

TELANGANA BIUBHARATI

(Record of Rights in Land) Act, 2024



NEW ROR ACT - A NEW ERA FOR FARMERS

COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF THE EXPLOITATIVE DHARANI SYSTEM THAT TORMENTED FARMERS



Regularization of Sadabainama

Just like Aadhaar for individuals, Bhudhaar gives a unique identity number to every landholding

Revenue Services at Village Level

Revenue Officers in every village to deliver services

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Permanent Resolution of Land Disputes

- Robust 2-tier Appellate System, **Special Land Tribunals**
- Free legal aid for poor farmers

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- **Dispute-free mutation accompanied** by map

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Providing Land Rights

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PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT: PATH TO PROGRESS AND WELFARE FOR ALL



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Naidu's governance focus leaves TDP workers feeling abandoned

grassroots strength and disciplined cadre, is facing growing internal challenges. Despite Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's focus on gover-nance and the rebuilding of Andhra Pradesh, party workers are increasingly disillusioned, citing a lack of political accountability and insufficient attention to their concerns.

The frustration among the cadre is rooted in their experiences during the YSR

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), once celebrated for its Mohan Reddy. Many endured harassment, false cases, and targeted attacks, hoping for swift justice once the TDP returned to power. However, the cautious approach of the TDPled coalition government has left many workers dis-appointed. Investigations into alleged irregularities, including scams in liquor policy and power contracts during the YSRCP era, remain inconclusive.

Adding to the discontent, bureaucrats seen as instru-

mental under the YSRCP continue to hold influential positions, while some former YSRCP leaders have found a place in the ruling coalition, eroding trust among the rank and file. A disconnect between

the leadership and grass-roots workers is becoming increasingly evident. Loyalists who stood by the party during its years in opposition now feel sidelined. Decisions like appointing Sana Satish, a

political outsider, to a key position have deepened the resentment, with many

The gap between the **TDP** leadership and its grassroots

workers is growing more apparent. Longtime loyalists who supported the party through its opposition years now feel

neglected

perceiving such moves as prioritising wealth over dedication. Instances like YSRCP leader Jogi Ramesh



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debate on Bhu -

Bharati Bill today

BRS deputy floor leader T.

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appearing alongside TDP have further alienated leaders at a recent function workers, who view such

Appointments such as that of Sana Satish, a political outsider, to a prominent role, have intensified their frustration, with many

seeing it as a preference for wealth over commitment. Besides, events like YSRCP leader Jogi Ramesh sharing the stage with TDP leaders at a recent function have further estranged workers, who interpret such actions as a soft approach towards rivals brate its priorities to regain

gestures as signs of leniency towards adversaries.

Naidu's focus on governance, while aimed at bolstering public support, has drawn criticism for its lack of aggressive political messaging. Some argue that the TDP's perceived inertia in countering YSRCP's influence could enable Jagan's resurgence by 2029, a prospect that deeply concerns party workers. The TDP must recali-

morale and public confidence. Rewarding loyalty and commitment over affluence in decision-making will be equally important. The party's revival hinges on bridging the gap between its leadership and workers, balancing governance with assertive political accountability to secure its place in Andhra Pradesh's dynamic political landscape.

their grievances is crucial.

Taking decisive and trans-

parent action against YSRCP's alleged malprac-

tices could restore both

Palamuru-Ranga Reddy LIS will be ready by Dec 2026: Uttam

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Irrigation Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy reiterated the Congress government's commitment to completing the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) by December 2026. Replying to a question in the Council on Wednesday, Uttam said the project remains a top priority for the government and dis-missed allegations of neglect. He outlined the detailed status of the project, emphasising that progress has been made in

executing the project. He informed the House that PRLIS is being executed in 18 packages, comprising four lift and 14 civil work packages. The main components are approach channels, open canals, tunnels, pump houses and reservoirs, spanning four major stages.

He said the Stage-I pumping station was successfully commissioned on September 16, 2023, while the Stage-II, Stage-III and Stage-IV pumping stations are nearing completion

Govt okays Rs 86.22 cr for restoring **Pillaipally Canal**

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The Telangana Government has allotted Rs 86.22 crore to complete the remaining work for restoring the Pillaipally Canal in Yadadri Bhongir and Nalgonda districts. roval was issued through



and are expected to be com-Uttam said that Rs 32,305 missioned shortly. crore has been spent on the pro-

Congress launched 'Doopadeepa' programme, says Surekha

programme during its decade-

long tenure and said that no

were made during their rule.

Surekha said the Congress

Forests, Wednesday. She criticised the BRS

Telangana Environment, and Endowments Minister Konda Government for ignoring the Surekha highlighted the Congress Government's pivotal role in initiating the substantial improvements 'Doopadeepa Naivedyam' programme during her speech in the Council on Government had laid the

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foundation for the welfare of temples and priests.

Doopadeepa The Naivedyam programme was introduced during the YS Rajasekhara Reddy admin, by allocating Rs 2,500 per month to support 1,205 temples. This amount has now

tricts.

and CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao requested the state government to allow a debate on Thursday after giving time to study the Telangana Bhu Bharathi (Record of Rights in Land) Bill 2024 which was

accepted their request for a debate on Thursday. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi, senior BRS MLA T. Harish Rao and BJP MLA Palvai Harish sought a day to study the draft 2024 Bill and sug-

Minister Sridhar Babu agreed to their request and requested the Speaker to adjourn the House and provide adequate time for the Opposition to study and reply to the draft 2024 Bill on Thursday.

BRS leader Patnam, farmers get bail in Lagacharla incident

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The single-member SC Commission, led by Justice Shamim Akhtar, has assured the Telangana Government of a comprehensive report regarding the representations and grievances received during the public hearing on Scheduled Castes (SC) sub-categorisation.

Justice Akhtar to give detailed

report on SC categorisation

The hearing, held at the Karimnagar Collectorate auditorium, aimed to gather inputs from various SC communities in the erstw ile Karimnagar district Justice Akhtar

was apprehended by the police during a morning walk near the KBR Park in Hyderabad. BRS leader Patnam Narendra The arrest was part of an Reddy was granted bail by the Nampally Special Court on overnight operation that began after the attack on officials in Wednesday in connection

with the Lagacharla incident. Lagacharla village in Dudyala Narendra and 24 farmers mandal. The police action was swift were arrested and sent to the Chanchalguda Iail after the volv

personnel. Authorities cut off

power and internet services in

Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday,

Mahesh said the Congress is a

party that stands by all religions.

within three years. He said that

he would try to solve any

He said the Congress would

problems facing Christians.

The TPCC chief said the Congress government will construct Christian Bhavan

Hold debate in Assembly on Formula E race: KTR

its

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BRS leader KTR has written a strongly-worded letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, challenging him to allow a discussion in the Assembly regarding allegations about the Formula E race. He accused the Congress government of making baseless accusations against him and the BRS Government, particularly targeting the race agreement.

In his letter, KTR mentioned reports of a prolonged discussion in a recent Cabinet meeting on the Formula E race, stating, "Instead of leaking speculative information to the media about filing cases, let us discuss the matter openly in the Assembly. The people of Telangana have the right to know the truth." KTR defended the race agreement, emphasizing its transparency and the economic benefits it brought to the state.

"The Formula E race, held in 2023, was a resounding success, earning praise from all quarters and contributing approximately Rs 700 crore to the state's economy, as per Nielsen's report. However, your

government unilaterally can- tarnishing the state's reputation. celled the 2024 race and has since been spreading baseless rumours due to political vendetta," he said.

momentum.

Recognising the sacrifices

of its cadre and addressing

Reiterating the legitimacy of the BRS administration's actions, KTR added, "The payments made to the race organisers were transparent, and I have already clarified this many times. Despite this, your government continues its smear campaign, misleading the public and

KTR urged the Chief Minister to allow a detailed debate on the issue in the Assembly, stating that it would shed light on the real facts and dispel misinformation. "The Assembly is the ideal platform to discuss this matter in front of four crore people, rather than limiting it to cabinet meetings or media leaks. Let us present the truth to the public," he challenged.

BRS legislators drive auto to Assembly in protest

BRS leaders led by party Working President KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the TG Congress Government and accused it of deceiving the public and neglecting key welfare promises. On Wednesday, KT Rama Rao, along with BRS MLAs, staged a unique protest by dressing as auto-

rick drivers, demanding justice for the community. Addressing the media, KTR criticised the Congress government for failing to deliver on its manifesto promises. "We demand that the government must keep its word,

form a welfare board for auto-rick drivers, and provide Rs 12,000 per month as subsistence and insurance. Every promise made must be implemented immediately," he said.

The BRS leaders, including KTR, Harish, Vivekanand, Jagadish Reddy and others, dressed in auto-rick driver uniforms, marched from MLA Quarters to the Assembly in a display of solidarity.

Some MLAs coming drunk to Assembly: Harish

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BRS leader T. Harish Rao made a sensational claim in the Telangana Assembly on Wednesday that some Members are coming drunk to the House and proposed a breath analyser test for all legislators. He said in the House that like the breath analyser test to check drunk driving on roads, a test should be conducted on legislators before they enter the House. Project.

He said Harish's remarks are from the records. Earlier, he also deleted cer-

disparaging not just for the House but the entire society. tain remarks by BRS MLA Vivekananda. He also criticised He lamented that Harish is making personal attacks and the remarks of BRS MLA added that no MLA either Kaushik Reddy and warned from the ruling party or the opposition should make perhim that if he continued to make such remarks he would be suspended. The Speaker sonal remarks. Harish made the above comment when said that this is not a good tra-

Roads and Buildings Minister dition for new members. omatireddy Ven at Reddy The Minister for Legis Affairs, D. Sridhar Babu, took termed him a thief in connection with the Kaleshwaram exception to the allegations made by Vivekananda against Government Whip Beerla the government. He said the Ilaiah said that Harish may Member should inform the have spoken about his uncle, Speaker before levelling allegathe Leader of the Opposition tions. in the Assembly, K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR). The BRS MLA had made the allegations while speaking Speaker Gaddam Prasad about the problems of auto-Kumar expressed his unhappirick drivers. Sridhar said it was ness over Harish's remarks the BRS Government which had betrayed auto-rick drivers.

gest amendments.

ject so far, against the initial Harish Rao, AIMIM floor administrative approval for Rs leader Akbaruddin Owaisi, 35,200 crore. However, he said BJP MLA Palavi Harish Babu that an additional Rs 33,201 crore will be required to complete the remaining works, bringing the total project cost to approximately Rs 65,506 crore. He added the government

has already taken steps to in Land) Bill 2024 which was tabled on Wednesday. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu accepted their request for a secure funding and clearances to ensure timely completion. PRLIS is expected to irrigate 12.3 lakh acres in Nagarkurnool, Mahabubnagar, Vikarabad, Ranga Reddy, Narayanpet and Nalgonda dis-

GO Rt. No: 335 by the Irrigation & CAD Department on Wednesday.

The restoration project, which initially included the Buniyadigani and Dharmareddypally canals alongside Pillaipally Canal, was earlier stalled due to the pre-closure of contracts. After the Engineer-in-Chief's submission about revised estimates, the government approved the remaining work under the Head of Account "4702-101-GH (25)-SH 530/531/532." (12)-

The key conditions laid out in the project are: The Chief Engineer (I), Nalgonda, is tasked with ensuring the accuracy of quantities, data and provisions in the estimate.

- Selection of appropriate crossdrainage structures to facilitate smooth discharge as per site conditions.

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said the Commission received 128 applications and petitions from SC community leaders and organisations.

"The government set up the Commission to study the legal, social, economic and historical aspects of SC subcategorisation. We are committed to collecting feedback from all communities across the state and are presenting a detailed report to the government," said Justice Akhtar.

Dil Raju takes ... Continued from page 3

on Wednesday. The swearing-in was held at the TSFDC office in Masab Tank amidst Vedic chants.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy attended the event and extended his congratulations to Dil Raju.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized the government's commitment to the development of the film industry in Telangana. "The Telangana Government is working tirelessly to foster the growth of the film industry. Dil Raju's role as a bridge between the industry and the government will be crucial in resolving issues faced by the fraternity," he said. In his address, Dil Raju expressed gratitude for the opportunity and outlined his vision for the Telangana film industry.

Opposition stalls...

Continued from page 3 Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge warned that there will be a countrywide agitation if Shah does not resign. Congress president Kharge too addressed a press conference and demanded that Shah resign or else PM Modi should sack him.

Kharge said a person becomes a minister by taking oath of the Constitution and if he insults it, he has no right to remain in the Cabinet. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said, "Baba Saheb is the architect of the Constitution, a great man who gave direction to the country. The country will not tolerate his insult or the insult to the Constitution framed by him. Home Minister should apologize!" Several MPs of the INDIA bloc also held a protest in Parliament premises demanding Shah's apology for his remarks on Ambedkar. The uproar in Parliament also spilt onto the streets of the national capital and other states like Maharashtra, Bihar and Tamil Nadu where various parties held protests.

In Delhi, AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal led a protest with hundreds of supporters outside the BJP chanting slogans of "Amit Shah maafi maango, Amit Shah sharm karo". "Abhi ek fashion ho gaya hai - Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar. Itna naam agar bhagwan ka lete to saat janmon tak swarg mil jata (It has become a fashion to say Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar'. If they had taken God's name so many times, they would have got a place in heaven)," Shah had said in the Rajya Sabha during the debate on Constitution.

clash with officials in Vikarabad district.

The court granted bail to the village, forcibly entered Narendra on a bond of Rs homes, conducted raids and 50,000, while the remaining arrested 55 individuals. After accused were released on their detention, 24 farmers sureties of Rs 20,000 each. were remanded to judicial On November 13, Narendra custody and taken to jail.

Congress, Christian ties indivisible: Mahesh

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Extending Christmas greetings to Christian brothers and sisters, TPCC Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud said the ties between Christians and the Congress is an indivisible one. He said that Christians supported the Congress during the Assembly elections.

not remain silent if anyone Participating in the whips up passions using reli-Christmas celebrations at the gion and plays politics using it.

Govt dumps ...

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The government held one-day deliberations in all the 33 collectorates regarding the Bill. The government-appointed committee studied the ROR acts of 18 states before introducing the Bhubharathi Bill. The government will appoint revenue officers in every village and tribunals to hear appeals on land disputes. The government is restoring the possession column in the new Bill. The government is improving the Dharani Portal by reducing the 33 modules to six modules and introducing 11 columns in the Bhubharathi.

The Minister said that former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's government, which was supposed to protect the rights of farmers on their lands, instead grabbed lands.

He said the Congress Government introduced ROR-1971 and it was in force for 49 years. However, KCR introduced the Dharani Portal, which created trouble for the people. People were forced to approach courts as the Dharani Portal curbed the powers of officers. The BRS Government changed the rights of landowners without their knowledge. Ponguleti said the government is introducing Bhubharathi to win public confidence in the Congress Government. He said that BRS leaders too faced problems due to the Dharani Portal.

One BRS MPTC, K. Ravi, of Narayanapuram village in the Kesamudram mandal of Mahbubabad district brought the issue of 1,398 acres to the attention of the BRS Government as it was listed as forest even though it was in their possession for generations. But it was of no use. He said the introduction of the Bhubharathi was delayed as the government did a rigorous exercise to craft the best ROR Act in the country.

Harish said that some Members are coming to the House after consuming liquor in the morning. These members don't know what they are speaking, he said.

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy demanded that Harish should apologise to the House for his comments. and said they will be deleted

BJP & BRS shielding ...

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'The BRS's silence on the Adani issue is part of a covert agreement with the BJP. They have avoided demanding action against Adani, fearing Central scrutiny. Telangana deserves better leadership than a government that puts personal interests above public welfare," he remarked.

The Chief Minister called on the BRS to clarify its stance on Adani and support the demand for a JPC probe. "If the BRS claims that it represents the people, let them pass a resolution in the Assembly demanding a JPC. Their double standards must end," he added.

Drawing parallels, Revanth accused Modi and KCR of being "two sides of the same coin,"

Govt to restore ...

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officials found guilty of caror 10 guntas of land, but have rying out land transactions illeno ownership, will be protectgally. The rules for the 2024 Bill, ed. In the case of the 9,24,000 will be framed within three applications under the 'Saada Bainama' lands that were filed months, and an awareness programme will be conducted by for registration during the BRS touring villages and mandals. admin, the 2024 Bill will help People have lost land rights due register applicants who have submitted applications online to loopholes in the 2020 Act. Murders took place, differbefore November 10, 2020. ences arose between parents and children. People have lost whatever little land they had problems of farmers whose and are now on the streets. The ing the registration process. proposed 2024 Bill addresses these issues effectively.

