children have a bright future... I am amazed by their memory power," said the Superintendent of Police. Extraordinary Talent of Young Children: Brothers Achieve 'Elite World Record' in Bhagavad Gita Recitation. From Kurukshetra to Sringeri, the names of these young children from Kamareddy have echoed across spiritual platforms. Their dedication and memory power, demonstrated through the recitation of Bhagavad Gita shlokas, have earned widespread appreciation.



District SP M. Rajesh Chandra congratulated the children who won a gold medal through Gita recitation. Kushal Manohar Yadav and Karthik Manohar Yadav, sons of Biknoor SI Anjaneyulu, are

showing remarkable progress in the spiritual field. With the blessings and encouragement of their parents, they have been undergoing training for the past two years through online classes conducted by "Gita Parivar." They have memorized all 700 shlokas across the 18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita

with great fluency. In recognition of their dedication, they not only won a gold medal but were also honored with the title "Geetavrat." They showcased their talent at the "Gnana Smrutir" program held in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and earned the prestigious "Elite World Record" certificate. Upon learning about their rare

achievements, District SP Rajesh Chandra invited the children to the district police office and honored them. The children recited Bhagavad Gita shlokas clearly in his presence. The SP listened attentively and even asked about the meanings, to which the children explained the deeper significance impressively.

Students of Tribal Welfare Women's Degree College Win SHE for STEM Telangana Stellar Scholarship Awards

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-10:

The Principal of the Telangana Tribal Welfare Women's Degree College, Dr. Vasanthi Pillai, announced that the students of the college have achieved the SHE for STEM Telangana Stellar Scholarship Award. She stated that the "Kalpana SHE for STEM" program conducted at the college was a grand success. Students from the college showcased outstanding talent and secured five gold awards. Each student received a cash prize of Rs.10,000. In addition to these awards, the college was also presented with two laptops. Coordinator B. Vijaya participated in this program.



Indian System of Medicine is a Model for the World: District Collector Kumar Deepak

Skyline Correspondent
Mancherial : April-10:

District Collector Kumar Deepak stated that the Indian system of medicine is an ideal model for the world. On the occasion of World Homeopathy Day, he attended a free mega AYUSH medical camp organized at the Government Hospital in the district headquarters, along with District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Anita and program officials. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that India's medical system has become an inspiration globally, as it adopts various treatment methods to cure diseases. He mentioned that systems like Homeopathy, Ayurveda, Unani, and Yoga offer multiple approaches for treating illnesses. He further explained that chronic diseases such as joint pains, diabetes, and blood pressure can be controlled through methods like Ho-



meopathy, Naturopathy, and Yoga. He noted that AYUSH doctors are available at Primary Health Centers and the government is making efforts to provide medical services to the public.

He added that treatments like Yoga and Physio-

therapy, which are close to nature and cost-effective, are yielding good results. As part of the government's 99-day Praja Palana - Pragati Plan, special focus is being placed on sanitation for public health, with measures being implemented from the grassroots

level. He urged people to voluntarily participate in sanitation programs and work together to keep the district clean. Medical officers, doctors, District Mass Media Officer Bukka Venkateswarlu, and other officials participated in the program.

Public Governance Progress Plan Should Be Implemented Effectively: District Collector Kumar Deepak

Skyline Correspondent
Mancherial : April-10:

District Collector Kumar Deepak stated that the government's 99-day action plan under the Public Governance Progress Programme should be implemented effectively in the district. On Friday, he, along with officials, inspected the ongoing construction of Indiramma houses, sanitation management, and CC road works in Ponnaram village of Mandamari mandal in the district. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector emphasized the need for strict and effective implementation of the 99-day action plan across the district. He instructed officials to create awareness among beneficiaries of the Indiramma housing scheme—launched with the objective of providing shelter to the poor—so that houses are constructed as per prescribed norms and



within the specified area. He also advised that beneficiaries should be properly informed about the free sand being provided by the government for the construction of Indiramma houses so that it is utilized effectively. He

further directed that internal roads and drainage systems should be cleaned regularly, and sanitation management should be carried out systematically. He instructed that wet and dry waste should be collected sepa-

rately from every household daily to maintain village cleanliness. Considering the summer season, he advised officials to take precautionary measures to ensure there are no drinking water shortages for the public.

Mega Hero Sai Dharam Tej Offers Special Prayers at Vemulawada Temple

Skyline Correspondent
Vemulawada : April-10:

Mega hero Sai Dharam Tej visited the famous Vemulawada Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Temple, popularly known as "Dakshina Kashi," on Friday. He offered special prayers to Lord Bhimeshwara Swamy, who is associated with the temple. The actor fulfilled his vow by offering the traditional Kode Mokku (sacred bull offering) to the deity and performed rituals with devotion and (faith). Temple priests and Vedic scholars welcomed him with customary chants and blessings as per temple traditions. Temple supervisor Srinivas Sharma presented him with teertham and prasadam. Speaking on the occasion, Sai Dharam Tej expressed his happiness, stating that he felt blessed to have had the darshan of the deity. He mentioned that this was his first visit to Vemulawada. Later, he said he would proceed to visit the Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple. He was accompanied by Munnuru Kapu Sangham State President Konda Devayya.



Census Program is Crucial for National Development : District Collector B. Satyaprasad

Skyline Correspondent
Korutla : April-10:

District Collector B. Satyaprasad stated that the census program is crucial for the development of the country. The District Collector inspected the ongoing census and land acquisition works. On Friday, he reviewed the census activities and land acquisition processes being carried out at the Korutla RDO office. On this occasion, he interacted with the concerned department officials and assessed the progress of the work. The Collector emphasized that the census program plays a key role in national development and instructed officials to work with commitment to collect accurate data. He directed them to visit every household and record complete details.