The rights of small and from the registration and

working together to shield the Adani Group while betraying the people.

"This is not about one individual. It is about the future of our state and our country. The Congress will not allow Telangana's resources to be mortgaged for foreign loans," he said.

Revanth also warned of more protests if the Centre refuses to act. "If necessary, we will take this fight to the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Congress is committed to ensuring transparency and justice," he asserted.

The protest witnessed significant participation from Congress leaders and supporters, reiterating the party's resolve to hold both the BJP and the BRS 'accountable' for their 'complicity' on the Adani issue.

marginal farmers who have 5 mutation of lands with clear ownership during sale or inheritance there were 14 different types of land registration matters. The Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) will carry out the mutation. If not resolved, farmers can approach land tribunals for help.

The passbooks issued before 2014 would be taken as the The 2024 Bill will help set up basis to resolve the issue of land tribunals to address the 18,26,000 acres of private and government lands currently applications were rejected durincluded under Part-B in the Dharani Portal. If cases are pending in court, the rightful The Minister said that apart owner will be given the land.

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Women donate **Rs 75K for orphans**

The Orphan Solidarity Day was celebrated on Wednesday by nearly 300 women from 21 slums gathered at the Mahila Vikasa Sangham Centre in Ramanthapur here. Every year, one day is observed as the Orphan Solidarity Day in each of the 14 such centres by Bala Vikasa women savings group members to celebrate the birthdays of all the orphans who have been adopted collectively by ...



Mancherial civic body to be upgraded as corporation

The state government is reportedly actively considering a proposal to elevate Mancherial municipality to a municipal corporation by merging two municipalities and eight panchayats. Two months ago, the District Collector submitted proposals to upgrade the municipality into a corporation by merging Mancherial and Naspur municipalities, along with eight village panchayats under .



Central govt amends aircraft security rules

Against the backdrop of the recent spate of hoax bomb calls targeting airlines, the government has amended the aircraft security rules whereby perpetrators can face penalties and could even be barred from flying. The civi aviation ministry has amended the Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. Two new rules -- 29A and 30A -have been introduced. In October, airlines received 666 hoax bomb threats while the total number of such threats stood at 999 this ...



RS shielding Adani: Revanth

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hurled a strong charge against the BJP and BRS governments on Wednesday during the Congress-led 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest and demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the allegations against the Adani Group.

shielding' Adani and criticised their lack of accountability to the public. Speaking at the protest, Revanth emphasised the Congress's legacy of safeguarding India's image. "For 75 years, the Congress

worked tirelessly to enhance the nation's global image. Adani and the Prime Minister have 'tarnished' it

Revanth accused both parties of through 'unethical' practices. US investigation agencies reported that Adani bribed US firms, a scandal that Rahul Gandhi highlighted in Parliament. But the Prime Minister remained silent," he said.

He alleged that the BRS is complicit in protecting Adani to ensure its survival.

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Opposition stalls Parlament, seeks HM's sacking

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Minister Ponguleti tables Bhubharathi Bill in Assembly

A massive political row erupted on Wednesday as the Congress and other opposition parties launched an all-out attack on Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks on B R Ambedkar and demanded his sacking.

both houses of Parliament, alleging that his remarks had insulted Ambedkar and demanding his apology, Shah said that the Congress had distorted his comments under a malicious campaign after the discus-sion on the Constitution "established" that the opposition party was As opposition parties unitedly protested against Shah and stalled Parties like the Congress,

Trinamool Congress, AAP, RJD, SP, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Left protested against Shah inside Parliament and outside.

Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien submitted a notice to move a privilege motion against Shah in the Rajya Sabha, where the Home Minister made the remarks.

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Rs 2500 per month under Mahalakshmi Scheme

Proposal is under active consideration of TG

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the government is

committed to pro-

The Telangana Government said that Rs 3,549.31 crore under the Vaddi Leni Runalu (interest-free loan) scheme for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) is pending for release for the period between April 2019 and

November 2023. This information was disclosed in the Assembly in response to a starred question regarding the provision of interest-free loans to women's groups. The government said that additional measures including the proposal to provide Rs 2,500 per month under the Mahalakshmi Scheme

viding interest-free loans amounting to Rs 1 lakh crore to SHGs in the HYDERABAD next five years. The Panchayat Raj and Rural

Development Department clarified that Rs 298.04 crore has already been released for the period from December 2023 to March 2024. An additional Rs 474 crore is due

for payment from April 2024 to September 2024 which is currently being processed for release. The department also confirmed

that loans up to Rs 5 lakh availed by SHGs from banks and StreeNidhi institutions are eligible for interest subvention under Vaddi Leni Runalu, as per GO Ms. No: 27 dated

March 2, 2015.

The reintroduc-

tion of the Vaddi

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The TG Congress Government tabled the Telangana Bhubharathi Bill Records of Rights in Lands-2024 after scrapping the Dharani Portal introduced by the BRS government in 2020 as a one-stop destination for all agricultural land transactions and associated problems.

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy introduced the Bhubharathi Bill on Wednesday in the Assembly stating that the 'Indiramma Government' is not dumping the Dharani Portal due to arrogance but only to solve problems faced by the people.

"People faced a lot of problems due to the Dharani Portal. The Congress said that it

Bengal. In place of Dharani, the Congress Government is introducing Bhubharathi to solve problems created by the Dharani Portal," the Minister said.

Govt dumps Dharani Portal

Ponguleti said the government included the suggestions of BRS MLA T. Harish Rao (7 pages) and former BRS MP B. Vinod Kumar (5 pages) and kept the Draft Bill for 40 days on the website. The government took the sug-gestions of MLAs and intellectuals and includ-ed them in the Draft Bill. **Continued on Page 2**

Revenue Minister Govt to restore 'Jamabandi Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the gov-

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Village-level Revenue Officials

(VROs) and Village

ernment is planning a survey to determine the cur- Revenue Assistants (VRAs) were present in 10 956 vil

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Melbourne with confidence: Rohit

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma hailed the resilience of the lower-order batters after his team managed to salvage a crucial draw in the rain-hit third Test against Australia here on Wednesday, saying the side it has given the side renewed confidence for the remaining series. With the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy now tied 1-1, Rohit believes the team's morale will be high during the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne. "I mean, we will ...

-SPORTS

der active considera ion Under the Indira Mahila Policy Shakti announced in G Leni O. Ms. No: 16 on January 14, 2024,

the

and

Runalu scheme is expected to alleviate the financial burdens on SHGs

would scrap the Dharani Portal after coming to power. However, KCR gave a call to the people to dump the Congress in the Bay of Bengal for declaring that it would dump the Dharani Portal in the Bay of Bengal. But the people dumped the BRS in the Bay of Bengal. Now the Congress Government is dumping the Dharani Portal in the Bay of

be given to the rightful owner to avoid land disputes.

The government has proposed to restore 'Jamabandi,' the process of reviewing and recording all sales of lands including gifts, transfers and sales of lands at the village level. Jamabandi was stopped after the enactment of the 2020 Act by the BRS Government.

tem. A VRO will be attached to every revenue village to conduct Jamabandi, maintain a record of transactions and protect government lands.

A record of all revenue data would be uploaded online. These records will be preserved and maintained by the Village Revenue Official. Strict action will be taken against **Continued on Page 2**

Cong govt 'practising untouchability' against Ambedkar: Sanjay

PNS HYDERABAD built with public funds remains unfinished and locked up, he The Union Minister of State for Home said. Sanjay posted regarding this Affairs, Bandi

on Wednesday saying, "Untouchability is being prac-Sanjay Kumar, said Congress Government is prac-tising untouchability' ticed by the Congress Govt -Babasaheb Ambedkar is the Hyderabad's that victim!! Babasaheb Ambedkar statue, built with Ambedkar public money, remains unfinhas become ished & locked up. its victim.

No garlands on Jayanthi, Constitution Day, or dishonouring Dr Am Punyathithi. No public access! statue in Hyderabad."

Hyderabad's Ambedkar statue This is the real face of the Congress. From the past to the present, the Congress has a legacy of betraying Babasaheb, and their shameful neglect continues.

While the BRS delayed the statue for their priorities, the BJP vowed to construct it within a year of coming to power. After the push by the BJP, construction started and now instead of completing it, the Congress is humiliating and dishonouring Dr Ambedkar's

Dil Raju takes charge as TSFDC Chairman

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Prominent film producer V. Venkata Ramana Reddy, popularly known as Dil Raju, took charge as the Chairman of the Telangana State Film Development Corporation (TSFDC)



IN SOLIDARITY WITH DRIVERS

BRS legislators drive auto to Assembly in protest

PARITALA RAVI MURDER AP HC grants bail to five accused

PNS VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday granted bail to five maintained that the benefit of persons accused in the high-profile murder case of former minister and TDP leader Paritala Ravindra (Paritala Ravi). The bail comes 18 years after the incident, which took place in January 2005.

While appearing for the peti-tioners Narayana Reddy (A-3), Rekhamayya (A-4), Ranganayakulu (A-5), Vadde (A-4), Konda (A-6), and Obireddy (A-8), advocate Swarupa Reddy submitted that in the present case, the applicants are not the prime in jail for more than 18 years. She further argued that they have court below has truly gone on ten- quences.

uous circumstantial evidence to connect them to the crime which

will not stand the test of law. She doubt should be given to them and sought a direction to the authorities concerned to release them on remission.

The High Court's decision has drawn much attention, given the prolonged duration of the case, which has been under legal proceedings for nearly two decades.

Paritala Ravi, a prominent political figure and leader of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), was brutally murdered on January 24, 2005, in Penukonda, Anantapur district. His accused and they are languishing killing sent shockwaves through the political landscape of Andhra Pradesh at the time, with far-reachgood chances of acquittal as the ing political and social conse-

INDIA CHARGES LOT OF TARIFF Trump threatens to impose reciprocal tax

PNS WASHINGTON

US President-elect Donald Trump has reiterated his intention to impose reciprocal tariffs in retaliation for the high tariff imposed by India on import of certain American

products. Trump made these remarks on Tuesday and also said that India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

"Reciprocal. If they tax us, we tax them the same amount. They tax us.



We tax them. And they tax us. Almost in all cases, they're taxing us, and we haven't been taxing them," Trump told reporters on Monday.

He made the remarks while responding to a question on a potential trade agreement with China. Trump said India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

The word reciprocal is important because if somebody charges us -India, we don't have to talk about our own — if India charges us 100 per cent, do we charge them nothing for the same? You know, they send in a bicycle and we send them a bicycle. They charge us 100 and 200. India charges a lot. Brazil charges a lot. If they want to charge us, that's fine, but we're going to charge them the same thing," ' Trump said at a news conference at Mar-a-Lago.

Govt sought Rs 4,100 crore WB loan for Musi Project: Kavitha

discrepancies in the Congress government's statements and actions escalating tensions.

Responding to a question by BRS MLC Shambhipur Raju in the Council on Tuesday, the Ćongress Government had claimed that no DPR existed for the Musi project.

However, MLC Kavitha presented evidence showing that DPR proposals had been sent to the World Bank on September 19 and that the Chief Minister had issued a GO on October 4 to hire consult-

ants for DPR preparation.

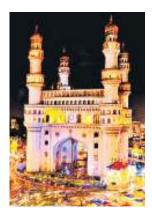
The "Congress has been caught in a web of lies. How can the government deny the existence of a DPR in the Assembly on December 17 while simultaneously presenting proposals to the World Bank?" Kavitha asked.



PNS HYDERABAD

BRS MLC K. Kavitha accused the Congress Government of deceiving the Council and the people of Telangana regarding the existence of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Musi River beautification proj-

Kavitha unveiled crucial documents on Wednesday, exposing



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Kuchipudi Dance

By Sri Sal Natarajalaya Academy Venue Ravindra Bharathi On: 19-Dec-24 (1:30 pm to 5 pm)

52nd ISAME Forum 2024 Meeting

By Lions International Venue Hyderabad

International Convention Center -HICC (10.1 km) On: 19-Dec-24 to 21-Dec-24 (10 am)

Reiva Lifestyle Exhibition

By Kanakavalli

Venue

Kanakavalli On: 19-Dec-24 to 21-Dec-24 (10 am)

37th National Hyderabad Book Fair

Venue NTR Stadium On: 19-Dec-24 to 29-Dec-24

Christmas Bazaar

Exhibition-cum-Sale

Venue Lulu mall

Till December 31, daily at 10:00 am

NYU CARNIVAL

With singer KARTHIK Venue

Boulder Hills, Hyderabad December 31

Weekend kids

Invisible Scars Foundation **launches Project** Humraahi

PNS HYDERABAD

A Hyderabad-based NGO, Invisible Scars Foundation (ISF), launched Project Humraahi with support from the Infosys Foundation. This initiative aims to support survivors of domestic violence and abuse. On Wednesday, ISF announced an MoU with the Nirmaan Foundation to skill survivors and help them gain financial independence.

Project Humraahi provides free online services to Indian survivors, including aware-

ness programmes, mental health support, and legal counseling, shelter, and livelihood assistance. Survivors can access these services from home, eliminating the need for travel to counseling centers or courts. This model also allows access across time zones.

The initiative addresses financial hardships faced by survivors, offering all services at no cost.

ISF calls for collaboration with corporations and organisations to expand its reach and create safe spaces for survivors. Domestic violence and abuse affect millions worldwide, and ISF aims to support 500,000 survivors in

the next five years. ISF Director, Viiveck Verma stated This is more than a helpline; it's a symbol of hope.

He highlighted that ISF is dedicated to raising awareness, policy advocacy, and building a nationwide network to support survivors of gender-based violence.



Information and Technology Minister D Sridhar Babu and National President of ITServe Alliance Jagadeesh Mosali exchanging the MoU's at the State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

TG govt inks MoU with ITServe Alliance to generate 30K jobs

PNS HYDERABAD

In a significant move to decentralise IT growth and promote regional development, the Government of Telangana signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ITServe Alliance, one of the largest associations of IT companies in the United States, on Wednesday. This collaboration aims to generate 30,000 new jobs in Tier-II and Tier-III towns.

Information and Technology Minister D Sridhar Babu welcomed the partnership, emphasising that bringing IT opportunities the state. He highlighted that Telangana's talent pool is the state's greatest asset, and efforts would be made to skill and reskill the local workforce, reducing migration to urban areas like Hyderabad and easing city con-

gestion. To support this initiative, the Telangana government has agreed to allocate land in Hyderabad's Financial District for ITServe member companies to set up office spaces. The Minister noted that this aims to create a strong

synergy between regional and ready talent from local commuurban operations, positioning nities. Telangana as a comprehensive

Meanwhile, The National President of ITServe Alliance, Jagadeesh Mosali appreciated the MoU as a vital step toward driving growth and collaboration. He noted that ITServe member companies would benefit from tapping untapped talent in Tier-II and Tier-III towns, creating sustainable employment opportunities. The MoU also focuses on workforce development through skilling and reskilling initiatives to build a strong pool of industry-

The MoU was signed in the presence of Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce and IT Departments, Government of Telangana, as well as members of ITServe Alliance.

This partnership signals a new era of decentralised IT growth in Telangana, with a focus on sustainable employment, infrastructure development, and nurturing local talent in emerging towns like Mahbubnagar, Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, and Nizamabad.



Women from slums with orphans on the occasion of Orphan Solidarity Day celebrations on Tuesday in Hyderabad

Women from 21 slums donate Rs 75,000 for orphans

PNS HYDERABAD

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The Orphan Solidarity Day was celebrat-ed on Wednesday by nearly 300 women from 21 slums gathered at the Mahila Vikasa Sangham Centre in Ramanthapur here.

Every year, one day is observed as the Orphan Solidarity Day in each of the 14 such centres by Bala Vikasa women savings group members to celebrate the birthdays of all the orphans who have been adopted collectively by them.

'For most children, birthdays are a time when parents bring cake, and new clothes, and celebrate grandly at home. As orphans, we do not experience that. But Bala Vikasa ensures we never feel left out."

They organise a grand celebration just for us bigger than a regular birthday party. They find a big venue, bring us new clothes, invite everyone, and arrange a great lunch. On this day, all eyes are on us as we stand together on stage. It's a moment of pure joy, and we feel truly special.

These celebrations make us feel valued and loved beyond words," said Rachana, who has been attending the Solidarity Day celebrations every year since she got enrolled into the Orphan Solidarity Program.

In the run-up to this day, many of the women savings groups members of Bala Vikasa from across the Telugu states contribute 100-200 rupees from their earnings as a donation to support the orphans' education.