He also instructed that the land acquisition process should be carried out transparently and completed swiftly. Officials were directed to ensure justice for landowners and to resolve any issues immediately. After reviewing the progress, he made it



clear that all works should be completed within the stipulated timeframe. He advised officials to work in coordination and achieve the targets set by the government. Korutla RDO Jeevakar Reddy, Tahsildar Krishna Chaitanya, and other officials participated in the program.

District Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection on Sanitation Near Collectorate Road

Skyline Correspondent
Kamareddy : April-10:

District Collector Ashish Sangwan conducted a surprise inspection of sanitation conditions near the Collectorate road on Friday. On this occasion, he focused particularly on cleanliness, waste management, and drainage systems in the surrounding areas. He inspected garbage dumped along the roadside and stagnant water, and instructed the concerned municipal officials to take timely action on sanitation issues. He emphasized that continuous cleanliness measures should be undertaken to avoid inconvenience to the public. He also stated that maintaining proper sanitation in urban surroundings is extremely important for public health. He advised officials to work in coordination to ensure a clean and healthy environment.



International Yoga Day Celebrated Grandly at Government Hospital in Bhadrachalam

Skyline Correspondent
Bhadra Kothagudem : April-10:

On the occasion of the Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika program and the birth anniversary of the father of homeopathy, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, International Yoga Day was celebrated at the Government Area Hospital in Bhadrachalam. As part of the event, the AYUSH Department organized a yoga awareness camp along with Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, and Unani medical camps. Many patients benefited from these camps. Doctors examined patients and distributed medicines free of cost. The chief guests for the program included District Medical Officer Dr. Tukaram Rathod, Additional District Officer Dr. Saidulu, Area Hospital RMO Dr. Rajashekar Reddy, AYUSH District Medical Officer Dr. Venkateswara Rao, along with doctors Rajender, Lavanya, Usharani, Jaya,



Vennela, Pooja, Rajesh, paramedical staff, yoga instructors, and others who participated in the event.

Grand Celebrations of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti under Singareni

Skyline Correspondent
Peddapalli : April-10:

On the occasion of April 11, it has been requested that all BC employees under the Singareni organization celebrate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule in a grand manner. During the preparatory meeting organized at the GM office, officials, including heads of all mines and departments, were asked to officially participate, offer floral tributes to the and ensure that all employees take part in commemorating his legacy. Singareni officials,



along with BC and OBC employees, appealed for collective participation in the celebrations. Those present at the preparatory arrangements included

Program Officer Chandrasekhar, Ravinder Reddy, Hanumantha Rao, and Sravan Kumar from the Personnel Department; Harish from the

Workshop; BC Liaison Officer Perumalla Srinivas; BC & OBC Association Secretary Battula Posham; along with Kola Malleshm and Rajender.

Agitation Inevable if Artisans' Demands Are Ignored: BJP Leader Sandhya Rani

Skyline Correspondent
Peddapalli : April-10:

As the indefinite strike launched by the Telangana Electricity Artisans JAC in front of the Malyalapalli substation entered its third day, BJP leader Kandula Sandhya Rani expressed solidarity with the protesting workers. Speaking to the media on this occasion, she announced full support on behalf of the BJP to the just demands of nearly 20,000 artisan workers who are tirelessly working in the Telangana power sector. She strongly criticized the government, stating that artisans who are risking their lives to provide electricity to the state should be immediately regularized as per the old APSEB rules. Treating them as second-grade workers is unconstitutional, she said. She expressed concern that while the government had earlier carried out conversion pro-



cesses based on educational qualifications multiple times between 1998 and 2014, its current rigid stance towards the workers is an insult to their hard work.

She further demanded that the government must ensure job security for the families of artisans working under life-threatening conditions and should not delay with mere assurances. Immediate orders should be issued as per the 12(3) agreement, she insisted.

Sandhya Rani warned that the BJP would stand firmly with the workers in Ramagundam and intensify the agitation from the Assembly to the Secretariat until justice is served. She asserted that they would not rest until the lives of artisans are improved. She also emphasized that two different sets of rules cannot exist within the same organization and demanded equal respect for equal work. She assured that BJP

leaders would actively participate in protests alongside the workers until the government responds. Several leaders including Mandal President Gundaboyina Bhoomayya, Ankari Bharat, Parkala Murali, Bandari Shyam Patel, Chiluveru Kumar, Jakkana Balu, Shilarapu Kalyan, Venkatesh, Erukonda Tirupati, Alcheri Gouri Shankar, Srinivas, Santosh, Sai and others participated in the program.

Pratima Foundation's Mega Health Camp Draws Massive Public Response in Vemulawada

Skyline Correspondent
Vemulawada : April-10:

Stating that public health protection is their primary goal, a free mega health camp organized in Vemulawada received an overwhelming response. The mega health camp, conducted under the aegis of Pratima Foundation with the support of Vemulawada Lions Club and Matrushree Hospital's Dr. Chikoti Santosh Kumar, was successfully held at Munnuru Kapu Satram. Specialists from various medical de-

partments participated in the camp and provided services, with around 563 patients undergoing medical examinations. Out of them, 52 patients who required urgent treatment were referred to Pratima Hospital. On this occasion, Dr. Chennamaneni Vikas and Dr. Deepa stated that social service is their mission and their aim is to make healthcare services accessible to everyone. They also mentioned that more such service programs will be conducted in the future



to reduce the lack of medical facilities in rural areas. IMA President Dr. Shobha Rani, BJP Town President Rapelli Sridhar, District General Secretary Sirikonda Srinivas, State Munnuru Kapu Association

President Konda Devayya Patel, town councillors, leaders, Pratima Foundation representatives, doctors, technicians, and a large number of townspeople participated in the program.