An amount of Rs 50,000 was raised by the women of the Ramanthapur centre and Rs 25,000 was raised by the women additionally through local donors.

These funds will be pooled together with the donations raised from all the 14 centres and used to support expenses such as tuition, books, clothing, and accommodation, ensuring a brighter future for these children.

NAMISHREE

Rashtrapati Nilayam to host 'Udyan Utsav' from Dec 29

ic manure from garden waste. The Udyan Utsav, organised in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the National Institute

Management (MANAGE) Hyderabad, and the Indian Council of Agricultural

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to smaller towns would empower communities and replicate Hyderabad's IT success across hub for IT growth.

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Venue Culinary Guru Institute, Hyderabad. Till January 11, 2025.

Youth commits suicide after losing money in online betting

PNS RANGAREDDY

A youngster tragically lost his life to the perils of online betting, highlighting the devastating impact of this growing menace among the youth. The incident happened in Petthulla (Tulekalan) village under the Ibrahimpatnam police station limits on Wednesday.

According to reports from the police and locals, Chenamoni Sivalingam, a resident of Petthulla village under Ibrahimpatnam mandal, had been engaging in online betting for some time. Over the past few weeks, he became deeply addicted to betting, leading to significant financial losses. Unable to repay the mounting debts and financial distress, he reportedly took the extreme step of ending his life.

Ŝivalingam allegedly poured diesel on his body and set himself on fire at his home two days ago when no one else was present. He was immediately rushed to Osmania General Hospital by local residents for emergency treatment. Despite their efforts, Sivalingam succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment on Wednesday.

The police have registered a case and are investigating the matter further.



PNS HYDERABAD

Police tightlipped

over next step in

Wednesday. Rashtrapati Nilayam in Secunderabad, one of the Presidential Retreats, will host a 15-day Flower and Horticulture Festival, 'Udyan Utsav', from December 29. President Droupadi Murmu,

the campus compost unit to who arrived in Telangana on observe the compost-making December 17 for a five-day process and expressed hope visit, reviewed preparations for Udyan Utsav and the that this unit would serve as an example by producing organ-

Research, aims to celebrate nature and promote environmental conservation and sustainability through public paramenities for visitors on ticipation, the release stated. Visitors will have the oppor-She inaugurated an eatery by tunity to learn about innova-Mitti Café and a souvenir shop tions and technological develat the Visitor Facilitation opments in agriculture and Centre of Rashtrapati Nilayam, horticulture by exploring theaccording to an official release. The President also visited

Food safety officials flag unhygienic conditions at restaurants

House in Kacheguda and

noted several hygiene viola-

tions. Synthetic food colours

were found and discarded due

to suspected use in prepared

food. Raw chicken was stored

uncovered on a drain. The

kitchen floor was littered with

food waste, windows lacked

insect-proof screens, and the

washing area had stagnant

water and accumulated waste.

Task Force officials inspecting a

restaurant in Hyderabad on Wednesday

Pushpa 2 case PNS HYDERABAD PNS HYDERABAD

Questions are raised over the next course of action by police officers in Allu Arjun- Pushpa 2 case, which resulted in the tragic death of a woman and left a child in critical condition at hospital after stampede at the cinema theatre. Investigation officers, who remain tight-lipped on the case, have pointed out that further action rested with the Home Department. They also suggested the possibility of approaching the Supreme Court to challenge the four week interim bail granted to Allu Arjun. The investigation team clarified that the Telangana High Court's verdict prohibits intervention by a lower division court, making the Supreme Court the next legal recourse. Meanwhile, three individuals remanded in connection with the Pushpa 2 case, which unfolded during the film's premiere at Sandhya Theatre, are being questioned with one of them having filed a petition for bail. Higher officials overseeing the case told The Pioneer, "The

case is under investigation, and

the next steps will be determined

soon.'

er. The false ceiling in the storage area was broken. Food handlers wore dirty aprons, and essential records like pest control, water analysis, medical records, and FOSTAC certificates were unavailable.

The Task Force Team also inspected Mehfil Biryani Darbar in Narayanguda and found that walls were greasy and sooty, with patchy floors and stagnant water. Drains were clogged, and refrigerators were unhygienic with unla-beled food. The exhaust sys-

tem was oily, and racks lacked proper wall gaps. Some food items were stored on the ground instead of racks. Štorage walls and floors were dirty. Medical records and FOŚTAC certificates for food handlers were also unavailable.

The Task Force team stated that a notice will be issued, and further action will be taken accordingly.

matic stalls and participating in workshops. Rashtrapati Nilayam remains open to the public throughout the year, except during the President's southern sojourn, the release added. Kitchen lights were without proper fixtures, and refriger-The Telangana Food Safety ators were unhygienic. Open dustbins were observed, and while food in refrigerators Commission conducted inspections in Kacheguda and Narayanguda on Wednesday was covered, it was not labeled. and found multiple violations. Vegetables and non-vegetar-The Task Force inspected ian items were stored togeth-Mubarak Arabian Mandi

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Free breakfast scheme launched in Kodangal

PNS KODANGAL

In a significant move to improve the nutritional sup-port for government school students, the state government has launched a free breakfast programme. This initiative, aimed at addressing the needs of students in government schools, follows the recent increase in diet charges for students in social welfare hostels.

The pilot phase of the programme is being implemented in Kodangal, the home con-stituency of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The scheme has benefited a total of 24,000 students across 312 government schools in the region. The Hare Rama Movement Charitable Trust has been tasked with preparing and distributing the breakfast. A large kitchen facility has been set up in Kodangal to prepare the meals daily, and students are arriving at school early to enjoy the nutritious and tasty breakfast. This programme spans several mandals in Kodangal Assembly, including Kodangal, Bomraspet, Daultabad, Dudyala, Kosgi, Madduru, Kothapalli, and Gundumahal.

PNS MANCHERIAL

The state government is report-edly actively considering a proposal to elevate Mancherial municipality to a municipal corporation by merging two municipalities and eight panchayats. Two months ago, the District Collector submitted proposals to upgrade the municipality into a corporation by merging Mancherial and Naspur municipalities, along with eight village panchayats under Hajipur man-

In response, the officials of the Municipal Administration asked the municipalities to provide a detailed information for the formation of the Mancherial Municipal Corporation.

To gather essential data, officials have been conducting a survey to assess factors, such as the population of the villages and municipalities, tax revenue, cultivable lands, and other relevant details

Once the survey is complete, a notification to officially declare Mancherial as a municipal cor-



Govt likely to upgrade Mancherial

Municipality as corporation

According to the 2011 census, poration is expected to be issued in January or February. The district officials have proposed merging the following villages with the Mancherial municipal-ity: Vempalli, Mulkalla, Gudipeta, Chandanapur, Narsingapur, Kottapalli, Pochampad, and Namnur.

the combined population of these villages is 1.63 lakh, but it has since grown to around 2.50 lakh. The total area of the proposed municipal corporation would cover 150 square kilometers.

A map outlining the proposed

boundaries of the new municipal corporation has recently gone viral on social media. Gudipeta, which now hosts the headquar-ters of the 13th special battalion, is also home to a developing medical college and a central school

Additionally, an industrial hub is being planned near Vempalli and Mulkalla, along with an IT park and an auto nagar in the region. The creation of the municipal corporation is expected to accelerate development in these surrounding villages.

Since the formation of Mancherial district in 2016, the town has been growing rapidly with new colonies emerging on its outskirts.

In recent years, the municipalities of Naspur and Kyatanapalli have already been merged. Although proposals to upgrade Mancherial Municipality to a Municipal Corporation were delayed during the BRS regime due to political reasons, a clearer picture is expected to emerge before the panchayat elections scheduled for January.



Pro-poor approach of RIMS Adilabad earns praise

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences performed 1,532 complicated surgeries so far in 2024

PNS ADILABAD

Instead of referring complex cases to hospitals in Hyderabad or neighbor-ing Maharashtra, the doctors at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) has now been successfully performing the most challenging neurology and oncology surgeries. This remarkable achievement has earned widespread praise for RIMS.

The hospital, which once referred complicated surgeries to hospitals in Hyderabad or nearby Maharashtra, has now become a hub for intricate procedures in neurology, oncology, and other specialties.

So far this year, the doctors RIMS has successfully conducted over 1,532 surgeries, a substantial rise from just 646 surgeries performed in 2023.

Notable surgeries include the removal of a six-kilogram stone from the abdomen of Ranjana, a resident of Ankapur in Nizamabad district, on June 17.

In September, doctors at RIMS successfully removed a cancerous tumor from the ribs of a patient, fol-lowed by another surgery to extract

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

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cancer cells from the lungs of Abhishek, a local resident. Another remarkable procedure was the removal of a 1.5-kilogram tumor from the neck of a woman named Narsavva.

The RIMS has been performing a range of complicated surgeries in oncology, neurology, knee replacements, and plastic surgery, services that would have cost poor patients between Rs 3 lakh and Rs 10 lakh if carried out in private hospitals.

In one case, Naitam Lakshmi Bai from Palsi (K) village under Talamadugu mandal, lost consciousness due to a head injury.

A CT scan revealed a blood clot in her brain, which was successfully removed by neuro surgeon Dr Vijay Mohan.

RIMS Director Dr Rathod Jai Singh emphasised that the hospital has nearly stopped referring patients to other facilities, as it is now wellequipped to handle complicated surgeries. However, he pointed out that the

hospital is in dire need of a cardiol-ogist. He urged local residents to take advantage of the available medical services.

Bheemreddy Suryaprakash Reddy

S/o Venkat Reddy Bheemreddy Venkat Reddy



Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy, and ANKITA NGO, holding a legal aid camp at Shankarpally in RR district on Tuesday

ICFAI Law School holds legal aid camp for construction workers

PNS RANGAREDDY

Society of ICFAI Law School encouraged active participation

Principal hits two Class 8 students; parents protest

An incident involving the principal hitting two students with a pipe, resulting in injuries, has come to light at the Lothukunta Adarsha School in the Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district. Akshitha and Akhila, both students of the 8th grade at the Lothukunta Adarsha School, were drinking porridge on the morning of December 12. Principal Rahisunisa Begum expressed anger over students "dilly-dallying in consuming the porridge and hit them with a pipe. Fearing the consequences, the students did not tell their parents about the injuries and returned to school the next day. The principal later asked the

that both students had fractures and bandaged their injuries. Since the next two days were holidays, the incident remained undisclosed. On Monday, the parents confronted the principal, who apologised and promised not to repeat such a mistake, offering to cover the

When asked to explain, Principal Rahisunisa Begum submit a report to the District

pital. The doctors confirmed (1)) of Rule 19) hospital expenses.

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stated that she had only hit them lightly to enforce discipline and that she had also hit them when they were playing volleyball and injured their hands. On Tuesday, the Mandal Education Officer (MEO) Bhaskar visited the school to conduct a full investigation and promised to

FORM-VI S/o Mailareddy PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION Bheemreddy Bharati (Under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transperency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and 6 25 Dry 0.09 D/o Turipati Reddy Patts Bheemreddy Suryaprakash Reddy nent Act of 2013 (Central Act 30/2013) and sub-rule S/o Venkat Reddy Collector's Office File No.G3/2828/2024 Bheemreddy Jyoth Date: 10-12-2024 Wo Tirupati Reddy RDO, Husnabad, File No. D/1544/2024 Date: 02-12-2024 Gazette No. 159/2024 Date: 10-12-2024 Extent 6.29 As per the Government of Telangana/District Collector, Siddlog District: Siddipe Village: Kachapur Mandal: Koheda ections an extent of Ap 14. 11 Gts situated in Kachapur village o for excavation of D4 on Gouravelly Left Side Main Canal from Koheda mandal in Siddipet district is required for public purpose i.e for excevation of Distributaries to Left Side Main Canal of Gouravell KM 5.245 to KM 5.775 Canal Project and hence the notification has been issued under the Yeliaboina Kankalah Silo Aashalah Section 11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency i Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013. Dryl 2.00 Bairy Sugunavva W/o Saraiah Mutti Lingam S/o Veeraieh Patta As per 10-A of the GO Ms No.41 (LA. R&R/A2) dated 22-07-2012 of the Irrigation and Command Area Development department, of the Government of Telangana social impact assessment and foco Yellaboina Kankamma Wio Kankalah 0.13 Maikala Ilaiah S/o Mondaiah 250 Dry/ Patta security have been exempted while acquiring the land. Therefore, a preliminary notification has been issued to acquire Ac.14.11 Gts in Kachapur village of Koheda mandal of Siddipet district as mentioned in the following schedule. 0.15 Maramreddy Bhaskar Reddy 3 256 Dry Pata S/o Maramreddy Jarman Reddy SCHEDULE 0.30 Mekala Komuraiah Sin Mondajah 249 Dry/ Pata Nature Etiet Mekala Ilaiah S/o Mondaiah Name of the Mekala Raju S/o Ilaiah of the Pattadar & Enjoyer 0.25 Jajala Anjalah S/b Venkatapati land. Dry/ 248 1 2 3 Jajala Venkateswarlu S/o Anjalah 4

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PNS VADADRI BHUVANGIRI

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In a bid to empower construction workers, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) of Ranga Reddy District and ANKITA NGO from Bandlaguda, organised a Legal Aid Camp at the Community Hall in Ganesh Nagar Colony, Shankarpally Mandal, on Wednesday.

The camp aimed to facilitate the distribution of Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) cards, critical documents under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RE&CS) Act, 1996. These cards grant workers access to various government welfare schemes, ensuring better legal and financial support. This initiative stemmed from the joint efforts of the Legal Aid

ing their commitment to social

justice. The event commenced at 12:30 pm and was attended by P Sridevi, Senior Civil Judge and Secretary of the DLSA, Ranga Reddy District, who served as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, she underscored the importance of labour cards in enhancing workers' welfare and emphasized the role of legal awareness

in securing fundamental rights. Prof Y Pratap Reddy, Dean Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Research Studies at ICFAI Law School, delivered the welcome address, reiterating the institution's ded-

ication to community outreach and social justice. PM Arun Kumar, an alumnus from the Batch of 2024,

lasting community impact. In addition to distributing BOCW cards, health screenings were conducted for the workers, further supporting

their well-being. Members of ICFAI Law School's Legal Aid Society actively assisted in the event, ensuring a smooth process and addressing workers' queries.

The event, anchored by Aishwarya, marked a significant milestone in empowering construction workers. By providing access to welfare schemes, health benefits, and financial security, the camp reflected the collaborative efforts of ICFAI Law School, ANKITA NGO, and DLSA Ranga Reddy in uplifting mar-

ginalized communities and promoting social equity. attended as a special invitee and



Two girls students who suffered injuries after principal hit them at Adarsha School in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Monday



Students having lunch at Zilla Parishad School at Bazarhatnur in Adilabad district in open space on Tuesday

Students forced to have lunch in open space

PNS ADILABAD

In the district of Adilabad, at the Zilla Parishad Secondary School in the town of Bazarhatnoor on Tuesday, students have their midday meal under the open space. The school has over 250 students, and they are forced to eat on the school grounds under scorching heat.

Secondary School in dents have been sitting under sun

the scorching heat every day to have their lunch.

During the previous government, as part of the "Mana Ooru - Mana Badi" programme, a dining hall was sanctioned and walls were also constructed. The work, however, did not progress for reasons best known to authorities. As a result, the students

In the District Parishad have no shade to sit in while eating and they are forced to Bazarhatnur, over 250 stu- have their lunch under the hot

Ex-CBI JD Lakshminarayana calls for unity among farmers

agricultural practices.

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In recognition of role of farmers, former CBI Joint Director VV Lakshminarayana declared, "In this world, the true God is the farmer. There is no VIP greater than farmers," during his visit to Lakshmipur village in Jagtial district. Speaking at an event organised by the Youth for Anti-Corruption (YAC) organisation, he emphasised the vital contribution that farmers make to soci-

ety and the economy. Drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's belief that a nation's progress is closely tied to



Former CBI Joint Director VV Lakshminaravana with students at Lakshmipur village in Jagtial district on Tuesday

the development of its villages, tive's growth, adding, "Having the YAC organisation annually honours panchayats that exemplify progress and ethical govertheir profits." nance. This year, the focus is on

farmers adopting organic farm-ing methods and innovative The Lakshmipur Farmers Mutual Aid Cooperative Society, founded in 1999 with just 20 members, has expanded to over 500 members, including farmers from four villages. These farmers grow a wide range of crops, tural community. including turmeric, paddy, chilli, groundnuts, sesame, and corn, as Ashok well as various vegetables and horticultural products. The cooper-

markets. "Without farmers, there is no country, there is no world," he said, calling for legislative changes that support the agricul-

tive, Lakshminarayana under-B Rajesh, former Producer Organisation Chairman Pannal scored the importance of unity among farmers, stating, "Success Tirupati Reddy, Ganga Reddy, can be achieved when farmers and various members of the work together in unity." He YAC team, along with the vil expressed pride in the cooperalagers of Lakshmipur.

570 members from 14 villages is a matter of pride. Crop rotation is a key for farmers to maximise He also encouraged a shift towards organic farming and emphasised the significance of food processing, advocating for local produce to reach global The event was attended by Kumar, retired Agriculture Assistant Director for the Government of Andhra Pradesh, YAC founder Rajendra Palnati, YAC media secretary C Jayaram, Komati Ramesh Babu, Pradeep Reddy, G Hariprakash,

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Not again!

Delhi air quality once again plummets to unbreathable 'severe' category despite GRAP IV

You may not be a smoker but you are still smoking 10 cigarettes a day if you happen to be in Delhi. This is what the doctors have to say about Delhi pollution. The capital witnessed a sharp decline in air quality on Wednesday, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) crossing the 400 mark and entering the 'severe' category once again. This alarming situation unfolded despite the implementation of Stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which entails stringent anti-pollution measures. Monitoring Stations Report Severe-Plus AQI Out of the 37 monitoring stations listed on the Sameer app. These figures highlight the widespread and acute nature of air pollution across the city. GRAP, a tiered system of air quality management, categorises air quality into four stages based on AQI levels: Stage I (Poor, AQI 201-300) Stage II (Very Poor, AQI 301-400) Stage III (Severe, AQI 401-450) Stage IV (Severe Plus, AQI above 450) Under Stage IV, measures such as a complete ban on construction and demolition activities, including



public infrastructure projects and the prohibition of diesel trucks carrying non-essential items entering Delhi are enforced. Offices—public, municipal and private—are advised to reduce staff attendance to 50 per cent, with the rest working from home. Additional measures like the closure of colleges, non-essential businesses and odd-even vehicular restrictions are considered during such extreme conditions. Despite these restrictions, Delhi's air quality has continued to deteriorate, raising questions about the efficacy and enforcement of these measures.

However, experts feel that it is more due to metrological conditions and not a failure of GRAP. They attribute

the sudden spike in pollution levels to unfavourable meteorological conditions, particularly a significant drop in wind speeds. The stagnation allows local pollutants to accumulate, exacerbating the already critical air quality. During winters, Delhi's air pollution crisis is compounded by a combination of factors. Vehicle emissions is a primary contributor to the city's air pollution. Besides vehicular pollution, paddy straw burning adds to the pollution burden. Factories emit significant quantities of pollutants. But right now it is the dip in temperatures. During winters heavy air traps pollutants near the ground, creating a thick layer of smog. The hazardous air quality in Delhi poses severe health risks to its residents. Prolonged exposure can lead to respiratory ailments, cardiovascular issues and other chronic conditions. Vulnerable groups, including children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions, are at the highest risk. This is not the first time Delhi's air quality has entered the severe-plus category this season. In November, similar conditions led to the imposition of GRAP Stage IV. The recurrence of severe pollution highlights the cyclical nature of Delhi's air quality crisis, driven by a mix of local and regional factors. Unfortunately, authorities lack a comprehensive plan to address the issue, relying instead on knee-jerk reactions and ineffective quick fixes.



Year 2025: Prophecies, politics and progress



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From hosting grand spiritual and political events to navigating economic growth and political turbulence, 2025 is poised to be a year of transformation and change

hat does the crystal ball reveal about the upcoming year 2025? The predictions are a mixed bag. Nostradamus, the famous French astrologer and seer, has made significant predictions regarding global affairs and ndia's future for 2025. The 16th-century seer has predicted significant events that have shaped our world, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the moon landing, lending credibility and a sense of awe to his predictions. People today are trying to interpret the 16th-century seer's prophecy, impressed by his historical accuracy. Nostradamus has predicted that the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war may end in 2025.

He warned that both nations could face climate change and floods. According to the New York Post, Turkey and France could significantly facilitate the peace process between Ukraine and Russia. Nostradamus also foretold an 'ancient plague' in England in 2025, indicating a resurgence of a historical disease and the resolution of Brazil's involvement in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and various natural disasters.

Additionally, Nostradamus has predicted that the earth may be nit by a asteroid. He said 'From the cosmos, a fireball will rise, a harbinger of fate,' could engage us in potential future events with profound and concerning implications.

As for India's future, the year begins with the 2025 Republic Day parade. The theme is 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas. It is yet to be finalised who will be the chief guest. On the religious side, the next Maha Kumbh Mela will be held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, from January 13, 2025, to February 26, 2025. The Mela is a grand and holy spiritual gathering every 12 years at

a rotating location. Millions of

pilgrims rush to the venue to

In 2025, India will likely see fast

economic growth, social chal-

lenges and new technology.

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nificant improvements in technology education and renewable energy. These efforts and chances for economic development give a positive outlook for India's future prosperity. India is becoming more critical globally by working closely with other major economies in trade, defence, and climate efforts. This shows India's growing political power. At the domestic level, a critical issue facing the Opposition coalition, INDIA, is its cohesion. Already, some tensions have emerged. The Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have distanced themselves from the alliance. The AAP plans to contest the Delhi Assembly elections independently.

The cracks within were visible in the latest Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand Assembly polls. While the Congress has done poorly in Haryana and Maharashtra, it is in coalition in Jharkhand with the JMM. The partners in the coalition are unhappy about the Congress's dism

performance. They are

watching how Congress per-

forms in the upcoming Delhi

and Bihar polls scheduled for

The upcoming Assembly polls will indicate the future of political realignment. Delhi will hold Assembly elections in February, with the BJP looking to unseat Aam Admi Party chief

Arvind Kejriwal. The AAP has faced many challenges, including corruption allegations against several leaders in the recent past. As a tactic, the AAP has appointed Athishi as a temporary chief minister for the polls. The AAP and Congress were partners in the Lok Sabha elections. While AAP performed reasonably well, the Congress got no seats.

CHALLENGES, Bihar will also have elections AND NEW this year. It is politically a critical state. The ruling TECHNOLOGY. NDA, led by Chief Minister THE GOVERNMENT Nitish Kumar, may face intense competition from IS MAKING the Mahagathbandhan, headed by Rashtriya Janata SIGNIFICANT Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav. The BJP and the **IMPROVEMENTS** JD(U) are working to retain IN TECHNOLOGY the state.

Two political organisations— EDUCATION AND RENEWABLE celebrate their birth

politics and society now making it hard for future governments to weaken their power. At the same time, communist parties have less impact now, as right-wing parties are becoming more popular. On international affairs, India will hold the Quad Summit, originally scheduled to be held in New Delhi this September, which was relocated to New York due to a scheduling conflict among the attending connect Now, India will host the QUAD summit in 2025.

The US President Trump will likely visit New Delhi for the summit, further revealing India's position in international affairs. Another important visit is that of Russian President Putin, in the first half of next year. The Kremlin has said it will set a date early next year. It will be Putin's first visit since the Ukraine conflict began.

Overall 2025 will be a mixed year for India. The economy is progressing well, and forthe Rashtriya Swayam Sevak eign relations are stable, but Sangh (RSS) and the CPI— the political situation remains unclear. By next centenary. The RSS will comyear, Congress could recover, or the BJP and the regional satraps would have a furcentenary celebrations in ther hold on the electorate. (The writer is a popular December this year. With its ups and downs, the RSS has columnist; views expressed strongly influenced Indian are personal)

isitors click photographs of the frozen Drung waterfall, in Baramulla

Preparations underway in Prayagraj for Mahakumbh 2025



BINOD TAKIAWALA

Prime Minister Modi visits the Triveni Sangam, offers prayers and reviews the arrangements for the world's largest spiritual gathering

Y ear 2025 is going to wit-ness the largest reli-gious gathering of humanity at Prayagraj Mahakumbh. The preparations are already in full swing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the holy city of Prayagraj, the land of pilgrimage, to oversee preparations for the grand Mahakumbh. This becomes even more significant at the confluence of three holy rivers-Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati. At this Triveni Sangam, the auspicious gathering of saints and sages during Mahakumbh elevates it into a grand event. The significance of Mahakumbh lies in its occurrence every 12 years, an event described in depth in our religious texts and Puranas.

According to the estimates of government of Uttar Pradesh, over 45 crore people will attend the Mahakumbh Mela 2025. This makes it the world's largest religious gathering. Though everybody would like to take a dip at Sangam, but there are other centre of attractions too. Among the ancient temples of Prayagraj, the Nag Vasuki Temple holds a special place.



along the Ganga River, has its

roots in ancient mythology. A

story mentions that King

Divodas of Kashi performed

to Varanasi, and Vasuki Nag

was requested to stay in

for

Worship of serpents or Nagas has been integral to Sanatan Dharma since ancient times. Among these, Vasuki, considered the king of serpents, is an essential figure. Vasuki Nag is also depicted as Lord Shiva's necklace.

According to the legend of Vasuki Nag agreed, stipulat-Samudra Manthan (churning ing that devotees must visit of the ocean), Vasuki Nag was him after bathing at Sangam used as the rope during the and worship him on Nag churning of the ocean by Panchami. The temple was gods and demons, with subsequently established Mount Mandarachal serving under divine guidance. as the churning rod. Vasuki Preparations Mahakumbh 2025: The Nag's body was injured during this process, and on Lord grand Mahakumbh, to be Vishnu's advice, he rested at held from January 13 (Pausha Prayag and bathed at the Purnima) to February 26 Triveni Sangam to heal. It is believed that a visit to the (Maha Shivratri) next year, is being meticulously planned. Nag Vasuki Temple after a Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated projects holy dip at Sangam completes the spiritual journey. This worth Rs 5,500 crores aimed temple, located in the at improving pilgrim ameni- (The writer is a freelance jour Daraganj area of Prayagraj ties and strengthening the nalist; views are personal)

Key projects include: 1. Doubling and electrification of the Varanasi-Madhosingh-Prayagraj rail section, including a new rail bridge over the Ganga. Construction of under-2. passes and overpasses to ease

3. Development of nine new ghats, 3,000 additional trains, 300 parks, and the planting of 300,000 trees over 4,000

penance to bring Lord Shiva While in Prayagraj PM Modi not only saw the preparation first hand but also performed Prayagraj by the deities. rituals at the Sangam, prayed at the Akshay Vat tree, visited the reclining Hanuman Temple, and offered prayers at the Saraswati Koop. He also toured the Mahakumbh exhibition site. The Mahakumbh is expected to draw millions

of pilgrims to the Sangam, where it is believed that a dip in the holy waters cleanses one of sins and leads to spiritual liberation (moksha). Apart from bathing rituals, devotees participate in prayers, discourses by saints, and spiritual enlightenment sessions.

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LETTERS

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Goa's Liberation Day is celebrated on December 19 and has its importance in the

got her freedom from the dominant rule of the

Portuguese with the help of the Indian armed

forces and the navy. The Liberation of Goa was

rather a historic event. The fight for Goa's free-

dom was dual-inside Goa and outside Goa-which

was performed by the Indian government.

ly raised her voice against Israel's actions

in Gaza and expressed solidarity with

Palestinians. She has rightly said that it is

the moral responsibility of every right-

thinking individual, including all those

Israeli citizens who do not believe in hatred

and violence and every government in the

world, to condemn the Israeli government's

genocide actions and force them to stop.

On her first day speech in Parliament, she

raised the issues of Bangladesh and Modi's

government's failure to negotiate with

In her 32-minute speech, she talked about

key issues like the BJP's alleged attempt to

change the constitution, the growing

monopoly of the Adani Group, atrocities

on women, incidents of violence in

Sambhal and Manipur, and the demand for

a nationwide caste census. She has also met

the victims of the Unnao rape case, the

father of the Hathras rape case, and the

Sambhal violence victims. She has also

raised the iconic frame of India's greatest

military victory, a painting of the Pakistan

army signing the instrument of surrender

Bangladesh.

history of Goa. This is the day when Goa

ENERGY

DISTRACTING FORM ISSUES

2025.

Madam -- The introduction of 'One Nation One election' bill is a conscious attempt to waste the precious time of the parliament, and it is definitely timed to divert the attention of all from crucial issues like Manipur, serious allegations over Adani Group's misconducts, inflation, declining growth rates, the stunningly widening gap between the haves and the have-nots, and the fast deteriorating relationship with many countries. The ruling dispensation, in spite of being aware of a lack of enough strength to get this amendment bill through, tabling it in the parliament displays the intention behind its introduction. Moreover, the reasons counted upon to place this bill do not sound either logical or rational.

Losing majority support and deciding to refer the bill to the Joint Parliament Committee is a preplanned act deliberately meant to divert the course. It has already been explained by many quarters that the very idea of this proposal runs against democratic norms, as the demands of the people vary from a state and central government and are altogether different from local bodies. The narratives of national parties are sure to sway over the elections of state assemblies and the local bodies. The claims about expenditure do not deserve to be considered. Claims of hurdles to development programmes are not correct, as the restrictions are only for the launching of new projects during the notified period. Above all, the inability of the Election Commission to hold such a huge project is visible from the time schedule it keeps up to hold elections. Therefore it is not good to waste huge resources and take away the time of parliament sessions.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIANS

Madam— Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi carrying a bag to Parliament that has "Palestine" emblazoned on it proves that she is most concerned about the war, where the innocent people in Palestine are dying because of the deadly war. She has right- in Dhaka on December 16, 1971. We

Goa Liberation Day

Towards the end of 1961, after various unsuccessful talks, the Indian government deployed armed forces

On December 17, 1961, more than 30,000 Indian ground troops with the help of the Indian Air Force and the army conquered the 3,000member ill-prepared Portuguese navy. There were a few more armed acts following that. The rest of the Portuguese colonies of Daman and Diu were also overpowered. The complete buildup of the Portuguese colonies shaped the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu. The total army operation-'Operation Vijay'-was' performed almost without any violence. Finally, the Portuguese Governor General Vassalo da Silva freed Goa on December 18. After three days of the operations, on December 19, 1961, Goa, at last. became a part of India. The day is observed with a lot of celebrations in Goa.

Jubel D'Cruz | Mumbai

deserve more leaders like Priyanka Gandhi. Zakir Hussain | Kazipet

DILJIT WANTS BETTER CONCERT INFRA

Madam — Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh recently announced during his performance in Chandigarh that he would not hold any concerts in India until the government improves the country's concert infrastructure. India boasts a large number of talented singers who represent the nation globally and deliver phenomenal performances in international concerts. However, within their own country, they face inadequate concert infrastructure and a lack of basic facilities. This is concerning, as well-organised concerts could serve as a significant source of revenue and provide livelihoods to thousands. It is high time that the government recognises the potential of the music industry and invests in developing world-class infrastructure to support artists and their audiences.

Jakir Hussain | Kanpur

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By embracing spiritual self-reflection and cultivating positivity, we can rise above turmoil



RAJYOGI BRAHM KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

• owadays there seems to be a crisis, disappointment and conflict of duality at every step of life. How do we deal with this? How do we prevent the self from becoming pessimistic or disheartened? Today the great modern disease of human consciousness is all about looking outward to find means to derive happiness without examining the inner self, values, attitudes and motives; relying and depending more on the external signals and hoping for the best. However, in practicality, life cannot be created with such hopes, as there are no shortcuts to achieving happiness. In today's world, no individual and nothing can create a permanent state of wellbeing within us, as it is our prerogative and responsibility. The external factors can contribute, guide and inspire us but ultimately our life is what we make out of it.

True happiness or a lack of it does not come from external things but from what is inside oneself. For example, money is not the means to happiness nor is it the cause of one's unhappiness. In reality, it is our attitudes and values that determine the use or misuse of external instruments, whether that is money, a person, an event or an object. A life that has value and is worthy of living is only possible when there is a reflective examination through which there can be illuminating change. So, to reorientate our consciousness, we would require a consciousness based on self-knowledge i.e the knowledge of the spiritual self which creates self-respect and positivity, enabling us to gain the right perspective on life which in turn would help us to deal with any kind of negativity in a balanced and less painful way. Accordingly, with positivity, we



experience inner strength to cope with external issues affecting the sense of balance in our lives. When we are more positive towards ourselves, obviously we express the same attitude towards others and in all situations. Inner strength also comes when we interact with others in such a way that love, peace and happiness are honestly expressed and experienced.

The pivotal point is "honesty" because there cannot be a sense of fulfilment through falsehood, imitation or duality expressed through attitude. Hence the need of the hour is to live a life based on "Eternal Spiritual Principles" that would allow us to keep a positive attitude towards the self and others, thereby making our life joyful rather than conflicting or a bundle of confusion. Spirituality is not a system or technique of worship or ritual, it is in essence, knowing how to lead a life and through this knowing there is happiness. A spiritual person has found that spark of eternal reference within, which gives him or her not only deep contentment but also a sense of purpose. The first prerequisite for spirituality is a life that functions appropriately and thinks and cares about one's self in the most decent way. Thinking and caring about one's self inappropriately creates too much dependence on others, too many needs, too many demands, too much possessiveness. So the right way to proceed is to first examine oneself and then acknowledge the positive abd the negative traits within us. By doing so, we get the courage to change whatever needs to be transformed without any kind of fear and, without pretence. The basis of successful change for betterment is to understand the attitudes, feelings and motives that drive us for the change by accepting the original positivity of the self, the immortal goodness of the soul. It is this goodness of the self that forms the foundation of our dignity as human beings. The expression of this original goodness in our life is what is called 'divinity' which makes us truly human. So let us awaken the expression of the divine within us to live a fulfilling joyful life amidst all the chaos & crisis around.

Education: From Kothari Commission to NEP-2020



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The educators and policymakers are called upon to transcend ideological divides and lead India toward inclusive progress and innovation



he most comprehensive initiative in education in post-inde-pendence India was the report of the National Commission on Education, usually referred to as the Kothari Commission. İt submitted its report entitled "Education for National Development' on June 29, 1968. The first two sentences say it all: "The destiny of India is now being shaped in its classrooms. This, we believe, is no rhetoric." It was this report that led to the first national education policy of 1968. For the first time, science and mathematics became compulsory for both boys and girls up to tenth standard!

Yes, it was generally believed that only boys could handle the tough subjects of science and mathematics, and girls could opt for lighter options of spinning weaving, home science; and the like! The compulsory study of science and math was resisted and opposed as being unjust and unfair to girls! This one change transformed the lives of millions of girls and has brought global accolades to the Indian advancements in the world of science, technology, ICT and space research. Policies once formulated and formalised deserve support in vigilant implementation, persistent monitoring, and scrutiny based on their relevance 'in the great enterprise of national reconstruction'. India today has great challenges ahead, both national as well as global. It has the manpower and enough experience to confront these successfully. In the third decade of the 21st century, it's the quality of education and skill acquisition that would equip India shall remain its prime contributory tool against every challenge. The content and process of education shall have to specifically equip itself against nurtured negativity, increasing mutual distrust and ballooning bitterness in public life. Solutions shall certainly not emerge from those that thrive only on negativity and are ill-equipped to see light and positivity around them.

Who must come forward and accept responsibility to normalise such an unacceptable socio-cul-tural environment? Why not ask the Gandhi ji? Once, before independence, one Dr Mote posed a query to Mahatma Gandhi: what he thought was the greatest problem facing his country! The expected answer could have been, in those days, related to slavery, poverty, illiteracy, ill health, or in THE CONTENT

the social context. While narrating it in his Gandhi AND PROCESS Katha, Narayan Desai tells the audience: that the answer was the OF EDUCATION 'callousness of the intellectuals'! SHALL HAVE Narayan Desai Goes ahead: "Give it a thought. If we stand by and TO SPECIFICALLY EQUIP poverty on fate, Gandhi is relevant today. If we can see the cal-

professors of the universities, and researchers working in institutions of science, technology, psychology, social sciences and every other area.

One wishes each one of them recalls the assessment of Gandhi shuns away the dreaded callousness and strives to create centres of dialogue and discussions on improving the life and living standards of our people, partic-ularly the 'last man in the line' who was so dear to the Mahatma! At first glance, the existing climate makes such a transforma-

tion rather impossible! Despite all the odds, sincere

attempts must be launched to cre-

ate institutional think tanks with

been associated with the implementation and also policy formulations, one could venture to infer that the NEP-2020 was prepared with unprecedented enthusiasm from teachers, scholars academics institutions, organisations and individuals.

As the process was long overdue and rightly very extensive, it inspired active participation from practically every section of society. Unfortunately, its implementation stands hampered in certain states on grounds that may not

necessarily be academic. India has a developed well-knit interactive system of the national and state-level bodies and institutions that have learnt over open boundaries that provide the years how to arrive at a for healthy academic, scholarly national consensus in the sectors of education and teacher education. This institutional strength of consultation, collaboration and cohesion need not be diluted in cases where the union and state governments belong to different ideological affiliations.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist; views are personal) ITSELF AGAINST lousness of the intellectuals, then Gandhi is relevant today. What NURTURED are the problems according to intellectuals? NEGATIVITY,

'Why X or Y has become Vice-INCREASING Chancellor and not me'! They think only of this and are MUTUAL unaware of other social issues". Their concerns for critical social, DISTRUST,

cultural, social cohesion and reli-AND gious amity are minimal. One's obvious inference would be BALLOONING that solutions to major national

concerns shall - and must -BITTERNESS emerge from institutions and the IN PUBLIC

educated and the learned responsible for attaining their stated LIFE objectives. It includes the dilapidated structures running Sarkari schools, much sought-after private schools, and the universities. It also includes the glittering campuses of national institutions that have brought international repute to our educational enterprise.

So, mainly it points out to teachers; from primary schools to

and intellectual deliberations, not constrained but individual ideological affiliations. For an academic, who shapes the lives of numerous individuals, it is the well-being of others that must precede his own!

And this is no rhetoric or a cliché in the Indian context and culture. For a broad-minded person, this becomes a must, an integral part of his thought and action and hence, an achievable premise.

This is the main task of every teacher preparation institution, from where it shall percolate to schools via teachers trained there, and then to the establishment and the society. After the education policies of 1968, 1986 and 1992, and a gap of around three decades, another policy formulation comes before the nation in the shape of the National Education Policy; NEP-2020. It has been under implementation for the last four years. Having

Intellectuals in education and research must convincingly internalize that they are making the future of individuals and creating the future of India. No one else is destined and better placed than them to reconstruct India. The moment each one of them expands his horizons, thinks holistically, and takes a long-term view, the road ahead would emerge very clearly; how to proceed individually and also collectively to sed the intellectual callousness and lead the nation on the right path.

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Guarding digital India: The urgent need for cybersecurity in a rapidly evolving digital space

India has the potential to lead the world in cybersecurity innovation, but achieving this requires more than technological solutions

n the fast-evolving digital landscape of India, a silent battle is being fought—not with traditional weapons but through malicious code, complex algorithms, and increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. As the country embraces its "Digital India" initiative, the rise of cyber threats demands immediate attention. Protecting the digital future requires strong cybersecurity frameworks, skilled professionals, and widespread public awareness. The call for "Digital Guards" or "Cyber Warriors" has never been more urgent.

The scale of the digital threat is staggering. The Indian Emergency Computer Response Team (CERT-In) recorded 53,117 security incidents in 2017. By October



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2023, this number soared to an alarming 1.32 million-a twentyfold increase that exposes critical national vulnerabilities. Globally, the situation is no less concerning. Operations like INTERPOL and AFRIPOL's 2024 Operation Serengeti, which arrested over 1,000 cybercriminals across 19 African nations, underscore

financial losses nearing \$193 million, demonstrating the global reach and devastating impact of cybercrime. Phishing remains a primary weapon for cybercriminals, accounting for 22 per cent of

ing sensitive information or downloading malicious software. Credential theft, responsible for 16 per cent of incidents, further exposes individuals and organisations to system breaches, financial fraud, and corporate espionage. Emerging threats like mobile app malware are amplifying risks. For instance, 15 SpyLoan malware apps on Google Play, downloaded over 8 million the scale of the problem. These times, went beyond data theft to harass and extort victims, operations identified over

growing ingenuity. The economic toll of these attacks is devastating. About 65 per cent of Indian enterprises have been forced to pay ransoms to recover critical data, with average demands reaching \$4.8 million. Recovery all incidents. These attacks manipulate victims into revealcosts add another \$1.35 million per incident, straining even large corporations. Smaller businesses, lacking resources for robust cybersecurity measures, are particularly vulnerable. This systemic vulnerability has been termed the "cybersecurity poverty line," where approximately 60 per cent of Indian companies lack the infrastructure and expertise to defend themselves against cyber threats. High-traffic online shopping

periods, such as Black Friday 35,000 victims and uncovered underscoring cybercriminals' and Cyber Monday, are prime



targets for cybercriminals. During these events, fraudsters employ phishing scams, fake ecommerce websites, and malware to exploit consumers and businesses alike. Recent high-profile incidents high-light these vulnerabilities. In November 2024, a ransomware attack on Blue Yonder disrupted Starbucks' operations, forcing a return to manual processes. Similarly, McLeod Russel's system com-

through the corporate sector, emphasising the interconnectedness of digital systems and the widespread disruptions that a single attack can cause. India's cybersecurity prepared-ness is worryingly insufficient. Only 4 per cent of Indian enterprises have robust infrastructure capable of withstanding advanced attacks. This shortfall is a national security concern, as cyberattacks transcend corporate interests, threatening essential services and critical infra-

structure. Initiatives like the Cyber Challenge 2024, a joint effort by the Delhi Police and CyberPeace Foundation, offer hope. This programme engages developers, engineers, and cybersecurity experts to India could implement strin-

promise sent shockwaves craft innovative solutions using cutting-edge technologies such as AI, blockchain, and quantum computing. Collaboration with institutions like DRDO, MeiTY, and the National Forensic Science University underscores the comprehensive approach needed to address these challenges. Experts emphasise that cybersecurity must move beyond being an IT department's responsibility to become a core component of every organization's strategy. This shift involves continuous employee training, regular security audits, investments in advanced technologies, and fostering a culture of vigilance. Drawing inspiration from global models like the

European Union's GDPR,

gent cybersecurity standards, offering subsidies for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to invest in security measures and penalising negligence in cyber protection. As digital transformation accelerates across sectors such as finance, healthcare, education, and government services, robust cybersecurity is no longer optional-it is a fundamental necessity. The path forward demands a collaborative effort. Government agencies, private enterprises, educational institutions, and cybersecurity professionals must unite to build a resilient digital ecosystem.

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Money 08

IN BRIEF



Gold falls Rs 200 to Rs 79,100 per 10 gm

Gold prices fell Rs 200 to Rs 79,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid a firm trend in international markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity settled at Rs 79,300 per 10 grams in the previous session. Snapping a three-day losing run, silver climbed Rs 500 to Rs 92,000 per kg on Wednesday. It closed at Rs 91,500 per kg on Tuesday. In the last three sessions, the white metal plunged Rs 5,500 per kg. The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity slipped Rs 200 to Rs 78,700 per 10 grams from the previous close of Rs 78,900 per 10 grams on Tuesday. Gold remains on the defensive as the market braces for the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) meeting, which can provide forward guidance for bullion prices, experts said. Meanwhile, in futures trade on the MCX, gold contracts for February delivery went up Rs 74, or 0.1 per cent, to trade at Rs 76,945 per 10 grams.

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TRUMP'S TARIFF THREAT 'We have to wait and watch to see how it pans out': Official

PNS NEW DELHI

Imposing reciprocal duties vio-lates global trade rules but one has to follow a "wait and watch" approach to US President-elect Donald Trump's remarks on imposing reciprocal tariffs, a senior offi-

cial said on Wednesday. US President-elect Donald Trump has said that India charges a lot of tariffs, reiterating his intention to impose reciprocal tariffs in retaliation for what New Delhi will impose on the import of certain American products.

Trump made these remarks on Tuesday and also said that India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

"It will be very difficult to decipher from one or two sentences which Mr Trump makes but if I understood from what he was saying. His main intent is that reciprocity will matter in future. So if you are putting a tax on Harley-Davidson (bikes) we will also put a tax on your motorbike exports. So from



that point of view, this will be country does not necessarily in clear violation of the WTO export those to the US. (World Trade Organization)

For example, India has high customs duties on a number of agri goods but they are not necessarily exported to America. "So if the US uses reciprocity and imposes taxes on that,

US to take unilateral measures against countries on it will not harm us in a major national security grounds. "So way but there could be a few one will have to wait and watch and see," Director items where this reciprocal principle thing might impact General of Foreign Trade us," he said. Further, he added, (DGF) Santosh Kumar Sarangi "So one has to wait and watch, said here at CII's export comhow it is panning out and the petitiveness event. He said that fine print of this will be availthere are many areas where able only after they undergo a India has tariff peaks but the process like they have a process

So one will have to wait and watch and see," Director General of Foreign Trade (DGF) Santosh Kumar Sarangi said here at CII's export competitiveness event

like they have a process where the USTR (US Trade Representative) examines, investigates and recommends an action. Before guessing the impact, one will have to wait and watch as to which are the kind of products that they are looking at.'

In 2019, Trump repeatedly claimed that India is a "tariff king" and imposes "tremen-dously high" tariffs on American products. He has criticised India's "big tariffs" on American paper products and the iconic Harley-Davidson bikes.

Indian economy to grow 6.6 pc: Ind-Ra

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September period witnessed the India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) on Wednesday projectextended impact of weak private sector capex. ed the Indian economy to grow Ind-Ra believes that the at 6.6 per cent in 2025-26, up

Indian economy is facing mon-etary, fiscal, and external tightfrom 6.4 per cent in the current ening. While it expects monetary conditions to ease now, the Ind-Ra believes investments will be a key growth driver for fiscal and external tightening is the Indian economy in FY26, like in FY22 and FY24. expected to continue in FY26 as well, the agency said.

2024, the growth in the July-

The Indian economy has "Nonetheless, the FY26 GDP experienced a cyclical growth growth is expected to be same as slowdown in the past three quarters, which it expects to India's best decadal growth (FY11-FY20)," says Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist reverse from the December quarter. The GDP growth till and Head Public Finance, Ind-FY24 was impacted by the after-Ra.



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Net direct tax kitty grows to Rs 15.82 lakh crore

et direct tax collection grew 16.45 per cent year-onyear to over Rs 15.82 lakh crore till December 17 this I fiscal, buoyed by higher advance tax mop-up, government data showed. Advance tax collection during the period rose 21 per cent to Rs 7.56 lakh crore. The collection includes corporate tax of over Rs 7.42 lakh crore and non-corporate tax mop-up of Rs 7.97 lakh crore. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) of Rs 40,114 crore was collected between April 1-December 17 of current fiscal year. Refunds worth Rs 3.39 lakh crore were issued during the period, registering a growth of 42.49 per cent year-on-year. Gross direct tax collection, which includes corporate, personal income tax and STT stood at over Rs 19.21 lakh crore. a 20.32 per cent growth over the collection in April 1-December 17, 2023

CAI expects 36.5 pc dip in cotton exports on lower output

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India's cotton exports are likely to decline 36.53 per cent in the 2024-25 season, beginning from October 1, to 18 lakh bales due to lower production following shrinking acreage of the crop in the north and Gujarat, Cotton Association of India (CAI)

said on Wednesday. The total exports during



the 2023-24 season stood at 28.36 lakh bales, according to CAI data.

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pared to the global markets," CAI President Atul Ganatra told PTI.

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measures like Section 232 of

the Tariff Act which allows the

The total cotton pressing 2023-24 season is estimated at 302.25 lakh bales compared to 327.45 lakh bales in the previous season.

Meanwhile, the total cotton supply till end of November 2024 is estimated at 108.41 lakh bales, comprising the pressing figures of



69.22 lakh bales, imports of 9 lakh bales and the opening stock estimated at 30.19 lakh "The decline in cotton bales at the beginning of the exports is mainly due to a season.

Furth

Sensex, Nifty extend losses on foreign fund outflows

All eyes on US Fed's decision

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Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty stayed on the back foot for the third straight session on Wednesday as investors offloaded utility, capital goods and metal stocks amid foreign fund out-

Besides, investor sentiment remained subdued ahead of the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's policy meeting, sched-uled for Wednesday, traders said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark tumbled 502.25 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 80,182.20, taking its downtrend to the third day. During the day, it tanked 634.38 points or 0.78 per cent to 80,050.07.

As many as 2,563 stocks declined while 1,442 advanced and 94 remained unchanged on the BSE. The NSE Nifty declined 137.15

Adani Ports, JSW Steel, ICICI Bank, Larsen & Toubro and Bajaj Finance were the main laggards. In contrast, Tata Consultancy Services, Reliance Industries, Tech Mahindra and HCL Technologies were the gainers.

"Nifty fell for the third consecutive session, losing 137 points amid selling pressure ahead of the US Fed's interest rate decision later on Wednesday. Over these three sessions, Nifty dropped by 2.3 per cent.

The BSE smallcap index declined 0.76 per cent, and the midcap

0.76 per cent, and the midcap gauge dipped 0.61 per cent. Among sectoral indices, utilities tanked 2.06 per cent, power (1.78 per cent), capital goods (1.56 per cent), metal (1.44 per cent), indus-trials (1.30 per cent) and financial convices (1.20 per cent)

services (1.20 per cent). BSE Focused IT, healthcare and IT were the gainers. "Investors shunned stocks led by banking



Gem, jewellery exports decline to USD 1,986 mn

ems and jewellery exports saw a decline of 12.94 per cent to USD 1,986.21 million (Rs 16,763.13 crore) in November on prolonged geopolitical tension, Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said on Wednesday, Gems and jewellery exports in November 2023 stood at USD 2,281.4 million, the GJEPC data added. Cut and polished diamonds export in November declined 39.81 per cent to USD 666.01 million compared to USD 1,106.53 million for the same period last year. Provisional exports of polished lab grown diamonds during November declined 42.37 per cent to USD 62.88 million over USD 109.10 million for the previous year. However, the plain gold jewellery exports grew 72.12 per cent to USD 652.81 in November as compared to USD 379.27 million in the same period of the previous year. "Prolonged geopolitical tension continues to remain a matter of concern for the Indian gems and jewellery industry, which has led to a slowdown in exports after seeing an uptick in the previous month

ing lower acreage this year. The acreage for cotton crop has shrunk 35 per cent in the north cotton growing region (Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan) and by 15 per cent

in Gujarat. This is going to keep the cotton prices steady com-

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competitiveness.

mated cotton consumption till November-end at 54 lakh bales while the export shipments up to November 30, are estimated at 4 lakh bales of 170 kg. Stock at the end of

November is estimated at 50.41 lakh bales, CAI added.

pints or 0.56 ner cent to 24,198.85. "The near-term market construct has turned weak, with FIIs turning sellers on rallies.

Yesterday's massive FII sell figure of Rs 6,410 crore in the cash market indicates that more selling is in store on market bounces. From the 30-share blue-chip pack, Tata Motors, Power Grid, NTPC,

ahead of the outcome of the US rate decision with a focus on the Fed chairman's commentary on inflation and growth outlook in the backdrop of the worsening global economic situation. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 6,409.86 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data.

'High interest rates big deterrent for MSME exporters'

Sarangi said there are many

studies which suggest that The country's high interest very high collateral demand by rates are a big deterrent for financial institutions is a big exporters community and the deterrent for MSMEs to access commerce ministry is working institutional finance and that deters them from getting into with its finance counterpart to help them at this front, a the export market.

senior government official said on Wednesday. Director General of Foreign "So how do we ensure collateral free or a subsidised collateral arrangement for MSMEs is something that the Trade Santosh Kumar Sarangi said that the department of department of commerce is commerce has been "strugworking with the department gling" to convince the finance of expenditure," he said adding ministry regarding the rele-India has high interest rates vance of the Interest vis-a-vis its peer nations.

The reportate in India is 6.5 Equalisation Scheme (IES) and the extent to which it is per cent, whereas in many maintaining manufacturing Southeast Asian nations, it is between 2.5 per cent and 3.5

dated December 9 said.

per cent "So this has been a big deterrent for our exporters, especially MSMEs, to become

export competitive," he said. He added that the IES has been able to partially neutralise the "very" high interest rates that "our exporters face. As of now, the scheme is there till December 31.

transaction. "We hope our negotiations with the finance ministry is through its investment able to convince them that this arm Amazon.com NV actually a huge intervention Investment Holdings, sold for MSMEs and it allows them nearly 44 lakh shares or 4 not only to stay afloat in the per cent stake in Mumbaimarket but to ensure that headquartered Shoppers their integration with the glob-Stop, as per the block deal al marketplace is much better data on the National Stock and stronger," he added. Exchange (NSE).

Amazon exits

Shoppers Stop;

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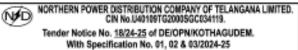
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within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section-15 of the Act before District Collector Valgonda / Special Deputy Collector R&R & LA, Unit -II, Nalgonda. Sd/- Additional Sd/pecial Deputy Collector R&R & LA, Unit -II, Collector (Rex.), Naloo Nalgonda. DIPR No.441/LA/PP-Pub/2024-2



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OPERATION TGNPDCL, BHADRACHALAN

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HOAX BOMB THREATS TO AIRLINES

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Against the backdrop of the recent spate of hoax bomb calls targeting airlines, the government has amended the aircraft security rules whereby perpetrators can face penalties and could even be barred from flying. The civil aviation ministry has amended the Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. Two new rules -- 29A and 30A -have been introduced

In October, airlines received

666 hoax bomb threats while the total number of such threats stood at 999 this year till November 14, as per official data. Under the amended rules, now, the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has powers to "refuse admission to any person or group of persons in the aircraft". Also, the DG

can direct any person or group of persons to leave the aircraft according to a notification. In case the DG is satisfied that it

is necessary or expedient in the interest of security, then the directions can be issued in writing under Rule 29A, the notification said.

Rule 30A pertains to prohibiting communication of false information that can jeopardise the safety and security of an aircraft, aerodrome or civil aviation facility or both.

The prohibition is also for spreading false information that can "cause panic among

petrators can face penalties of up to Rs 1 lakh.

Nitin Sarin, Managing Partner at Sarin & Co, said the latest amendments to the rules come against the backdrop of the spate of hoax bomb threats received by airlines in recent months. He also said the amended rules will act as a

personnel or the general pubic; or...disrupt the civil aviation operation," the notification With the new rule, the perpeople

found to be spreading false information may be liable to face penalty of up to Rs 1 lakh.

tion of putting such people on a no-fly list in the amended rules. However, the new rule 29A that gives power to the BCAS DG to refuse boarding of an individual in an aircraft could be interpreted as being an enabler to permit the BCAS to create its own no-fly list," Sarin noted.

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2	Last date for sale of tenders forms.	23.12.2024 (01:00 P.M.)
3	Last date for submission of filled in tender forms.	27.12.2024 (04:00 P.M.)
4	Date of opening and finalization sealed tenders.	28.12.2024 (11:00 A.M.)
5	Minimum bid value for parking of the vehicles.	Rs: 7,50,000/-
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In an exclusive chat with The Pioneer for our special segment of Community Wise, Courtney Lalotra, the visionary founder of Samarpan Trust, delves into the transformative journey of her organisation, which has been at the forefront of empowering marginalised communities in India through a multi-faceted approach to education, healthcare and social welfare

FOSTERINGCULTURE OF CHANGE & COMPASSION WITH 'SAMARPAN'

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n the depths of adversity, a spark of compassion can ignite a movement. For Courtney Lalotra, founder of Samarpan Trust, that spark was fanned into a flame by a poignant encounter with an abandoned special-needs child during her volunteer work in India. She has devoted her life to uplifting marginalised communities through a multi-faceted approach to education, healthcare and social welfare. The child's death left a profound impact on Lalotra and ignited her desire to address the systemic issues affecting vulnerable populations

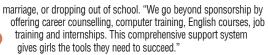
"Caring for that child opened my eyes to the glaring gaps in the social welfare system," Lalotra shared in an exclusive chat with The Pioneer, as she goes on to add, "Millions of children and women were suffering due to systemic neglect and I knew something had to be done.

This experience became the foundation of Samarpan Trust, which was built to uplift and empower women, children and families in vulnerable situations. She elaborated, "The struggles I witnessed within these communities-and the realisation of their immense potential-motivated me to create a platform that protects, educates and empowers. At its core, Samarpan is driven by the belief that every individual deserves dignity, opportunity and a chance to thrive, no matter their circumstances." The trust stands out for its integrated approach, addressing healthcare, education and social welfare as interconnected pillars of development. She explained that the organisation combines healthcare initiatives with educational programs, ensuring that children are healthy enough to attend school and succeed academically. "Healthcare, education and social welfare are inseparable. For example, when we provide healthcare support to children, we're not just treating illnesseswe're enabling them to learn, grow and dream without limitations. Similarly, our skills training programs for women tackle systemic poverty and inequality, empowering families to become self-reliant and resilient," she remarked.

This approach reflects the trust's commitment to fostering sustainable development. She believes that by addressing these interconnected challenges, the trust creates a ripple effect of positive change within the community. They employ a comprehensive system to assess its impact, using both quantitative and qualitative metrics. The trust places equal emphasis on qualitative outcomes. "For us, the impact is more than just numbers. It's about real stories of transformationwomen becoming financially independent, children achieving educational milestones and families breaking free from cycles of poverty," she explained. To refine and improve its programs, Samarpan conducts regular reviews, incorporates community feedback. "We see our role as dynamic. We're constantly learning and evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Healthcare forms a crucial component of their initiatives, as access to quality care remains a significant challenge for marginalised communities. They have partnered with local doctors to organise free medical camps, dental health checkups and health awareness programs. "We also focus on women's health," Lalotra said. "Through our sanitary pad distribution drives, we address menstrual hygiene-an often overlooked yet essential aspect of women's well-being." These efforts ensure that even the most economically disadvantaged individuals have access to essential healthcare services

Then comes education, which remains a cornerstone of their work. Its Girls' Education Program (GEP) sponsors the education of underprivileged girls at risk of child labour, early



They also operate free schools for the children of daily wage laborers, where students are taught up to a second-grade level before being enrolled in government schools. Special needs daycare centers provide safe spaces for children with disabilities, where individualised education plans are designed by experts. The trust's Virtual Interaction Interchange program connects children

with global volunteers via video calls, helping them improve their English and confidence. Adult literacy programs further extend the trust's mission, ensuring that even parents in marginalised communities have the opportunity to learn to read and write. Samarpan's vocational training programs in tailoring, handicrafts and other skills have been pivotal in empowering women to achieve economic independence. "We've partnered with international markets to ensure that these women earn fair wages for their handmade goods. It's not just about income-it's about dignity, leadership, and creating change-makers within their communities." Leadership development programs equip women with the confidence and skills to advocate for their rights and inspire others. "When women become leaders in their communities, the ripple effect is extraordinary," she explains.

Let's not forget sustainability, which is a key priority for Samarpan. Lalotra explains how the trust builds community ownership and develops scalable models, such as tuition centres run by program graduates. "One of our graduates, Anita, started a study center on the roof of her slum home. It's these grassroots efforts that inspire us and prove the impact of our programs," she says.

Despite challenges such as resource constraints and cultural stigmas, the founder believes in the importance of community advocacy and flexibility. "Listening to the community and involving them in the solution design is critical. Every challenge is an opportunity to innovate and grow."

Looking ahead, Samarpan plans to expand its initiatives into mental health counselling, environmental sustainability and digital education. "We're exploring elearning centers that focus on AI and coding to bridge the digital divide in rural areas. The future lies in equipping communities with the tools to thrive in a rapidly changing world.



Ayurveda's global renaissance

n a world gripped by chronic illnesses, mental health crisis and a burgeoning demand for holistic wellness, an ancient Indian healing tradition is quietly making its way into the heart of modern healthcare. Ayurveda, a 5,000-year-old system of medicine, is experiencing a renaissance that stretches far beyond its Indian roots, finding resonance in Western societies and influencing global health landscapes. Sitting at the intersection of science, sustainability and spirituality



limited, and a lack of standardised regulatory frameworks undermines trust. Misconceptions persist, particularly in urban centers where allopathic medicine dominates. "There's skepticism about Ayurveda being unscientific," Dr. Sood concedes. "We need scientific backing, frameworks for integration, and public education to overcome these barriers."

Globalisation adds another laver of complexity. "Many traditional practices were passed down orally and face extinction. Meanwhile, inconsistent quality control and overharvesting of medicinal plants threaten sustainability. We need policy reforms, global collaboration, and tailored responses to safeguard indigenous knowledge." These challenges are particularly pronounced in efforts to establish Ayurvedic hospitals abroad. Cultural barriersdietary habits, language differences, and entrenched preferences for allopathy-can slow progress. Yet, Dr. Sood sees an opportunity. "These hospitals can act as ambassadors of Ayurveda," she explains. "They can retain authenticity while adapting to local customs, offering structured, scientifically validated care that bridges cultural gaps." In remote and underserved regions, digital platforms could hold the key to Ayurveda's accessibility. Combining ancient principles with next-generation technology, these platforms promise to revolutionise Ayurvedic care. "Artificial intelligence can enable personalised health recommendations based on individual prakriti,' Dr. Sood says, referring to Ayurvedic body types. "Blockchain can authenticate medicinal products, while telemedicine can connect patients with skilled practitioners globally.' Wearable technology could integrate Ayurvedic principles into realtime health tracking, while virtual platforms may foster global communities where patients, practitioners, and researchers collaborate. "Such platforms will drive large-scale studies and scientific validation," she emphasises. "If applied strategically, Ayurveda could evolve into a global wellness movement." Amid growing mental health concerns worldwide, Ayurveda offers a refreshingly holistic approach. By addressing the mind-body connection, it emphasises prevention, resilience and daily practices to foster mental well-being. "Ayurveda's philosophy of balance sees mental health not as isolated brain chemistry but as a dynamic interplay of physical, emotional and spiritual factors," Dr. Sood explains. Practical interventions, such as incorporating dinacharya (daily routines) and pranayama (breathing exercises) into school curriculums, could transform educational spaces. "Herbs like brahmi and ashwagandha, known for their cognitive and stressrelief properties, can complement synthetic therapies," she notes. Ayurveda's role in addressing chronic and complex illnessessuch as Alzheimer's, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer-represents one of its most exciting frontiers. "Brahmi and ashwagandha show immense potential in slowing cognitive decline and supporting brain health," Dr. Sood says. "In diabetes care, herbs like methi and gurmar improve insulin sensitivity, targeting root metabolic imbalances." Perhaps most groundbreaking is Ayurveda's emerging role in oncology. Herbs like giloy and turmeric are being studied for their anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties. "They not only help control chemotherapy side effects but may also inhibit tumor growth," Dr. Sood explains. "It's a remarkable fusion of ancient wisdom and modern science. As global healthcare systems reach breaking points, Ayurveda's potential as a sustainable, accessible, and holistic medical model has never been more profound. "It's time to view Ayurveda not as an alternative but as a complementary pillar of integrative medicine." Dr. Sood savs. By championing scientific validation, fostering global partnerships, and preserving its sustainability, Ayurveda may emerge not just as India's gift to the world, but as a necessary framework for the future of human health. "The answers to modern healthcare crises may lie in ancient wisdom," Dr. Sood concludes. "We must ensure that Ayurveda's resurgence is global, inclusive, and forward-looking. Only then can its full potential be realised."

Your wedding wonderland with royal retreats

oday's new-age couples are increasingly seeking customised, immersive and stress-free wedding expe-riences at exotic locales. While

or islands of Maldives. Rajasthan in India

war and malpuas are also popular. Add to it the hospitality of Rajasthan that will feed the guests with love and in a traditional way.

most talk of weddings in Tuscan vineyards Perfect guest experience: Although the ding consultants understand that every guest's experience is equally important. They frequently plan carefully planned pre- and post-wedding activities to make everyone feel valued and pampered. Private tours, spa services and more can be included. This careful preparation guarantees that visitors depart with priceless memories and a sense of having been a part of something genuinely remarkable. And nothing can match the vast options that Rajasthani cities have to offer.

Ayurveda offers a holistic paradigm that prioritizes balance-of body, mind, and spirit-over symptom management. For centuries, Ayurveda's principles of prevention, nature alignment and personalised care were embedded within India's cultural tapestry. Today, in an era of integrative healthcare, its appeal transcends borders.

"With chronic disease and lifestyle disorders on the rise, particularly in Western nations, Ayurvedic medicine offers a new and powerful context for illness," says Dr. Monica B Sood, the visionary CEO of Navjivan Group and Chairperson of the National Unity & Security Council in India. "It advocates addressing the primary causes of afflictions, not just treating symptoms. This perfectly aligns with today's global consciousness around prevention and sustainable living." Ayurveda's principles have been adopted piecemeal across global wellness trends-yoga, mindfulness and plant-based diets-but its broader philosophy has long struggled to gain mainstream credibility in the West. Skepticism around its scientific rigor and misconceptions about its efficacy have often relegated it to niche circles. The landscape, however, is shifting. With initiatives such as scientific research collaborations, university courses abroad, and cross-border trade of certified Ayurvedic products, the system is inching closer to global acceptance. "Scientific research on Avurveda has steadily increased." Dr. Sood explains, "paving the way for meticulous and standardised implementation in Western societies.' The result is a new openness toward this ancient science, particularly in areas grappling with unsustainable healthcare models. "Avurveda's compatibility with contemporary sciences like nutrigenomics, psychology and immunology allows it to adapt seamlessly to diverse cultural and geographical settings," she adds.

This integration was a focal point during Dr. Sood's recent address at the UK Parliament, where she advocated for closer India-UK collaborations in health and wellness. "I highlighted India's transformational economic trajectory and immense potential to force partnerships with the UK in health, education, and green energy," she says. "Combining India's historic work in preventive medicine with the UK's innovations in medical research can lead to solutions for global challenges-from mental health and chronic conditions to pandemic readiness." Specifically, Dr. Sood envisions joint research initiatives and innovation hubs bridging ancient and modern systems. "I hope this dialogue leads to tangible outcomes, such as collaborative medical research, Ayurvedic integration into mainstream care, and accessible healthcare solutions for underserved populations." Despite its growing traction, Avurveda still faces significant hurdles. Scientific validation through rigorous clinical trials remains

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Dr. Monica B Sood, honoured at the Global **Excellence in Leadership** Summit & Awards (GELSA) 2024 at the UK Parliament, champions a visionary roadmap for India-UK collaborationmerging Ayurveda, healthcare and education to forge a robust partnership for 2030. In an exclusive conversation with The Pl Dr. Sood shared insights on her <u>groundbreaking</u> efforts and the

path forward

is home to some splendid locations that add opulence, grandeur and royalty to a wedding celebration. With wedding destinations like Udaipur, Jaipur and Jodhpur, the region is just perfect for anyone seeking a celebration that is a cut above the rest.

Bevond ordinary: While the Pink City, is known for gorgeous havelis and palaces that can host grand weddings, the Lake City offers luxury beyond imagination and Jodhpur gives a peek into the vibrant Rajasthan culture on a grand scale. An expert wedding consultant has insider knowledge of hidden gems at these locations and offers clients an experience that is beyond ordinary. In sync with the val-ues, personality and aesthetics of the couple, these cities reflect Indian culture and make the wedding a unique experience.

Cultural uniqueness: Rajasthan is known for folk songs and dances, henna artists and traditional art forms that can keep the guests enamoured and engaged for hours. When weaved expertly by the wedding consultants into the wedding at the destination, they can literally create the most enjoyable wedding. The groom entering in a vintage car or on elephants is an experience that can only be curated here. This cultural journey and celebration of deep-rooted customs adds authenticity to the experience of the couple along with the guests.

Gastronomic delight: Rajasthan is a storehouse of elaborate culinary experiences that consist of mouth-watering, authentic snacks, starters, and delectable dishes like kachori, dal bati choorma, baire ki roti with chutney, ker sangri, etc. For non-vegetarians too, there is an array of choices, with lal maas beating all the dishes on the menu. Desserts such as ghe-

Technology infusion: The planning of opulent vacation weddings has changed due to technology. Virtual site tours, digital planning tools and personalised professional advice at every stage are now available. Couples can stay informed and involved even when they are separated by great distances thanks to the virtual consultations and real-time planning updates that many consultants provide. Additionally, guests can take advantage of interactive experiences such as personalised apps that provide event specifics and improve the experience for all participants.

Seamless experience: A destination wedding comes with its own set of complex logistics issues. Getting married can create more fuss about who gets the visa and who can travel such long distances. Rajasthan is closer to most Indian cities, making its important cities a popular choice for couples who want to get married at a gorgeous ocation.

While all the aforementioned factors make Rajasthan the most ideal wedding destination, always remember that a professional wedding consultant can be instrumental in making the event a spectacular one, with personalised touch and unforgettable memorabilia for the couple as well as the guests.





what's brewing?

2025's EPIC MOVIE EXTRAVAGANZA

The year 2025 is already creating waves in the world of cinema with its stellar lineup of movies. A perfect blend of action, comedy, drama, romance and larger-than-life storytelling awaits audiences. From seasoned stars to exciting new faces, the big screen will be the ultimate destination for moviegoers. Here let's have a look at the top theatrical releases to watch out for:

Azaad:

This periodical drama directed by Abhishek Kapoor marks the foray of debutants Rasha Thadani and Aaman Devgan to Indian cinema. The film, also starring Ajay Devgn and Diana Penty, is hugely anticipated by the audiencesand the teaser and recently release song have caught the eyeballs.

War 2:

YRF's Spy Universe continues to expand with the hugely-awaited War 2. The film stars Hrithik Roshan and Jr. NTR in a high-octane action thriller along with the powerhouse performer Kiara Advani.

Sky Force:

This film from Maddock Films marks the directorial debut of Sandeep Kewlani and Abhishek Anil Kapur. The film starring Akshay Kumar, Veer Paharia, Nimrit Kaur and Sara Ali Khan is a tribute to India's Air Force and blends patriotism with high-octane action.

Sikandar:

The high-octane action adventure Sikandar reunites Salman Khan with the producer Sajid Nadiadwala. The film directed by A.R. Murugadoss brings Salman in a larger-than-life role alongside Rashmika Mandanna. The film is set to release in cinemas on Eid 2025.

Deva:

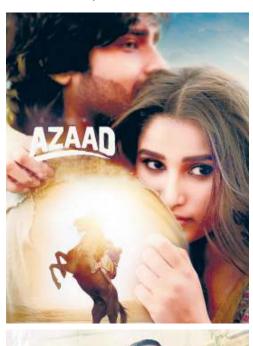
Deva starring Shahid Kapoor, Pooja Hegde and Kubbra Sait is touted as an action thriller that is set to leave audiences spellbound. The film directed by Rosshan Andrrews is set to release in cinemas on January 31, 2025.

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari:

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari directed by Shashank Khaitan is a rom-com starring Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor, Maniesh Paul, Sanya Malhotra and Rohit Saraf. The film explores love in modern times and promises to be a complete entertainer, with Varun Dhawan and Maniesh Paul taking charge. It is expected to release in cinemas on April 18, 2025.

Welcome to the Jungle:

Welcome To The Jungle is the third installment in the Welcome franchise.







The jungle-themed comedy features Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, Disha Patani, Raveena Tandon, Lara Dutta and Paresh Rawal, along with several other actors. The film helmed by Ahmed Khan promises chaotic humor and quirky characters and expected be released in 2025.

Housefull 5:

Sajid Nadiadwala's Housefull 5 directed by Tarun Mansukhani features Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhriand Jacqueline Fernandez and promises to be a laughter riot for the fans and the audiences which will release in 2025.

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Jaat:

Jaat features Sunny Deol in the massiest avatar. The film directed by Gopichand Malineni promises to be a commercial potboiler for the fans and the audiences and features Randeep Hooda as the antagonist. This also stars Vineet Kumar Singh, Saiyami Kher and Regina Cassandra and is set to release in theatres in April 2025

Risky Romeo:

Risky Romeo neo-noir comic tragedy that combines elements of romance and drama, with Kriti Kharbanda and Sunny Singh in exciting lead roles and directed by Abir Sengupta.

David Dhawan's untitled entertainer:

2025 will see the return of David Dhawan's magic to the big screens. The film headlined by Varun Dhawan, Mrunal Thakur and Maniesh Paul promises to be a vibrant entertainer that appeals to audiences of all ages.

Son of Sardaar 2:

Son of Sardaar 2 brings action, comedy, and emotions in perfect balance starring Ajay Devgn, Mrunal Thakur, Kubbra Sait, Sanjay Dutt and Ravi Kishan which promises to be a crowd-puller entertainer.

Game Changer:

The Ram Charan and Kiara Advani starrer Game Changer is one of the most anticipated films of the year. The pan-India political thriller explores themes of power and justice. The film is gearing up for release in nationwide cinemas on January 10th, 2025.



This December, Nexus Hyderabad Mall invites shoppers to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of Jungle Tales Décor, where the jungle comes alive with lifelike, interactive wild animal installations. Combining entertainment with a touch of education, this unique adventure, which began on Wednesday, promises an unforgettable experience that brings the magic of the wild to life.



The vibrant city of Hyderabad is once again hosting the Lions 52nd ISAME Forum 2024, after 15 years. Held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre till December 21, the forum is set to welcome 1,600 delegates from 20 countries. This grand gathering, representing India, South Asia and the Middle East (ISAME), features highprofile participants, including the International President Fabrício Oliveira and other prominent Lion leaders from around the globe.

Kenvue has released a new evidence report highlighting the critical role of fluids, electrolytes and energy (FEE) in managing non-diarrheal illnesses, including fevers, respiratory infections, viral illnesses, heat exhaustion and general weakness. The report reveals that only 3 out of 10 physicians recommend FEE solutions for most patients with non-diarrheal illnesses, indicating a significant gap in knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) in this area.



Ashoka One Mall is celebrating the festive season with its grand Ashoka One Christmas Carnival, running until January 26, 2025. Visitors can enjoy exciting nopping deals, exclusive discounts from participating stores, and a host of fun-filled activities, including live performances and interactive events. The carnival promises to

captivate visitors of all

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remarkable impression at the Professional Beauty India Expo, held at Hitex Hall in Hyderabad. The twoday event, which brought together top industry players to showcase innovations in the beauty and salon sectors, saw exceptional footfall and customer engagement at Beauty Garage Professional's stall.

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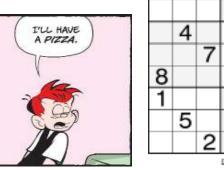
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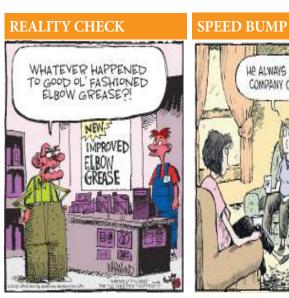








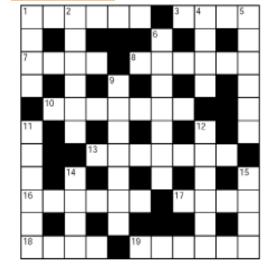




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tollywood

'Accent is not just used as a comedy, but emotion in Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes'



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he recent trend of films featuring regional accents continues with the upcoming movie *Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes*, which showcases the Srikakulam accent. Writer Mohan is making his directorial debut with this film, which stars Vennela Kishore in the title role, along with six other actors, including Ananya Nagalla, Muralidhar Goud and Ravi Teja Mahadasyam. "This is not just a comedv film, but also an emotional one," said directorwriter Mohan about the film. He added that the story is set in the backdrop of 1991. "The accent is not used for just comedy in this film; it's an emotion," said the director.

Talking about the story, Mohan said that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi visited Visakhapatnam before he left for Sriperumbudur, where he was assassinated. "When a big incident happens, people don't think about a small incident that happened at the same time. So, I took the true

story of Rajiv Gandhi and wrote a fictional story of Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes and linked both in my story. If you want to know how I linked them, you have to watch my film," he said. Interestingly, most of the work for this film is not related to Srikakulam. "Most of the artists are from Telangana, including Vennela Kishore. They took it as a challenge and learned the Srikakulam accent for this film," said Mohan. He added that he too started watching videos of Srikakulam-related content and the accent. "I am from Guntur, but I know about Srikakulam, so I asked everyone to watch the videos related to the accent and also spoke with that accent in the office until the film was completed," he said.

The director said that Vennela Kishore is play-ing the character of the detective, Sherlock Holmes. "In general, a female lead or some other people assist the detective, but in my film, his father and mother are his assistants. They wanted their son to become a police officer, but he didn't, so he ended up as a private detective," said Mohan. Producer Ramana Reddy wanted to make a film

and was listening to many stories. "At that time, I

narrated this story to him, he liked it and imme-diately wanted to start," he said, explaining how this project came together. When they put *Srikakulam Sherlock Homes* as the

when they put Srikakulam Sheriock Fiomes as the title, the distributor Vamsi Nandipati suggested adding a tag to it, otherwise, people may not reg-ister. "Many people, especially the rural ones, did-n't know Sherlock Holmes. So, we added the tag Chantabbai Taluka, because Chiranjeevi did a detective film Chantabbai and this Taluka is popular with Pawan Kalyan's Pithapuram constituency, so that's

how we put the tagline," explained the director.

The director said that all the characters in this film are important. "In the last 40 minutes of the film, it definitely takes everyone into a spellbound state, and producer Vamsi Nandipati bought this film after watching that only," said Writer Mohan.

Mohan hails from Guntur and worked with popular director EVV Satyanarayana, Posani Krishna Murali and then Jeevitha Rajasekhar. When I worked with Jeevitha and Rajasekhar, I toured most of the areas in Srikakulam district with them when they campaigned for a political party Actually, Rajasekhar only started calling me Writer Mohan, thus my name has this prefix," said

Writing Department," he said. The film was mostly shot near Nellimarla of Vizianagaram district, near Bheemili and then Ramoji Film City. "It's a period film and I want-ed to capture the 90s look for my film. So, I didn't get many places, so I shot most of the film," said the director. He also shared that there are

many writers at present and there were many stories with them. "Everyone wanted to become directly a director

now, earlier they

started with assis-

Writer Mohan, known for his work as a writer, is now making his directorial debut with *Srikakulam* Sherlock Holmes. Ahead of the film's release, he shares his insights on the film and speaks about his journey

Mohan. When he worked with EVV, there were many people with Mohan's name, "so he put the pressure," he concluded. prefix Writer to my name, because I am from the

tant, associate and then director. He used to learn the work, but now they don't want to work and want to become directors," said Writer Mohan. He added that many writers didn't get a proper name when they worked for a film. "That's another reason many writers are turning to direction," he said. When asked about his

strong point, he said comedy. "When I worked with EVV Satyanarayana, I learnt this from him," he said. He said he didn't feel that he got the chance of direction very late. "I don't feel it. I learnt all the basics all these years and also settled

with my family. Now, I got the chance to direct a film, so I can do it without any



SIDDU **JONNALAGADDA'S JACK LOCKS THE** RELEASE DATE

filmmakers are now locking in their release dates for next year. With tough competition for release dates, many are announcing their release dates well in advance. One such film is Siddhu Jonnalagadda's *Jack*, which is scheduled to release on April 10, 2025.

Recently, Siddhu delivered a huge blockbuster with Tillu *uare* the secuel to his ear



Srilakshmi honoured with lifetime achievement award at Bullitera Awards

T very year, VB Entertainment's itude saying, "I am thankful to the Boppana Vishnu presents the Bullitera Award for recognising my

Nani shoots in Kashmir for *Hit 3*

ni is moving quickly from one film to another. After completing his work on his earlier film Saripodhaa Sanivaaram, he swiftly shifted his ocus to his next project. The actor is currently in Kashmir, shooting for the film HIT: The 3rd Case. Directed by Dr. Sailesh Kolanu and produced by Prashanti Tipirneni, the film is the third installment in the HIT franchise. The film promises to be a gripping crime thriller, presenting Nani as a HIT officer. The unit has begun filming a fresh schedule in Kashmir, where they are shooting an intense action sequence featuring Nani and a team of fighters, along with other crucial scenes. Production is progressing smoothly, with the makers having already announced the film's release date. Srinidhi Shetty, known for her role in *KGF*, is playing the female lead. Nani's transformation for this role is striking, with a complete makeover to fit his character's tough, dynamic persona. The makers have already announced that the film is set to hit the screens on May 1, 2025.



film *DJ Tillu*. He is currently working on multiple projects, including *Jack*, directed by Bommarillu Bhaskar. The film's tagline is 'Konchem Crack'. Bhaskar, who gained fame with the hit film Bommarillu, is now directing Siddhu Jonnalagadda and the duo is expected to

explore a new genre. BVSN Prasad is producing the film, and 80% of the shooting has already been completed. The film is currently being shot in Hyderabad. The makers are confident that they will complete the film soon and have ample time to promote it, which is why they announced April 10, 2025, as the release date.

The film promises to be a fun ride, with Vaishnavi Chaitanya, known for her role in Baby, as the female lead. Prakash Raj, Naresh, and Brahmaji also play kev roles. Achu Rajamani is composing the music.



STANDALON

Ace producer Dil Raju has taken charge as the chairperson of the Telangana Film Development Corporation (TFDC), marking a significant milestone in the Telugu film industry. As a renowned producer, Dil Raju brings his extensive experience and expertise to the role, which is expected to boost the growth of Telugu cinema.

Bullitera Awards and this year, he presented the awards for 2023-2024 at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad. Many film and TV personalities attended the event, including popular director SV Krishna Reddy, producer Atchi Reddy, Ambika Krishna, JD Lakshmi Narayana, actor Puri Akash and actress Archana.

On this occasion, senior actress Srilakshmi was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to this, awards were also given to TV artists, social media influencers, and YouTubers. Boppana Vishnu also provided financial assistance to ten artists.

Srilakshmi, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award, expressed her gratwork in films over the years. They have recognised me for acting in films for so many years and presented me with this award. First and foremost, I would like to thank my guru Jandhyala garu. Then, I would like to thank all the directors with whom I have worked." She added that she is grateful to all the audiences who have always shown special affection for her. "I will continue to entertain you like this," she said.

Apart from Srilakshmi, other award recipients at the function included Bigg Boss fame Dane Manas, actress Archana, Bigg Boss fame Bebakka, Prithviraj, who has completed 30 years in the industry, Divya Vani, Ritu Chowdhury, Bullet Bhaskar, Ram Satyanarayana and Madala Ravi.

Kiccha Sudeep's Max releases on Dec 27

Rannada Superstar Kiccha Sudeep's new action thriller *Max* is all set for a grand theatrical release in Telugu on December 27th by Asian Suresh Entertainments.

Versatile Actor Varalaxmi Sarathkumar versatile Actor Varalaxmi Sarathkumar and Happening Tollywood Actor Sunil played key roles in this film directed by Vijay Kartikeya. Kollywood renowned producer Kalaipuli S. Thanu bankrolled this project under V Creations in association with Kiccha Sudeep's Kiccha Creations. The teaser is already hyping the expectations on the movie as Kiccha



Sudeep is seen playing a powerful police officer Arjun Mahakshay. Featuring the intense action and thrilling story, this film is now the most awaited release from Kannada.

Neha Shetty to sizzle in a special song for PK's OG

ctress Neha Shetty, known for her role in DJ Tillu, is set to sizzle in an item song in Pawan Kalyan's upcoming film OG. Directed by Sujith, the film's shooting is currently underway in Thailand. Although Pawan Kalyan is the main lead, he will not be featured in the item song, according to a source. The makers are now shooting a special song featuring Neha Shetty, as announced by the actress on her Instagram story.

Neha Shetty expressed her excitement, stating that she is ready to start shooting in Bangkok and saying "Let's Roll". This confirmation has sparked curiosity among audiences, especially given her popularity for her role as Radhika in DJ Tillu. With the OG shoot underway in Thailand, Neha Shetty has joined the sets, indicating that she has begun filming the special song.

Pawan Kalyan, who is currently serving as the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, is committed to completing the films he had signed before taking office. These films include Hari Hara Veera Mallu, OG and Ustaad Bhagat Singh. Having recently completed Hari Hara Veera Mallu, Pawan Kalyan is expected to wrap up OG soon, provided he allocates a few days for the shoot. With Neha Shetty on board for the special song, the makers are confident that they can secure Pawan Kalyan's dates and complete the film

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Third Test between India and Australia ends in a draw

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ndia escaped with a crucial draw in the weather-hit third Test against Australia after Lest against Australia after intermittent rain wiped out majority of play on day five, leaving the five-match series tantalisingly locked at 1-1. Resuming the day at 252 for nine, India batted for 24 balls and were

all out for 260 in their first innings.

With limited time left in the day to force a result after majority of the morning session was rained out, the Australian batters came out all guns blazing and stuttered to 89 for seven in 18 overs before making a brave declaration, giving India at least 54 overs to chase down 275.

Bad light and rain forced an early tea break soon after with India at 8 for no loss in 2.1 overs. The rain got heavier as the time passed and no play was possible thereafter. The absorbing series is nicely poised going into the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

India would have fancied chasing 275 on day five but weather

helped them immensely in the game controlled by Australia. Jasprit Bumrah (3/18) was

brilliant as usual in the second innings with Mohammed Siraj (2/36) and Akash Deep (2/28)

offering good support. Australia's approach in the second essay was brave and questionable at the same time.

Nathan McSweeney (4) and Marnus Labuschagne (1) went after balls outside the off-stump and perished while Usman Khawaja (8) and Mitchell Marsh

(2) fell to good deliveries. Wickets falling in a heap did not impact Australia's approach as they kept going for the big hits. Skipper Cummins chipped in with two sixes and as many fours before the declaration.

In the morning session, lightening and subsequent rain allowed only 24 balls to be bowled.

The warning of severe weather was flashed on the digital scoreboard at the Gabba shortly after India were bowled out for 260 in their first innings, handing Australia a lead of 185 runs.

Akash Deep (31) was the last man



out, stumped off a Travis Head delivery, bringing an end to a 47-run stand with Jasprit Bumrah (10 not out).

The duo had done well to avoid the follow-on on day four.

Players were asked to remain in the dressing room and fans were requested to take shelter away from the fence after the visitors were all out.

The forecast was largely clear for Brisbane from Thursday onwards but the entire game has been adversely impacted by bad weather with rain forcing multiple stoppages for four out of five days. Only day two of the game was not impacted by weather as Australia coasted to 405 for seven on the back of memorable hundreds from Head and Steve Smith. Going into the fourth Test

beginning December 26, India have major concerns in both batting and bowling department which they must address.

Barring K L Rahul, who has been India's standout batter on the tour, the star-studded line up has not found a way to negotiate the they threats posed by the Australian Test.

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their 241-run massive stand. "I just try to sum up the conditions well. What I've

done well this series is assess

the conditions. Pleased with

the tempo I've batted with.

pace attack

Skipper Rohit Sharma has been woefully short of runs and after the hundred in Perth, superstar Virat Kohli has struggled with ball

outside the off-stump. Majority of the batters have been guilty of playing away from their bodies in challenging conditions. They will need to curb their white-ball instincts to make an impact at MCG.

On the bowling front too, it has been effectively a one man show with Jasprit Bumrah doing the heavy lifting in all the games. Mohammed Siraj bowled in the

Brisbane Test with a niggle, leaving a question mark over his fitness ahead of the Melbourne game.

Akash Deep, who played ahead of Harshit Rana, bowled well in the game but did not have a lot of luck, especially against Smith. He is expected to retain his place the eleven.

India have picked three different spinners in the first three Test. It remains to be seen what strategy they adopt for the Boxing Day

Pacer Ihsanullah

returns to action

Will go to Melbourne with confidence: Rohit

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Indian skipper Rohit Sharma hailed the resilience of the lower-order batters after his team managed to salvage a crucial draw in the rain-hit third Test against Australia here on Wednesday, saying the side it has given the side renewed confidence for the remaining series.

With the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy now tied 1-1, Rohit believes the team's morale will be high during the Boxing Day Test in Boxing Day Melbourne. "I mean, we will take that. Obviously to have interruptions like that wasn't great, but going to Melbourne at 1-1 pretty much gives us that confidence to go out there and pull things towards us," Rohit said at the post-match

before they were all out for 260 in reply to Australia's big first

innings score of 445. "Credit to (Ravindra) Jadeia, the way he played and (KL) Rahul, the way he played was magnificent at the top of the order, the fight that Akash Deep and Bumrah (gave) was great to watch, we have seen them work so hard at the nets (on their batting)."

Despite the challenges posed and felt like we were right by intermittent rain and lightning on the final day, India's bowlers held their own in the second innings. Bumrah was particularly brilliant, taking 3/18, while Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj chipped in with two wickets each.

showed with the bat, these are the sort of characters we needed in the team," Rohit added.

Cummins rues not leading 2-1 Australia captain Pat lamented the Cummins impact of rain on the game's

outcome. "Would be better to be 2-1, lot of rain, nothing we can do about it. We set a huge total ahead of the game

Head confident he'll be 'fine' for Boxing Day Test in Melbourne

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Australia's man in form, Travis Head, played down concerns over his fitness after appearing to struggle with a potential groin issue during the rain-marred drawn third Test against India at the Gabba here on Wednesday.

Head said he expects to be "fine" for the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

The five-match series is tied 1-1 going into the Boxing Day Test after the drawn affair. "Very pleased with the way I am batting at the moment. Just a little sore, but I should be fine (before the next game)," Head, who was adjudged the player of the match, said after the game.

The 30-year-old, who has been in red-hot form with 409 runs at an average of 81.80 this series, noticeably struggled to run between the wickets during his brief innings of 17



At times, he was seen clutching his groin, raising

among concerns the commentators. Former pacer Brett Lee called the visuals "worrying signs", noting Head's limited

noting Head's movement, while Indian great Ravi Shastri also expressed concern, describing the

on day five.

potential injury as a "body blow" for Australia, given Head's big role in the batting

lineup Head did not take the field during India's second innings, fuelling further speculation. "Travis, he'll be fine. It's a bit of a tight quad. He'll be fine for Melbourne," asserted his captain Pat Cummins.

communication. "Felt like he was back in his rhythm, and he gives me full freedom and confidence knowing he's going to be there for a long while. I feel like I am playing the situation in front of me," he added.

after injury fiasco The left-hander further PTI KARACHI reflected on his approach this series, attributing his success to adapting well to challenging conditions and staying composed at the

relaxed

Promising young Pakistan pacer Ihsanullah has returned to competitive cricket in the ongoing Champions Cup T20 tournament in Rawalpindi after being sidelined since late 2022 following a botched diagnosic of hic injury crease. "Challenging wicket. I had to work through the gears. I had different plans, pleased I could get through those. Good partnership with (Steve) Smith," he said on their centuries, contributing to their 241-run massive stand. diagnosis of his injury. The Pakistan Cricket Board

had appointed an independent medical panel to oversee his rehabilitation, following prolonged issues with his treatment and recovery. Ihsanullah emerged as a bright

prospect during the 2022 Pakistan Super League to be fast-tracked into Pakistan's white-ball squads for T20 and ODI matches. However, his progress was halted by an elbow injury, which led to significant scrutiny of the PCB's medical management. The independent medical panel discovered that the injury had been misdiagnosed, and appropriate treatment was

Mitchell Santner replaces Williamson Ihsanullah had also not adhered to his rehab properly. This This mismanagement eventually prompted the resignation of the PCB's head

of medical panel, Dr Sohail

During his treatment, Ihsanullah even underwent an

elbow surgery but he was later

sent to England to see a

specialist by the independent

medical panel who ruled out

recommended a new rehab programme for the player.

At one stage even the PCB

officials appeared to lose

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not initially recommended.

The situation we were in just after lunch (on Day 4), needed someone to stand up and take us through, we knew with the weather, we knew it wasn't going to be a full game." Opener KL Rahul once again

shone, top-scoring with 84 before Ravindra Jadeja (77) put up a lower-order resistance. Then the last duo of Akash Deep (31) and Jasprit Bumrah (10 not out) put on a

gritty 47-run partnership to help India avoid follow-on

Australia's bold approach in the second innings saw them declare at 89/7, setting India a target of 275 in 54 overs, but bad light and rain ensured no further play was possible after the early stages of the chase.

"Coming to the bowling, Bumrah was outstanding, Akash Deep is a feisty cricketer, always wants to be involved in the game, very new to international cricket, he has worked hard at the nets, still new to international cricket, but he has put in the hard

yards... "There are people in the group to put their hand across and help him going forward. As he

throughout," said Cummins. Australia also suffered a heartbreak with pacer Josh Hazlewood ruled out of the entire series with a calf strain.

"Poor Josh, one of those things, few rain breaks probably helped, Starc and I probably helped, Starc and I were able to push through. "Day 5 here can be up and down, there wasn't much cricket played on it, felt challenging when the ball was new and hard."

Cummins also highlighted the positives that his team could take from the match.

"(Steve) Smith and Head's innings' were fantastic, Alex Carey too... (Nathan) Lyon looked really good, Starc got wickets, just about ticked off every box."

On the Boxing Day Test, Cummins said: "That will be amazing, one of those things here in Australia that you wake up and can't wait for."

as New Zealand white-ball skipper

PTI AUCKLAND

eft-arm spinner Mitchell Santner was Lon Wednesday appointed the New Zealand white-ball captain, officially taking over the role from Kane Williamson who stepped down following

the T20 World Cup in June. Santner, who has represented New Zealand in 243 internationals, will takeon the permanent leadership mantle of both the ODI and T20 sides. Santner has previously led the team in 24 T20s and four ODIs.

The 32-year-old will begin his full-time captaincy tenure in the upcoming T20 and ODI series against Sri Lanka in late December and early January. The Sri Lanka marks the beginning of a

heavy run of white ball cricket for the side, including an ODI Tri Series in Pakistan in February, followed by the ICC Champions Trophy and a home T20 and ODI series against Pakistan to conclude the home summer.



"It's obviously a huge honour and a privilege to be asked," said Santner in a NZC statement.

"When you're a young kid the dream was always to play for New Zealand but to have the opportunity to officially lead my country in two formats is special. 'It's a new challenge and I'm excited to

get stuck into the important period of white ball cricket that we have ahead of us."

Santner, who most recently led the side in last month's T20 and ODI series in Sri Lanka, is one of just four players to have represented New Zealand over 100 times in both ODI and T20I cricket and is widely regarded as one of the top white ball bowlers in world cricket. He first led the side in a T20 against West

Indies at Bay Oval in November 2020 and became New Zealand's 24th ODI captain when he led the side in the only ODI against Scotland in Edinburgh in 2022.

Santner was a great fit for the role. "Mitch is a fantastic team man and leads by example in all facets of the game," said

Stead. "He's an incredibly calm and collected personality and he has a huge amount of respect in the changing room, which will

serve him well.

patience with the young bowler for not taking his recovery seriously and then he even blamed the PCB for his prolonged forced absence New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said from cricket. Meanwhile,

seasoned allrounder, Shadab Khan is also facing fitness issues while captaining a team, in the Champions Cup which forced him to miss a few games of the event and he has not even bowled frequently.

Australian capatain Cummins denies momentum in India's favour after draw

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Australia captain Pat Cummins is not bothered if India walked away with momentum from the drawn third Test but is pleased that they did not let the visitors exploit better batting conditions in the first

innings. Australia, who largely controlled the third Test, declared their second innings at 89/7 to set India a 275-run target but rian prevented an exciting climax. "(I) can't say I've ever been scared

of momentum — don't really care about that. I think we can take a lot from this week," he told media after the end of the contest.

"A couple of great partnerships, to be sent in on a (fresh) wicket and score 450 (445) and then managing to bowl India out for 250 (260) when the wicket, the conditions were probably a little bit better. We can take a lot from that," he said.

Ashwin is one of the all time greats

tied 1-1, India's spin great Ashwin announced his immediate retirement from international cricket.

Cummins said Ashwin's decision midway through the series was

surprising. "Yeah, (the timing was) a bit of a surprise. He's obviously been a fantastic player all around the world really. There aren't too many finger spinners that have that kind of longevity. He'll go down as one of the all-time

greats." "(He was) always a fantastic competitor, (we) had a lot of battles against him over the years here in Australia as well over in India. Just a massive respect from our change room to the career that he's had," he said.

The home skipper said the Brisbane Test was one of the most frustrating games due to the number of times players were forced off the field.

"It's right up there. I can't remember (in the past) even coming close (to) the amount of said.

While the contest expectedly times we were on and off "Especially here in Brisbane, I you're back on and it's clear... much all of it, but not to be," he feel like it normally just pelts yeah, frustrating. (It) felt like we added.



down for a couple hours and then were ahead of the game for pretty

Hazlewood to miss remainder of series, Head will be fine

Cummins lamented that pacer Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the series due to injury but said Travis Head would be fine from a "tight quad" trouble.

"Joshy won't be part of the series, which is a real shame. Travis, he'll be fine. It's a bit of a tight quad. He'll be fine for Melbourne," Cummins said.

"It's really tough. It's kind of in the story of the last few summers. The extra layer to that is probably one of the most disciplined, professional sports people you'd ever meet," Cummins said while talking further on Hazlewood.

"The way he trains and prepares and goes about... when he's at home, he's in the gym every second day, every day doing whatever it needs to take to try and minimise injuries."

"That's an extra kind of blow knowing how much he has put into his body over the last few vears to try and play as many Test matches as he can."

series. I don't know when exactly he'll be right to go again, Even in the little snippets you've seen this series, how much we rate him, how much of an impact he can have." Cummins said it has been a tough series for top-order batters while backing Australia rookie Nathan McSweeney ahead of the team's selection for the remaining two Tests.

'The trend in world cricket, pretty much all around the world, is (that) the top three is really hard place to bat at the moment. Particularly here in Australia, the wickets are tough," he said. "I've been really impressed with

the way he's (McSweeney) gone about it even today. Someone's starting out his career still being selfless enough to go out there and try and play shots rather than just trying to preserve and get a score."

"I'm really impressed with him. Again, (he) hasn't probably scored the runs that he would (have) liked, but he has played some important knocks that have He continued, "We value him. Unfortunately, he'll miss this really good result here," he added.